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of the Shingay group of Parishes**



**Abington Pigotts + Guilden Morden  
Litlington + Steeple Morden  
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**April 2025**

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## The Christian Message of Joy in Sadness

I have recently been teaching bits of religious education as a governor to some of our schools in the Shingay Churches.

It is always a privilege for me to be able to observe the amazing ways in which children engage with spirituality. I have found that they get things adults do not, and they see God in ways that are inspiring and motivating to me.

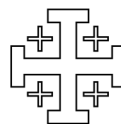
Teaching the concepts of Lent and the special festivities during Holy Week is part of children's curriculum because it is a main part of our Christian Faith. But it does not make it any easier. Explaining why Good Friday is good to us and not to Jesus is never easy, especially when one has to be sensitive to younger ears. As a parent myself I try to shield my children from all that is too gruesome and painful in life (e.g. the news).

As a faith practitioner and teacher I have been contemplating recently the importance of not watering down the Christian message. It is true that part of our major festivities recognise the bloody and horrible pain that Jesus Christ had to necessarily undergo. I do not find it easy to think of the nails or the cross, or indeed the horrible beating that Jesus receives prior to that. However, that is not the Christian message in its entirety. Watering down this message means that we fail to see the important of the resurrection.

This year, halfway through the month of April the Church contemplates the darkness of the cross so that the brightness of Easter may shine in its right measure. The resurrection of Christ was such a big and unexpected event that we still do not know how it happened.

And this brings me to the tensions of teaching at schools about Good Friday. The darkest Friday of the liturgical year is called *good*, because what we believe as Christians is in the midst of sadness, pain, suffering and desperation (and there are much of them these days), the last word is not misery, but joy. A joy that transform one's own heart. Many people saw the impossible become possible and many more live in the hopeful conviction that this will be true to us.

Then one can mourn and grieve with joy as the pain is mixed with the beautiful scene of daffodils, or birds nesting. Sadness becomes a hopeful lamentation until the day when it turns into the joyful singing of our resurrection.



**Shingay Churches**  
ADDING GIFTS

# Church News

## Easter Eggs

As in past years we would like to collect Easter Eggs for children in Refuges. Last year, due to the generosity of many, we sent 50 via Mothers' Union to Mary's Child for onward transmission and about 10 were gratefully received by HomeStart. We are looking for just ordinary chocolate eggs and if you are able to contribute they will be received by the children with joy and gratitude.

Please contact Anne Hassall (853490), Rosemary Garner (852521) or Gilly McKee (852380) by Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Sharing Shelf

Please note that Guilden Morden Congregational Church still has their Sharing Shelf (previously known as the Sharing Table!) in the front porch. Our motto is 'Bring what you can, take what you need'.

We have been fortunate and received many donations, but more is always gratefully received; and please do take from the shelf if you need to.

## Café Church In Steeple Morden

Café Church will be open from 9am  
on Fridays during term time.

**7, 14, 21 & 28 March**

We do not meet during school holidays.

Everyone is welcome for tea, coffee, home-made cakes,  
toys for the children and chat.



*Shingay Group of Churches*

## DAILY BIBLE READING

*Every day at 10.00 am for One Year*

### GATHERING FOR READING

*St Mary the Virgin, SS. Peter & Paul, St. Catherine*

Fr Sam

### WHERE WE READ TOGETHER

*We shall meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday*

*mornings in the churches (above) at 10.00 am*

*During very cold seasons, on Christmas, New Year and other special occasions we shall meet on Zoom with prior notification. Times will change according to availability.*

### MATERIALS NEEDED

*A Bible*

*A Dictionary (optional)*

*A notepad (optional)*

*A pen (optional)*

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Oxford Dictionary

for special verses

to mark or write

*Shingay Group of Churches • Leadership Team*



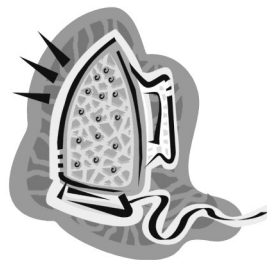
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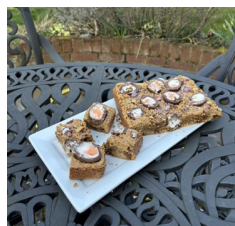
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## Brown Butter Easter Blondies

My Brown Butter Blondies are packed full of Easter chocolates and are sure to bring a sweet surprise to an afternoon pick-me-up or as a fun dessert to any Easter dinner. Now that we are slowly approaching the sunnier months, I thought there is no better way to celebrate Easter and the end of Lent than with this incredible sweet treat! This recipe, like the others, is super easy to make and requires something slightly different in the browned butter, which adds the perfect rich, nutty taste to these blondies to create a not too sweet symphony of flavours! I really hope you love it as much as I do!



### Ingredients:

250g unsalted butter	3 medium eggs
200g light brown sugar	1 tsp vanilla extract
50g dark brown sugar	275g plain flour
5 Crème Eggs chocolate (halved)	100g chocolate chips
160g Mini Eggs chocolate (bashed with rolling pin to create smaller fragments)	

Preheat the oven to 160 degrees fan, and line a 9-inch square tin with baking paper

To give these blondies their perfect nutty flavour this recipe requires that the butter is browned and cooled before using. To brown the butter cut the block into small cubes and place in a saucepan over a medium heat, it is important to not walk away and keep stirring constantly with a spatula to avoid the butter burning. Whilst the butter melts over the medium heat it will bubble and froth, keep stirring for a few minutes until small brown milk solids form at the bottom of the pan and the butter has turned golden. Transfer the butter from the saucepan to a bowl to cool for about 10 minutes.

Once the butter has cooled mix in the sugars until completely combined and then mix in the eggs and vanilla extract until light and fluffy. Finally fold in the flour, and then the chocolate chips and 80 grams of the broken mini eggs. Pour the batter into a lined baking tin and bake in the oven for 30 minutes, when you take it out it may still have a slight wobble in the centre which will set to create the perfect fudgy blondie. Leave to cool for a while before adding the rest of the mini eggs and crème egg halves to the top of the blondie for decoration.

The process of browning the butter may seem slightly daunting but is actually quite simple and this recipe is such a delicious and heart-warming way to welcome the sunnier days. Happy Baking!



## ARRINGTON GARDEN CENTRE



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## 6th April (Lent 5/ Passiontide)

8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion
10:00am	Litlington	Holy Communion w/ AP
10:30am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion by extension

## 13th April (Palm Sunday)

10:00pm	Steeple Morden	Group Communion w/ Procession
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## 17th April (Maundy Thursday/ Easter Triduum)

19:00pm	Litlington	Group Communion/foot washing
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## 18th April (Good Friday)

10:00am	Guilden Morden	Walk of Witness (starts in GM Chapel)
14:00pm	Abington Pigotts	Good Friday Reflective Service

## 20th April (Easter Sunday)

10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Holy Communion
10:00am	Steeple Morden	Holy Communion

## 27th April (Easter 2)

10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Group Communion
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Communion at St. Mary's

**Please see church noticeboards in case of changes to this list.**



## Morning Prayer at Litlington Church Tuesdays at 10am



1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April  
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# Floodlight Diary

## St Mary's, Guilden Morden

*If you would like the lights switched on please contact Cynthia Worboys 853217.*

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1 February In loving memory of my father George Elliot RIP from his daughter Alison

20 February In memory of my wife on the anniversary of our marriage 60 years ago from Brian Champion

7 March Congratulations to Terry Barnard on his 93rd birthday with love from all the family

10 March In memory of Arthur Goddard RIP

11/14 March In loving memory of Ray Leach RIP who supported the Mordens RBL for many years

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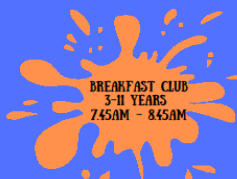
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13th	11.00 am	Ms. Christine Brown - MERCY SHIPS PRESENTATION
20th	11.00 am	Mrs. Davina Calbraith - Communion Service- EASTER SUNDAY
27th	10.30 am	Mr Tony Frost ( At Guilden Morden)

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**April 2025**

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Every Friday at 10.00am in the Chapel you are also welcome to join an informal gathering of those praying for our villages and our world.

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Apr** 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. Member of Litlington congregational Church will also be joining us! All welcome.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
10.30 – 12.00 Men's Guild  
2.00 – 4.00pm COGS  
7.00 for a 7.30pm start Community Choir
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Apr** 11.00am Joint at Litlington Congregational Church led by Mrs Christine Brown
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
7.00 for a 7.30pm start Community Choir
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Apr** Good Friday Walk – more details to follow
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr** 10.30am Easter Sunday service at the chapel including Communion
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Apr** 10.30am Service with Litlington Congregational Church and St Mary's
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9.30 - 11.30am Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
7.00 for 7.30pm start Community Choir
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9.00 – 11.30am Fun4Tots

## Other group meetings:

- Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30
- Community Choir Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30pm start
- History Group Wednesday 2 Apr at Steeple Morden Village Hall
- Knit and Natter Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Apr
- Photographic Club 29<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025
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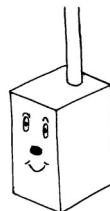
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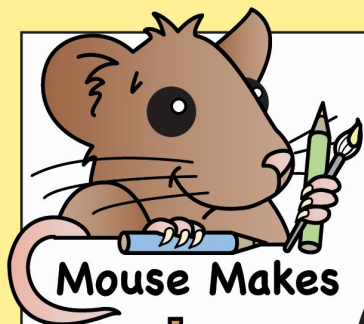
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and showed us the resurrection to  
come by His raising to new life!



## Jesus is risen!

The angel said:

"Jesus ...is not here, for He  
has risen, just as He said."

*Matthew 28:6*

## Jesus is here

Jesus said:

"Where two or three  
come together  
in my name I am  
there with them."

*Matthew 18:20*



**READ** the story of  
the resurrection in:

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Mark 16:1-19**

**Luke 24:1-49**

**John 20:1-29**

**and 21:1-14**

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## Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:

"I will come back  
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*John 14:3*



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