

All Saints Church – article (expanded) in March 2016 Village Views

This is the time of year when we look forward instead of backwards.

Our **Mothering Sunday service is on 6th March at 12 noon**. It will be a Family Service in which the young people will play a prominent part. We will be joined by the West Berkshire Strings. On the previous day the children will be making cards and flower posies in the Village Hall from 1.30pm to 3pm to present to their mothers in the service. Since we all have mothers, we are inviting adults to bring to the service a flower or a small posy that will be placed on the font.

The three parishes of the benefice will again share **the Palm Sunday service on 20th March**. This year, we will start from both ends (Lambourn and East Garston) and move to Eastbury for the eucharist. We are hoping that some of us will make the journey on foot, weather permitting.

In **Holy Week** there will be **Holy Communion** at East Garston at 7.30 pm on Wednesday evening and a period of **Devotion** on **Good Friday** morning at 11.30 am. On **Easter Day** our Family Communion service will be at the normal time of 9.00 am. **The dates for these services are 23rd, 25th and 27th March, respectively.**

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in the Friends' Meeting House on **Monday 18th April at 7.30 pm**. It will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens starting at 7.15 pm. Candidates for election as parochial representatives of the laity on the parochial church council (PCC) or deanery synod must be nominated and seconded by persons whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish. Churchwardens must be nominated and seconded by persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors. Application forms for enrolment on the church electoral roll and nomination forms for PCC members and Churchwardens will be available in the church or can be obtained from myself or Karen Sperrey.

Looking ahead to May, specifically **Saturday 14th May**, step back into the year 1797 for "**An Evening with Jane Austen**". Meet the Austen family and hear them tell you about their real lives. This event will include a Music, Wine & Canapes reception before the show in the church. Tickets will be on sale in May.

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