

## Easter Sunday flowers

Marion invites everyone to bring flowers to decorate the church at **10.0 a.m. on Easter Saturday morning**, and to stay to help with the decorating. Everyone is welcome, and no special qualifications are needed. Any help will be gratefully received.

### Saturday 4th April, 2026

**10.30 a.m. - Messy Church**

A warm welcome for the whole family. Bible stories, songs, activities, food and fun.



### Sunday 5th April, 2026 Easter Day

**6.30 a.m. - Rev. Stuart Gunson**  
**Son Rise service** followed by Easter breakfast.

**10.30 a.m. - Rev. Deborah Caulk**  
**- communion**

**2.30 p.m. - Rev. Deborah Caulk**  
**- United Service at West Butterwick**



### Easter Monday - 6th April, 2026

**9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - CHATTERBOX**

*Coffee, good conversation and a friendly ear*

### Wednesday 8th April, 2026

**7.45 a.m. - Prayer meeting by Zoom**

### Friday 10th April, 2026

**XXX p.m. - Wesley Knitters**

### Sunday 12th April, 2026

**1111 - Thanksgiving Service for the life and witness of Rev. David Leese**

**10.30 a.m. - Miss Laura White**

**4.0 p.m. - Rev. Deborah Caulk**



At the heart of Christian faith is the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. - John Ortberg

**Leprosy Mission** - Pauline hopes to send our annual donation at the end of the month. There are still many suffering from this terrible disease, easily curable if caught early. If you have a collecting box, please empty it and give it, labelled, to a steward to be put in the vestry or post it through Pauline's letter box.

Grateful thanks for any donations.

### Christian Aid week - 10th - 16th May

Epworth Churches Together have a street licence to hold a collection on **Saturday 16th May**. Volunteers are needed to collect either at the Co-op or in the Market Place between 9.0 a.m. and 2.0 p.m.

Hourly slots are available.

*Please contact Louise if you are able to help.*



A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. - Mahatma Gandhi

The well is deep and I require  
A draught of the water of life;  
But none can quench my soul's desire  
For a draught of the water of life.  
Till One draws near who the cry will heed,  
Helper of man in their time of need,  
And I believing find indeed  
That Christ is the water of life.

General Albert Orsborn  
The Salvation Army

### A bottomless well?

It's going to feel rather strange next week when I shall not be searching for something halfway interesting to write for the perusal of anyone who regularly picks up a copy of the weekly notices. It will certainly free me from the tyranny of a blank page, as many a better writer than I has found when ideas have remained elusive. The professional writer, faced with deadlines to meet, will have developed techniques for getting started. My own technique is to start writing, deleting, scrapping or editing as ideas eventually have begun.

You may remember the days before we began printing weekly notices, that the duty steward would, before introducing the preacher for the day, read a list of coming events which the congregation had to try to remember. I could not have been easy for the preacher, all geared up for conducting worship, to have to listen to a litany of details before ever he or she could get started on what we were all there for.

It was Lyn who first suggested we should have printed notices, and she took on the task of collecting and printing details of all that was to happen each coming week. Ultimately she asked me to produce an outside cover for the document, into which she would paste her contribution. What you see now is what it has evolved into. One important outcome of a printed copy is that we have been able to keep in touch electronically with members who are unable to attend worship in person.

This week's edition is the last I shall be producing as I reach the end of working the month's notice I had given. At the time of writing, no-one has offered to take on the task, and I am not able to say who will be dealing with it. I do renew the invitation to anyone who feels he or she could serve in this way to offer, and I undertake to give any help a volunteer may require.


As for me, I must confess that my own well is not bottomless, and it has almost run dry, so I am looking forward to reading what a successor has to say. Don't be shy or undersell yourself. There is an appreciative and receptive audience awaiting you.

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of the  
Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest  
heaven!

Matthew ch. 21 v. 9 (NIV)



We were old sinners - but when we came  
to Christ we are not sinners anymore. -  
Joel Osteen

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	Our Church <b>Prayer chain</b> is now using WhatsApp, which is totally encrypted, adding to our security and privacy policy. If you have a prayer request (with permission from the recipient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or Pat - 0777 6490275 in the first instance.

## Easter Day

Words cannot utter  
Christ His returning:  
Mankind, keep jubilee,  
Strip off your mourning,  
Crown you with garlands,  
Set your lamps burning.

Speech is left speechless;  
Set you to singing,  
Fling your hearts open wide.  
Set your bells ringing:  
Christ the Chief Reaper  
Comes, His sheaf bringing.

Earth wakes her song-birds,  
Puts on her flowers.  
Leads out her lambkins.  
Builds up her bowers:  
This is man's spousal day,  
Christ's day and ours.

*Christina Rossetti*



Our Lord has written the promise of  
resurrection, not in books alone, but in  
every leaf in springtime. - *Martin Luther*



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Notices for the week commencing

**Sunday 5th April, 2026**

**Easter Day**

