

Hello Everyone

What glorious days we have experienced this week with strong expressions of Spring: offering colour and optimism. These though are tempered by our thoughts for the Ukrainians and the madness of war. We continue to pray and press on to seek practical expressions of ways to help.

If anyone is interested to host a Ukrainian family, do please get in touch with us to let us know so we, as church, can begin to put a support structure in place. Linda attended a meeting at Barton Church on Friday to learn more about what to expect and what the community and host family will need to do if receiving a refugee family. It will be so important to build community links to support the family, and to connect them with other local Ukrainian families. The initial visa application process seems quite complicated, but it is important that the procedure is followed correctly before the family travel to England, to make sure support and safeguarding checks are engaged by the local Council. Harlington Community are seeking to offer refuge to a few families and it would be good to connect any potential Toddington, Westoning, Chalgrave or Tingrith hosts too.

The Church of England has an online support link for any families seeking to host a refugee family. One thing to stress is to think carefully before committing. The families will be in need of TLC, safety and security. They have been through so much already. It is for a minimum commitment of 6 months.

Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour tonight.

Services for Mothering Sunday - Sunday March 27th

9.30 am Chalgrave, Holy Communion Service Linda
9.30 am Harlington, Mothering Sunday Service Nigel/Robert
11.00 am Toddington, Holy Communion Service Linda
11.00 am Westoning, All Age Service for Mothering Sunday Nigel
3.00 pm Tingrith Mothering Sunday Service Nigel/Jon/Linda

6.00 pm Upper Room online service: Theme: Our Mothers Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88516973654?pwd=OVF4RlJLeHJkMWdZMlR5Mjc4a3BPUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 1697 3654. Passcode: 471104

Other services and events during the week:

Monday 28th March

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church
10.30 am Set up Easter Prayer Stations - Toddington Church
2.00 - 4.00 pm Crafty Ladies group - Wilkinson Hall Toddington
8.00 pm Toddington Churches Together AGM Wilkinson Hall
Tingrith PCC Meeting 1.4 5pm
Harlington Lent Course at Mary's at 3.00 pm

Tuesday 29th March

10.00 am – 12.00 noon Westcaf, Westoning Village Hall
10.3 0am to 12.00 noon - Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington
1.00 – 3.00 pm Sewing Bees Celebration Westoning Village Hall

Wednesday 30th March

9.30 - 11.45 am Lower School visit Toddington Church
10.00 am Harlington Church, Midweek Service
11.30 am Daisy Drake's Funeral at Harlington Church

12.00 noon - 1.15 pm Lent 'Poverty' Soup lunch, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington - raising funds for Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal
7.30 pm Westoning PCC via zoom (link to be issued)

Thursday 31st March

10.30 am Meeting at Wilkinson Hall about 'Petal and Purl' exhibition for 'Celebrate 800'
Online Lent Course 7.45 pm - Unanswered Prayer by Peter Greig. Please let Linda or Nigel know if interested. Zoom link to be issued.

Friday 1st April

10.30 am – 12.00 noon Painting for Pleasure Group, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington
Little Stars: 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm Westoning Church
Friday Fellowship 2.00 – 4.00 pm Westoning Village Hall
3.30 pm Messy Church, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Saturday 2nd April... have a rest!

Wishing you all a good week and a special Mothering Sunday tomorrow.

With love and prayers

Linda and Nigel