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Three Congregations: One God, One Parish

Our Rector, Rev David Tyler, writes this month...

Dear friends,

'I was asked the other day "are we allowed to dance in church" to which I replied "of course!". It made me think. I think so often when people think about the church they think about the rules and what you are not allowed to do.



Sure there are the ten commandments - but they are rules for our protection and for the protection of others.

What is not so often spoke about is when Jesus said 'I have come that they might have life and have it in abundance' or that when he was at a wedding and the wine had run out that he created gallons more - Jesus was the party maker - not the party breaker.

Jesus came so that we might enjoy life - not to bring a life of drudgery and boredom.

So if we belief in God can we laugh? - most certainly. Can we dance - absolutely! Can we sing? - almost compulsory ;).

A life with God is a life in relationship with someone who always wants the best for us.

What could be a better way to live?

With my love and best wishes

David



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Don't forget to visit the Hanborough Parish Website, where you can find further information on what is happening in your parish.

Parish News Contributions

Please do support your local Parish News by letting us know what you or your group have been doing recently. Please submit news, articles, adverts for future events, poems, jokes, etc for the next issue to the Editor, Zoë Preston (Tel 886637), by **12th February 2018**.

By Email: parishnews@hanboroughparish.co.uk
Or by post to: 63 Church Road, Long Hanborough, Oxon, OX29 8JF

If you would like to receive a PDF version of this monthly newsletter via email, or if you know someone else who would like to receive a paper or PDF version, please contact the Editor.

Tim Naish, David's predecessor as Rector, writes:

As many know, since leaving Hanborough and Freeland in 2006, I've been working happily training ordinands (including excellent people like Phil Cooke and Emma Hopegood-Jones!) at Cuddesdon near Oxford. But in April I shall moving to take up a new post at Canterbury Cathedral which has the slightly misleading historic title of 'Canon Librarian'; misleading because only a small amount of time will be spent doing library work - being line manager of the director of the library and archives. There will be some other similar management roles, but

otherwise there are two main parts to the job: sustaining Cathedral worship alongside the Dean, three other Residentiary Canons and the Precentor; and running short training courses for the Anglican Communion. At the moment there are two each year: one for new bishops from across the world, and the other for a selected group of ordinands (mostly from the global south). They want to expand this work, and this is why I (and I guess those who have appointed me) have seen my experience and skill as right for the job, bringing together as it does my current work in organising training and my previous work in other parts of the Communion. For Hilary, this move is a challenge as some of her work in Oxford is medium- to long-term. So she will continue to be working in Oxford in the middle of the week, while also exploring possibilities in Canterbury. This split existence will not be easy, so this is one thing for which we would value prayer. Our good wishes to all in the parish.

Good wishes,

Tim



Forthcoming Events & News

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March

10.30am at Christ Church Service prepared by the Christian Women of Suriname
All are welcome.

Lent Soup Lunch

Saturday 10th March

12.30pm at Long Hanborough Methodist Church. Donations to Christian Aid.
All are welcome.

Daniel Cutting

Sunday 18th March, 10am

We have invited Daniel Cutting the world record holder footballer (and Christian) to come to Hanborough Manor School on Sunday 18th March.

“Could it be you? Morning”

Sunday 24th March, 09.30 – 12.00 at Manor School

St Mary's Spring Clean

21st April

More details to follow next month.

Confirmation Service 2018

Sunday 29th April 2018

There will be a Confirmation Service in our Benefice on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 10am. If you would like to be confirmed please speak to David or Emma.

A couple of dates for your diary...

Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August

Holiday Bible Club will be over the first full week of the Summer Holidays which is Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August. This year we will be at Freeland school. Do keep the week free if you can.

Saturday 9th June

We will be holding another Ladies Quiet Day for the Benefice and have been fortunate to get The Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp, Senior Chaplain for the Oxford Hospitals, to lead our day for us. We will be meeting at Ripon College again this year. Further details after Easter, but put the date in your diary now!

Please Pray For...

- ◆ For the Alpha and Youth Alpha courses.
- ◆ For prayer stations in both schools.
- ◆ For those unwell and recovering.
- ◆ For those recently bereaved.



Prayers For Our Community

The churches in Hanborough will be focusing some of their prayers on the community and will be praying for a part of the villages' community each month.

The focus of prayer for March is **Riely Close, Kents Bank, Wasties Orchard, New Road and Myrtle Farm Close.**

Prayer Spaces 2018

Over the last 2 years we have had the opportunity to provide 'Prayer Spaces' for both Freeland and Hanborough Schools and support the visit of 'BeSpace' at Hanborough Manor. Both schools have requested that this link continues and indeed strengthens. If you would like to be involved and be part of a team that is involved in providing creative spaces to pray, please speak to Sue Spankie or email. [revsue@gst.org.uk or phone 01993 706469]

The planned events are as follows:

28th Feb & 1st March – Lunchtime Prayer Space at Freeland Primary

Week beginning 19th March – 'BeSpace' at Freeland, details to be confirmed

Tuesday 27th March, Lunchtime Easter Prayer Space at Freeland Primary.

babies and toddlers

Every Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Freeland



Contact:
Alice Harden on 886833
or David Tyler on 881270

10:00
until
11:30



Lilies for Easter

At St Peter & St Paul's Church

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers for Easter and in particular make a contribution towards the Easter Lilies in someone's memory, would you kindly let *Jane Rogers* have your donations.

(24 Millwood End or Tel: 881292)



Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland **Services for Holy Week and Easter**

Maundy Thursday (29th March)

8pm Holy Communion St Mary's, Freeland

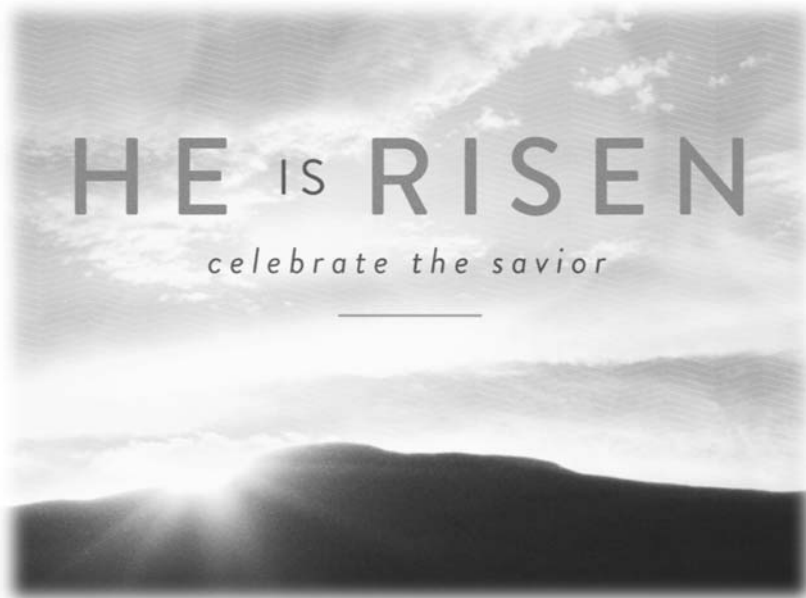
Good Friday (30th March)

11am Walk of Witness Methodist Church, Long Hanborough
12pm First hour of meditation St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough
1pm Second hour of meditation Christ Church, Long Hanborough
2pm Third hour of meditation St Mary's, Freeland
2pm Tea, coffee & hot cross buns,
with children's crafts Freeland Village Hall

Easter Sunday (1st April)

9.45am Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough
10am Morning Worship Manor School, Long Hanborough
11.15am Easter Family Service St Mary's, Freeland
(with Holy Communion)

All are welcome





The choir with a difference

Witney Inter-Church Singers (WICS) is a choir of around 50 voices drawn from many churches in the area, churches of all denominations. We have two concerts each year, one at Christmas and one in the summer; in addition, we take part in the massed choirs at the Royal Albert Hall in Prom Praise. So what makes this choir different? As well as enjoying fellowship and the pure joy of singing and learning to improve as singers, we aim to promote our faith by singing the Good News. Our performances are entirely Christian-based.

We practise on Wednesday evenings at the Congregational Church in town. Most of our singing is in four-part harmony and it certainly helps if members can read music but that is not essential. We are always ready to welcome new members – men are especially welcome because, as with most choirs, they are in comparatively short supply.

If you would like to know more about our choir, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Shirley Enoch on 01993 771452 or by email: geoffandshirley.enoch@ntlworld.com

www.witneyinterchurchsingers.org.uk

Further details can be obtained from *Denise Ball* or *Sarah Lindon*, both of whom are members of our congregations and this choir.

Church Hanborough Junior Choir

Does your child like singing? Would they like to join a choir? A New Choir in Church Hanborough is starting! Rehearsing at St Peter and Paul's Church, Church Hanborough, on Wednesdays between 4pm - 4.40pm. The choir is free for everyone, and there is no audition - all children that are in school years 2-6 (or equivalent) are welcome. The choir will be running until 11th March, culminating with singing at our 10am Mothering Sunday service. For more information, speak to Sinead Andrews or The Rev'd Emma Hopegood Jones:

curate_emma@hanboroughparish.co.uk

An invitation to you from the Bowmans:

Come shopping in the comfort of our own home – Easter Eggs, treats, gifts, homeware, groceries – all fairly traded from the wonderful producers around the world who supply Traidcraft.

Whatever isn't immediately available will be delivered to you within a week and if you want to order Easter Eggs beforehand, let us know.

Doors will be open on the evening of *Sunday 18 March*, between 6.45 and 9.00pm – and, for those who prefer daytime, we will be open for coffee or tea between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on *Monday 19 March*.

You will find us at **40 Hurdeswell** where we will look forward to seeing you and serving you with fair trade drinks and nibbles.

Traidcraft's mission is to fight poverty through trade. Please come and support them, us and the producers. If we change our shopping habits, their lives get better.



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Request for volunteers



Could you co-ordinate the Christian Aid collection in Hanborough?
For further information please speak to David or Val Richens.

Some Useful Contact Details

Rector: **The Reverend David Tyler** – 881270
The Rectory, Swan Lane, Long Hanborough OX29 8BT
Email: rector@hanboroughparish.co.uk
(Rev David Tyler normally takes his day off on a Saturday, unless there is a wedding.)

For Baptisms/Funerals – contact Rev David Tyler

For Weddings – first contact organist Margaret Stringer – 882112
Fornsete, 23 Pigeon House Lane, Freeland

Church Wardens: **Clive Berry** – 882080
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Rev Emma Hopegood Jones – 881936
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Licensed Lay Ministers: **Hugh Dalton** – 881742
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Lay Pastoral Assistant **Peter Langley** – 883775

Recent Marriages, Baptisms & Deaths in our Benefice

Hanborough

No weddings.

No baptisms.

Ashes interment - 20th January 2018

Freeland

No weddings.

Baptism: James Irvin - 21st January 2018

Ashes interment - 8th February 2018

Regular Church Events

Monthly Prayer Time: 1st Wednesday at the Rectory 8pm. All welcome.

Commuters Prayer Time: Fridays 6.45–7.15am, 74A Church Road (880462).

Lunch Club: Meets twice a month 12.45–2.15 pm:

The 1st Wednesday of the month is a two-course meal for £4 including coffee.

The 3rd Wednesday of the month there will be soup and sandwiches for £3.

Please contact Carol Bower (881930) if you would like to join.

Drop-in Coffee Morning: Tuesdays 10–11am, Christ Church. Tea/coffee, home-made cakes. All are welcome.

Men's Beer & Curry: All men welcome; it involves talks from speakers or watching a DVD, some of which have a Christian theme; good home delivery curry on offer. It is also simply a chance for men to socialise! For details contact Robin Feast (882897 or rifeast@aol.com).

Ladies' Pizza & Wine: A social evening for ladies, arranged every few months, usually a Friday. Contact Zoë Preston (886637).

Cycle Ride (35–50 miles): Saturdays 8am, starting from 74A Church Road. Contact Simon & Wendy Gundry (880462).

Home Groups (term-time only)

Tuesday

2pm at 113 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland – contact Peter Langley (883775)

8pm at a venue in Hanborough or Freeland – contact Emma Young (883345)

8pm at 33 Churchill Way – contact Wendy Gundry (880462).

Wednesday

8pm at The Rectory – contact Robin Feast (882897)

Thursday — Ladies' Daytime Bible Study Group

12.45pm at the Lindon's home. Contact Susan Sugden or Sarah Lindon.

Friday — The Fellowship Group

Meets once a month at 7.30pm at various venues (usually the first Friday of every month) – contact Robin Stockton (882361)

Exegesis group meets every 5 weeks (or so) – contact David Tyler
for more details (881270)

Young People's Groups (term-time only)

Wayfarers & Focus: Sunday School for children aged 3–16 years, which meets term-time most Sundays at the Manor School. Contact Zoë Dobson (880161).

Crèche: For babies and toddlers is run most Sundays at the Manor School.

Toddlers @ St Mary's: Wednesdays at 10–11.30am. See page 8 for more info.

Hitchhikers: Sundays 7.00–8.30pm in the Methodist Chapel. All 11+ year olds are welcome. Contact Emma Hopegood Jones (881936).

March 2018 Services

Hanborough

4th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
Mar	10.00	Morning Worship (Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	Manor School
	18.00	BCP Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
11th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler and Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev Sue Spankie)	Manor School
	18.00	Evening Prayer (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
18th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	DANIEL CUTTING —see posters (Rev David Tyler and Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	Manor School
	10.00	Morning Prayer (Rev Sue Spankie)	Christ Church
	18.00	Compline (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
25th	Palm Sunday		
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00	Evening Prayer (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
30th	Good Friday		
	11.00	Walk of Witness (Rev David Tyler)	Methodist Church
	12.00	First Hour of Meditation (Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	St Peter & St Paul
	13.00	Second Hour of Meditation (Rev David Tyler)	Christ Church
1st	Easter Sunday		
April	09.45	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday (Rev Emma Hopegood Jones and Rev David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School

St Mary the Virgin, Freeland

4th	10.00	Family Service (Rev David Tyler)	
March			
11th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	
	10.00	Mothering Sunday Service for all ages	
18th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev Dr Richard Armitage)	
25th	Palm Sunday		
	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler)	
29th	Maundy Thursday		
	20.00	Holy Communion (Rev David Tyler and Rev Emma Hopegood Jones)	
30th	Good Friday		
	14.00	Third Hour of Meditation (Rev Sue Spankie)	
	14.00	Children's activities in Village Hall	
1st	Easter Day		
April	11.15	Family Service for Easter Sunday (Rev David Tyler and Rev Sue Spankie)	