



# SERVICES, EVENTS AND NOTICES

31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY



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## COLLECT PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Lord of all life and power; who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him; grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour; glory and might, now and all eternity Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### 31<sup>st</sup> March – EASTER SUNDAY

6.00 a.m. Dawn Service of Light, Great Houghton

10.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion, Brafield (Revd Kris's first service)

Isaiah 25.6-9, Acts 34-43, John 20.1-8

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### 7<sup>th</sup> April – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Brafield

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Great Houghton

11.00 a.m. All Age Worship, Little Houghton

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Cogenhoe

Exodus 14. 10 - end, 15.20,21, Acts 4.32-35, John 20. 19-end

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## ON-LINE SUNDAY SERVICES

The Church of England on-line Sunday service will be available here: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

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Thank you to all who attended Holy Week services. I was truly blessed and humbled by your presence as we journeyed together with Jesus. Rev'd Irene.

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I would like to thank everyone involved in organising my licensing service and to everyone who attended or prayed for us. The Benefice support, welcome, and the love shown to us since we have arrived has been fabulous, and I am really looking forward to seeing where God leads us over the coming seasons together.

God bless, Rev'd Kris

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What a wonderful evening we had on Wednesday as we welcomed Reverend Kris as our new Rector. Please continue to pray for him and his wife Karen as they continue to settle in our community of Parishes.

On a personal note, I would thank all the Churchwardens and church officers for working together so closely to make Wednesday special, especially in view of the fact we had to change the venue with only a couple of weeks to go. I have no doubt this was the correct decision as the result proved. From the vantage point of my seat in the chancel, I looked out at all of you, the movers and shakers and the congregation and I was very proud of each and every one of you, so a big thank you from me. I'm sure, with God's blessing and Kris at the helm we have much to look forward to in the weeks and months and years ahead.

God Bless, Reverend Irene.

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### **A Prayer for Easter**

Lord God,  
the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do in your name, the will to get on and do it and the perseverance and strength to continue doing it.  
Amen.

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### **FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

Please remember in your prayers those in our local communities who are ill or recovering and need God's healing touch and comfort at this time. In particular, prayers have been asked for Bernard Baillon, Jill Onley.

Pray also for the family and friends of those who have died recently, especially Angela Taylor of Cogenhoe. May the departed rest in peace and may those who are mourning their loss find comfort and strength. Pray for those we know personally, and those whose journey with us in this life nears its end.

The funeral of Angela Taylor will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9.15 a.m. at Milton Crematorium.

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**Explore the Book on ZOOM** in Revd Irene's Room:

This will re-start on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 3.00 – 4.30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Revd Irene for the link

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**Forthcoming Events**

St Laurence's is holding an easy listening classical concert by the Watling Singers to celebrate Easter, Spring and Shakespeare's birthday on Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm in Church.

Tickets £10 including light refreshments from Anne (890748) or Mike (899132).

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St Mary the Virgin, Little Houghton  
Organ Recital with Ivan Linford, B.Mus. MA ARCO FISM  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7 p.m.  
Light refreshments and retiring collection.

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