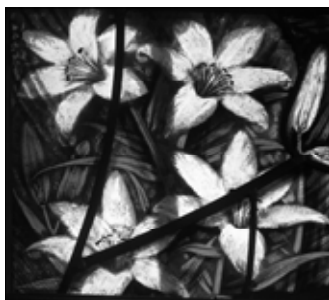




## Alleluia! Christ is risen: Rick's Easter message



Greetings to you all from the churches in the parish of Bunbury for Easter 2007, whether or not you are planning to join us at church on Easter Sunday.

Apparently, two out of five in our community will come to one of our three churches

over Easter. And if two out of five seems a good figure, just compare it with the two out of five who, in another survey, didn't know what Easter stands for!

Presumably these 2 in 5 people are different from the 2 in 5 who will actually go to church on Easter morning: if not, there will be a lot of confused people in church!

We are told that the number of people attending church is declining. Will you be one of the two in five who will come? Have you already made up your mind about the significance of Easter, or will you be one of those who, perhaps even for the first time, will join us for the greatest festival in our Christian calendar. Experience this special service, enjoy the familiar hymns, be challenged about something you have always known but perhaps not thought about for years. Maybe we'll even share some chocolate eggs! **(Cont p3)**

## Crocus walk success for guides - page 9



## Eiger triumph

Congratulations to friend of St. Boniface Sir Ranulph Fiennes on successfully completing his attempt on the North face of the Eiger, a 6000ft sheer face of rock and ice, despite suffering badly from vertigo and having undergone major heart surgery. We read that the whole experience was far more taxing than even he expected after 25 years as an adventurer, but the challenge should raise £1.5m for the Marie Curie cancer charity.

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## Raise the roof for St. George

Come and celebrate spring and St George's Day with the special **Songs of Praise** service at St Boniface on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6pm. We are pumping up the organ ready for a great service of well known hymns set in the splendour of St Boniface. We are still looking for contributions for ideas for hymns – if you would like to hear a favourite, contact me on 262494 or e-mail me at [songsofpraise@btinternet.com](mailto:songsofpraise@btinternet.com).

I promise that the selection will be fairer than a Channel 4 phone-in, although one or two of my and the organist's favourites might also get an airing! Even more importantly, please come along and support the church – even if you are not 'regulars', we hope that this will be a chance for you to come and see the church in all its glory on a spring evening. Why not combine it with a chance to stroll home via one of our local hostellers? All are welcome: we look forward to seeing you.

**Nick Sanders**



## Can you help with Christian Aid Week? - see page 7

# Rabbits, hares and eggs - ancient Easter symbols

There is no record of rabbits in Britain before the Norman Conquest and it is likely that these successful French invaders brought them to British shores to be bred for meat. At one time each manor house or monastery farmed rabbits which lived in warrens and it was a capital offence for peasants to trap the landowners' rabbits. Obviously some escaped into the wild and the population of rabbits thereafter grew and grew and they became agricultural pests. Trapping rabbits for their much valued meat and skin was common practice in the country until 1953 when all occupiers of land in England and Wales were required to eliminate wild rabbits which was when myxomatosis was introduced. This is a viral infection transmitted by the rabbit flea and it



drastically reduced their numbers. With this decline, which lasted until 1955 there was a noticeable decrease in rabbit damage to cereals and other crops but when the rabbits died, so did their predators. Rabbits have played a significant role in folklore and literature.

For many generations children have been charmed by the adventures of beloved bunny rabbits such as Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit. Rabbits have no objectionable characteristics. They are quiet, docile and cuddly and very importantly don't make a noise. In spite of the odds against them, rabbits have long proved to be hardy, adaptable animals. Additionally, because they are such prolific breeders, their population

in the wild remains at a fairly constant level, providing food for other wild animals, unless man intervenes. Females can conceive a second litter while still pregnant with the first, although the two litters are born separately - hence the saying to 'breed like rabbits'. It is therefore not surprising that rabbits and hares should become the subject folklore and be associated with the coming of spring. In America the Easter Bunny takes on a role similar to Father Christmas or the Tooth Fairy where it appears overnight and leaves Easter eggs in hats or nests which have been left out in great anticipation by the children. Eggs, like rabbits and hares, are also fertility symbols of extreme antiquity, since birds lay eggs and rabbits and hares give birth to large litters in early spring. When children paint eggs at Easter they are following an ancient custom. Greeks, to this day, dye their Easter eggs red, the colour of blood of the sacrificed Christ. Some also use the colour green in honour of the new foliage emerging after the long 'dead' winter. In Australia, rabbits are an invasive species and generally considered pests. A long-running campaign to replace the Easter Bunny with the Easter Bilby, a native marsupial, has yielded moderate success. In French and Belgian folklore, the eggs are dropped from the sky by the Easter Bells. The church bells, represented as flying bells with wings, are said to have gone to Rome and flown back on Easter morning, loaded with eggs which they drop on their way back.

**Liz Jones.**

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# Christ is risen

continued from front page

It may be that you just like the music: why not come to St. Boniface on Good Friday afternoon at 2.30 to listen to and participate in the powerful **Stainer's Crucifixion**. Maybe you want to do something practical, something you can actually feel connected with? This Easter we are raising money for children in the Ukraine - perhaps you would like to donate to this most worthwhile cause.

Chocolate and music are things that appeal to me at this moment. I love chocolate and recently music has begun to be important to me too. I realised this when I listened to the Reith lectures on music last year, they were funny and profound, and allowed me to realise that music was much more than sounds inspiring emotions. Music can touch my reason as well. My attention was captivated when I heard that the music accompanying an advertisement for a toilet cleaner was originally **Mozart's Requiem**, a passionate and religious piece. The company, realising belatedly that this might be offensive to many, changed the music to Wagner, hoping that no one would recognise it. Apparently the second choice upset a whole lot more people!



The clever advertising agencies know the power of music. They know it moves the emotions: when we hear certain pieces we know something is happening to us, it touches our souls. I believe that the Risen Jesus touches our souls and after an encounter with Him, we will know something has happened to us. He does touch our emotions and our intellect and our eternal soul.

If the agencies can use music to influence our lives I want God to influence yours. People enjoy music in many contexts: I feel the same about people attending church. Come for whatever reason attracts you, whether you already believe or are trying to understand the message of Easter, or even if you don't believe but would love to. People will always come for different reasons, we don't need to know why, just come along.

I do hope that our churches will be full to bursting on 8th April and if you do manage to get in, you experience the true welcome and joy of Easter.

**Rick**

## That you may believe

'These (words) are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.' (John 20, 31)

In the musical 'Jesus Christ Superstar', at the Last Supper, the tipsy disciples sing

'Always knew I could be an apostle,  
Knew that I could make it if I tried.  
Then when we retire, we can write the Gospels  
So folk will talk about us when we've died.'

If they had wanted a life of ease, the disciples should have just retired into obscurity. Why bother being an apostle when it only brings you trouble? But they didn't give up and rather, after the death and resurrection of Jesus, faced the painful consequences of their calling, with unwavering faith. And **then** they wrote the Gospels, not in search of fame as the musical suggests. St John, quoted above, tells us that the Gospels were written so that through believing, we may have eternal life.

All four Gospels were written with a purpose. They weren't just an analysis of history. The Gospel-writers wrote history as a way of persuading the readers to their point of view and there's no doubt that their writings were all the better for it. They didn't seek to persuade readers that certain miracles really happened but rather to lead readers to belief in the Saviour who could make them happen if he saw the need and wished to do so. And thus the Gospel-writers wanted readers also to trust Jesus and to follow where he leads.

The Gospels were written, not for the sake of the writers, but for the sake of the readers, you and me. They were written so that we too might come to know Jesus who died and is now alive again: so that we might believe in him and know the joy of fullness of life in him.

**Eric Wallington**

## An Easter Prayer

Dear Lord, as we celebrate this glorious Easter morning, amid the feasting, the treasure hunts and the chocolate eggs, remind us why we rejoice.

We rejoice, O Lord,  
that your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who was crucified, dead and buried,  
is now alive for ever more,  
our risen and reigning Lord.

Help us this Easter  
to grow in faith, hope and love.

May we have the faith in Christ  
to face whatever the future holds for us;

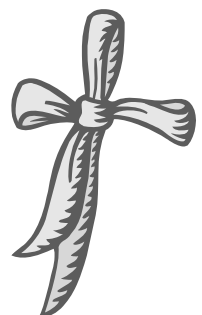
The peace of Christ  
to carry us through, calm and unafraid;

The hope in Christ  
that looks beyond our earthly life  
and glimpses things unseen and eternal;

The love of Christ that brings us closer  
to one another and to you,  
our risen and reigning Lord.

Amen

**Pat Edgley**



## New club for 13s: are you bovvered?

**Club15** is a social youth club for those in Year 10 and 11. It meets in the Scout Hut so it's easy to get to and local teenagers come along; to stay warm, enjoy a fun environment and organise trips such as go-karting, paint balling, rock climbing and bowling.

The club has been open on Mondays for over a year now, but we have decided to open up for Tuesdays as well. This is called **Club13** as we have dropped the lower age limit for this session for thirteen years old. We have plans to use the two levels of the Scout Hut so that we can have a quiet zone for art stuff, chat and videos, and a loud zone for active games and indoor sports. We also have ideas to set up a tuck shop, which we will run ourselves with any profits going towards the costs of our trips. Look out as we start to work on some fund raising events as well. Of course, if any one already wishes to donate to the cause they can speak to Johnny Gillett.

If you're aged 13-16 this club is for you – there's nothing to pay and loads of great ideas. If you want to know more, contact Johnny (see panel).

A big thank-you to the Scouts who allow us to use their venue on such a regular basis.

### 4TC no longer but...

Following last month's article on 4TC, we are pleased to unveil the group's new name, which is **T7.5**. This represents the day and time the club meets (Thursday evenings at half-seven) and so recognises that any teenager can come along who wants to talk about spiritual things.

### Are you bovvered?

A crowd of young people from Bunbury and the surrounding area is heading off to this event on Saturday 28 April. It's a day of arts and sports workshops looking at various issues and asking 'Are you bovvered?' The plan is to enjoy the day as young people together, but then to bring the ideas back to Bunbury and see how this effects our spirituality in this area. For further information speak to our youth work students, Naomi Mercer and Hayley Nicholson, or email [bovvered@stbonya.org.uk](mailto:bovvered@stbonya.org.uk).

Johnny

## Weekly Diary

### Sunday: Kingdom Kids

10am Service at St Boniface

### Monday: Young Christians

7.30 to 9.00pm: at St Boniface

### Club 15

7.30 to 9.00pm, Bunbury scout hut

### Tuesday: D of E Award

5.00 to 6.00pm: at St Jude's Church Hall, Tilstone Fearnall

### Club 13

7.30 to 9.00pm, Bunbury scout hut

### Thursday: T7.5

7.30 to 8.30pm: St Boniface.

### And at Tarporley High School: The Cross

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## Get your money back

Some Link readers may never have experienced bank charges because they never get overdrawn or write a cheque before money has cleared. This article isn't for you!

If you have suffered bank charges in the last 6 years (typically for exceeding your overdraft or if a cheque is "bounced") you may be able to claim them back. The law is plain: any charges banks levy on their customers must be proportional to the actual costs they incur. The simple question is, 'Does it really cost £35 to send an automated letter when someone's gone 1p over the limit?'

The reality is that the bank is fining you for going over the limit, and the fine is too high. After all, banks simply send a computer-generated automatic letter with a franked stamp. In fact, a recent report by BBC2's The Money Programme got a group of former senior bank staff together and they estimated the actual cost, even being generous to the banks, to be only somewhere between £2.50 and £4.50.

To find out more, finance guru Martin Lewis has a website [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com) which has a step by step guide to reclaiming unlawful bank charges – it even tells you what letters to write! Thousands of people have already made successful claims. If you don't have access to the internet at home local libraries have computers or maybe a friend or relative with a computer can help download the guide.

Jill Robey

## School explores Sadlers Wells Wood

At Bunbury School we love taking part in whole school projects and to have the use of such a fantastic resource as Sadlers Wells Wood is a real bonus. We have therefore planned a project for next half term when every class will visit the wood with our friend Tony Gentle who gave such a lovely talk in the school during the autumn term 2006. He has agreed to act as a guide for the children and his expert knowledge of plants and trees will be invaluable. We are going to pair up the younger children with older juniors for our visits and at the moment the staff are making plans for follow-up work that will not only concentrate on the geography and science curriculum but will also embrace the curriculum as a whole using the environment to inspire the children in art, writing, music, design technology and awaken their thoughts and ideas about conservation not only in the woodland but also in the wider world.

We shall exhibit our work during the summer term in the school hall when we hope that parents and friends of the school will be able to see what a valuable educational resource we have on our doorstep.

**Allison Phillips**

### Forthcoming event:

There will be a summer walk in the wood on Tuesday evening, 12th June with the Cheshire Landscape Trust and local tree wardens. Friends of the Wood only. Becoming a friend costs £5 - contact Ernest Croley 260344.

# Mothering Sunday

The family service on Mothering Sunday, always a popular event, drew a large congregation to St Boniface this year, when we welcomed back Alison Shacklady from Liverpool as preacher. In a lively talk she remembered her own late mother, and her skill at making cakes 'out of her head' and went on to use the cake-making



metaphor to illustrate various Bible stories about mothers, and how the mother-child bond reflects the indivisible bond of God and mankind. As she had brought a mixer and all the ingredients, several younger members of her audience were kept busy helping – and at the end they were rewarded with a piece of a cake she had made earlier. (We hear that Alison's son had asked her to bring home any leftovers – some hope!) As is traditional on Mothering Sunday, all the many mothers in the congregation were given a gift - this year, chocolates, though many of their children seemed to be getting a share too!

The service was followed by coffee, as usual, but on this special day it was accompanied by Barbara Croley's delicious simnel cake. And Target 1250 ran a cake stall, easily beating last year's total by raising over £110. Many

thanks to all those who contributed cakes and of course to all those who bought. Leftovers were donated to a very worthy cause – a houseful of appreciative students.

The pictures show some satisfied customers.



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## Stones in jars - the explanation

You may recall that in last month's Link Paul Holbrook asked the question "is God a stone?" and told the story of the jar that at first looks full of large stones, but you can get small pebbles in around the large stones, and even then it isn't full because you can shake in sand, and then pour in water. If it left you pondering, here he expands on the theme:

This is a story about priorities, what you should really fit in to your schedule of your day, of your life first of all. So there are some things which many people realise are the precious stones, the big rocks of their life, like their family, like their relationships, like their peace of mind, whatever it is, and sometimes we leave them till last in our day, in our week, in our life, we find we never have the opportunity to fit them in. And that's one of the reasons why people don't find happiness. Their priorities are not correct.

Jesus said "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and "love your neighbour as yourself" Luke ch10 v27.

Jesus' life was one of sacrifice and complete service to the Father God - the priority in his life was always to put

God first, everything else came second. He was the "Servant King". To live up to that is impossible but God wants us to get our priorities right and put the largest stones in the jar first!

During January and February, the services at St Boniface were themed around what we can offer and commit to God this year through the talents and gifts that we all have. We reflected on what is really important in life and asked where God wants us to put our energies as Christians and how He wants us to use our talents over the coming year.

Perhaps that story of the stones in the jar will help us to remember our commitments and to put into our life what's very important first of all. The other things you can always fit in, but later. Is God one of those stones?

**Paul Holbrook**



## Three rubber ducks two baptisms and one bar of chocolate



unfazed by the three rubber ducks floating in the font. William didn't bat an eyelid when Rick baptised him. Matthew did begin to cry at the prospect of an unscheduled face-wash, but was silenced when Rick presented him with a bar of chocolate.

The service was a wonderful opportunity for us to give thanks to God for William and Matthew and to acknowledge our family and friends who have been so supportive during the difficult months when Matthew was in hospital. I am of course now left with two little boys who will expect chocolate every time they go to church!

**Caroline Gray**

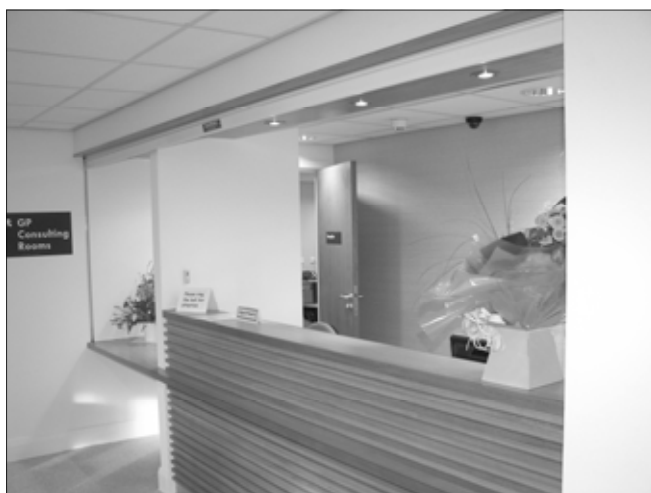
We had always intended to have our twins baptised, probably when they were a few months old so they would happily sleep through the service. We were to discover however, that when it comes to children, to try to make any sort of plan is bound to end in disappointment.

William and Matthew were born at the Countess of Chester Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2005. They were five weeks early and weighed only 4lbs 10oz and 4lbs 4oz. When Matthew was five days old he was diagnosed with a serious heart condition: he was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital and underwent surgery at just 6 weeks. He remained in hospital for three months. In December last year he underwent further, successful, surgery, returning home before Christmas. Only now, with Matthew making a good recovery, were we able to think about arranging the boys' baptism.

It was with a degree of trepidation that we met Rick to discuss the service. After all, our boys, like most toddlers, have an inherent inability to sit still for more than longer than ten seconds! They have also acquired quite a wide vocabulary, focussing their attention on an endless search for 'tractors' and announcing to anyone who will listen when they have filled their nappies. I wondered how Rick and St.Boniface itself would cope with the full onslaught of William and Matthew.


I needn't have worried. We gathered on 11<sup>th</sup> February with friends and family at the church. The boys took their places next to the font where Matthew remained: William stayed for the predicted 10 seconds before moving to sit with Grandma! When it came to the actual baptism, the boys appeared

## New surgery open for business



**Bunbury's long awaited new medical centre opened on 12th March as planned without mishap. Staff managed to continue service as usual throughout the disruption and opening hours remain the same.**





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## April Fools? Strange and unusual sightings

No, none of these pictures are April Fools - they are for real! Pictured here are a road sign on the A49 in Polish (whose idea was that? - see below); Nantwich Civic Hall's helpful parking sign; and the inscription on one of the old tombstones in the graveyard - read the letters carefully!

As reported in the national press, the Polish signs were condemned by some as "political correctness gone mad". However, Steve Kent, the highway engineer for Cheshire County Council, said the decision was motivated by common sense and safety concerns. He said:

"These signs have absolutely nothing to do with political correctness. On several occasions last year, we found Polish-speaking drivers were failing to understand diversion signs and were arriving at sections of major roads that

we had closed off. In some cases, that caused congestion as we had to reverse them out of the area. In other cases, they would drive on the footpath and thunder past a work gang, which obviously has safety implications."

MP Gwynneth Dunwoody, Chair of the Transport Select Committee, said: "Cheshire County Council is showing a commendable sense of responsibility and I just cannot see why people are getting their knickers in a twist over this simple matter." (Could this be the first use of this expression in the Link?)



**This looks correct, but is it?  
Perhaps the stonemason was  
having his own little joke at  
the deceased's expense.**



## O2 Mast fight not over yet

Readers who have been following the long and involved saga of the O2 mast proposed for the School Lane junction will be interested to hear the latest developments. After the public meeting in January it was agreed that the Mast Action Group should issue Judicial Review proceedings against O2 on the grounds that the proposed siting of the 12m mast was widely opposed in the village and that alternative sites had not been properly investigated. Before Christmas, representatives of O2 met us to discuss the group's concerns, claiming a commitment to good community relations. That was the last we saw or heard from them! Despite some very strong legal arguments, the judge who heard our Judicial Review application was of the opinion that there was no case to answer, and our own barrister therefore advised that incurring more legal costs by pursuing the case would be futile. As things stand now, O2 are fully entitled to go ahead, and in fact many local residents will have noticed preparatory work for the installation being carried out earlier this year.

The group is now faced with a £1500 legal bill to: all the members of the campaigning group will be contributing and would most grateful for any contributions from the community - particularly from those who previously pledged financial help. It is unlikely that we will be forced to call in the full amount of the original pledges. Please contact Dave Cadman if you can help - 01829 261408.

The Mast Action Group, while obviously frustrated at the legal setback, are nevertheless determined to fight this dispute to its end, and are taking the fight in other directions particularly back to Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council, whose officers so clearly failed to seek or to take into account local opinion.

**Bunbury Mast Action Group**



**Pictured above are members of this year's Lent discussion group who have been meeting on Wednesdays during Lent.**

## Christian Aid Week 13th-19th May 2007

Help poor communities grow a future this Christian Aid Week by giving generously in our door to door collection.

Just £6.50 could provide mango tree saplings for ten families to plant their first mango tree.

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**A fundraising coffee morning will be held at Brook Cottage, Tattenhall Lanes, April 23rd. For further details or if you can help with the house to house collection please contact Joyce Buxton on 771182**



## Bunbury Village Hall Big Band Night

On 10th March the Village Hall resounded to the sound of 'Wychcraft' at a fundraising big band evening. This event, organised by Committee members Gill, Carol and Meg, proved a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were able to dance or just relax and listen to the wonderful sound of the band who played big band, jazz and modern music. The band comprises excellent players from around the Cheshire area, including local Steve Hutchinson who played lead alto sax. The evening raised £380 for Village Hall funds and an additional £125 was raised in the raffle for the planned new MacMillan Cancer Unit at Leighton.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event, it was lovely to see such a

good mix of people obviously having a good time. Special thanks to ticket sellers, bar staff and clearer uppers. We know that the band really enjoyed playing to such a receptive audience, so much so, they would like to return sometime for a repeat performance. Here's to the next time.

**Gill and Mike Johnson**



## Falklands War: 25 years on

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Falklands conflict. On 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April there are two important events taking place in Liverpool as part of the Falklands 25 commemorations – on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30 pm there is a charity concert in the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Commando Training Centre, Lymington, one of the best and most versatile military bands in the country. Tickets cost between £10 and £20 and are available from the Box Office on 0151 709 3789. On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 there is a Drumhead Service in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral starting at 10.30, again with the Royal Marines present. This service is open to the public and no ticket is required. Please support these events if you are able.

**Nick Sanders**

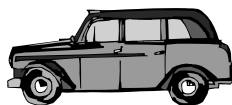
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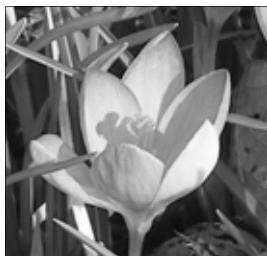
## Guides raise £624 for Cancer Charity



At 11am on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the guides and their leaders were all set for a gentle walk around the village, fundraising for Breast Cancer Care as part of a national campaign of 'Crocus Walks'. They had put out a general invitation for friends to join them, but Guide leaders were truly staggered at the turnout, as well over 50 ladies aged from 7 to ? set off in bright sunshine from the Scout Hut, accompanied by numerous enthusiastic canine friends. There were lots of stiles to scramble over, with varying levels of grace, and plenty of mud to negotiate. Completing the route, the walkers met up for a delicious lunch of home-made soup and cakes which the Guides had made themselves.

Leader Liz Mulcahy said, "We were amazed at the support for this event. Obviously this is a cause close to people's hearts, but we had no idea we could raise so much. Very well done to

the girls for their fantastic cakes, and particularly for helping so enthusiastically with serving and clearing up on the day. A special thankyou must go to one guide's granny who not only came from Birmingham to join us, but also raised almost £300 for the cause from friends. We're hoping that we can make this a regular event on Bunbury's social calendar, next time starting at 11.30 so friends from church can join us. Thanks to everyone who joined in this lovely event."



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## Manchester Great Run

The Manchester Great Run takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May starting and finishing in the city centre. This 10k run raises funds towards eradicating avoidable blindness in developing countries. Contact 0845 6448105 or [www.hollows.org.uk](http://www.hollows.org.uk) for further details.



## Sandstone Run

And a reminder that the NSPCC is organising a 10k run along the Sandstone Trail starting and finishing at Beeston Market on 15th April. Start 10am, entry £10 Contact Andrea Beaumont 732994 or [sandstonerun@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandstonerun@yahoo.co.uk)



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## Bunbury School news

Bunbury school approaches the end of another busy term. We have had some changes of staff, with the departure of Mrs Joule at Christmas, and we are looking forward to the arrival after Easter of new Deputy Head Richard Hawley, currently an acting head in Winsford. Year 5 spent two nights away on their Ironbridge residential visit in March: this is always a really popular trip which the children remember for years to come. Shown below are two pictures of the children and teachers Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Waddington setting off. The school will be visiting Sadlers Wells Wood after the Easter holidays (see Mrs Phillips' piece on p4).

We have had two dressing-up days this term, first World Book Day when the children really went to town with some amazing impersonations of favourite fictional characters, see below the Jacob as the Artful Dodger, Joe and Ralph as the terrifying Quirrell and Stuart as a truly convincing Mrs Doubtfire. On Red Nose Day, 16th March, the children each contributed £1 to charity to come to school with red outfits, dyed hair and big red noses.

On Saturday 24th March the Parents' Association Ceilidh was a great success, with current and past parents and friends raising a significant sum for the school.



## Emma's Christening

On 2nd March Rick came to school to Christen Emma Walker from Year 1 in a whole school service of Baptism. One of her class mates tells us about the event below.

Tday it was Emma's crishnig. The hol scull cem. Emma's dress was byutful. Rick put a blue cross on Emmas God Parents head. Joe had one on his 4hed too. Rick lit a candul for Emma. Harry and Emma and Joe had a pict-ch taken.

**Hannah Griffiths, age 6**





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## Community news

A very happy birthday to **Mark Ryder** of Houghton, 40 on 15th April.

Although normally there is no bell-ringing in Holy Week an exception has been made for Easter Saturday this year for the wedding of former bell-ringer **Joanna Moore** to **Phil Wilson**.

Best of luck to the **Gray** family who have moved from Peckforton to Scotland.

We are sad to report the recent death of **Marjorie Fellowes** of Spurstow. Marjorie was well known locally as a breeder of miniature ponies.

Last month, prompted by **Diana Kinsey**, we congratulated **Anne King** on her hard-won degree. Now Anne returns the compliment to her friend: 'Diana also deserves recognition for her achievement in completing a two-year full-time foundation degree in Supporting Teaching and Learning. After a time working at Bunbury School, Diana (pictured below left with Anne) now works at Duddon School and she is continuing her studies, with the aim of becoming a qualified teacher in 3 or 4 years. Well done, Diana, keep up the good work!'



## Church news

**Children's Society boxes** will be opened in April. Please take them to St. Boniface or to Martina Phillips' house at Whitegates, Wyche Lane, Bunbury.

The St. Boniface church Lent collection in aid of **Ukrainian orphans** continues.

Friends of Calveley Church are holding their annual **Art Exhibition and Spring Fayre** on **Saturday 12th. May 2007** from 10am. to 4pm. at the Church. Local artists work on view and for sale. Cakes, Plants, White Elephant, Light Refreshments. Free entry and parking.

**St. Judes:** Services for April are as usual, with an extra service on the 5th Sunday. On Easter Sunday we have guest vicar, the Rev. David Stocker. The **Bunbury Singers** concert at St Judes was a great success and £500 was raised for church funds - thank you to the Bunbury Singers and everyone who supported us.

## General news

**St Lukes Midnight Walk** is on Saturday 16th June phone 01606 555688 for more details.

**Tarporley High School** are currently confirming plans for a spectacular student talent show on June 30<sup>th</sup>, with the promise of a fantastic prize for the winning act. Details can't yet be announced, but pupils should start thinking about their acts and watch out for more information at school. Not to be missed!

**The Good Companions** are hard at work rehearsing their next production.

**Noises Off**, a West End Farce by Michael Frayn (you may also have seen the film), will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It is extremely funny and not to be missed - watch out for more details next month.

Remember **Calveley Church's White Elephant Stall** at the Art Exhibition and Spring Fayre on Saturday 12th May. All contributions gratefully received. Tel. Sue Woodward on 01270 522822.

**Rainbows** is still short of leaders which may lead to the group closing. Current leader **Debbie Shears** is only able to guarantee its continuation until the summer. If you can help please call her on 260307.

**This month please pray especially for Neville Edgley, Claudia McLaughlin, Peter Overy and all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them.**

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# Diary

## April

1	8.00am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
2/3		Easter Week children's workshops	St.Boniface
4	10.00	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	7.30pm	Compline	St.Boniface
5	7.00pm	Agape Meal	St.Boniface
6	2.30pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Stainer's Crucifixion	St.Boniface
8	8.00am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Calveley
11	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
15	8.30am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Family Worship	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
18	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
22	9.30am	Morning Service	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St.Boniface
	6.00pm	Special Songs of Praise	St.Boniface
23		<b>Christian Aid Coffee Morning (see p 6)</b>	
25	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
29	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Short service followed by Annual Church Meeting	St.Boniface
<b>May</b>			
2	10.00	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
6	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
16		Village Day and Midnight Walk	



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