



Hinckley **Methodist** Church

On Easter Sunday we decorate the cross outside the church with flowers to symbolise the new life of the resurrection.



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NOTICES FOR APRIL



Sunday worship at 10.30 am

- April 5th EASTER DAY Service of Holy Communion led by Colin Haddon**
- April 12th Morning Worship led by Rev Edward Sakwe**
- April 19th Morning Worship led by Jenny Baker**
- April 26th Morning Worship led by Keith Ware**
- May 3rd Morning Worship led by Rev Andrew Lomax**

All are welcome to attend our services Tea and coffee are provided after the service in the lower schoolroom and this offers a welcome opportunity for a chat with new and old friends.

This monthly notice sheet provides details of all our weekly activities, daily prayers and information about our church and community.

Easter Message The Chair of our Northampton District, Rev'd Sonia Hicks, has sent us an Easter Message which is copied in the current (2nd April) Circuit Newsletter, It has been pinned up separately on our church notice board to help people read it more easily.

Saturday Coffee Mornings at 10.00am

April 4th Beavers/Cubs
April 11th Refreshment - Simon Cooper
April 18th Guild
April 24th Free
May 2nd . Baby Basics Rachel Cobb
May 9th Christian Aid

There are 3 dates in June also available and plenty in the 2nd half of the year.
Thank you to all who have organised coffee mornings.
Margaret Pearce 07733240873

Brian Spalding We were sad to hear that Brian passed away on Palm Sunday He had received the Palm Sunday Cross from the church, bought to him after the servicer, and passed away peacefully shortly afterwards. We send our love and condolence to Pam and Rachel and all the family

Events this month

Sat April 11 th	9.30 am Safeguarding training at Burbage – see notice
Tuesday April 14 th	10.30am postponed final meeting of the Lent Group 2pm Ladies Guild 6.25pm Community Choir
Monday April 20 th	1.30pm Funeral of Doreen Turner
Tuesday April 21 st	6.25 Community Choir
Tuesday April 28 th	2.00 pm Ladies Guild 6.25pm Community Choir

Our local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Morrisons at Hinckley on 16 April 2026 at 10.00 am till 12:30. Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what they are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you. Crime prevention merchandise will also be available, to purchase at cost price. Everyone is welcome.

Funeral of Doreen Turner There will be a celebration of Doreen's life at Hinckley Methodist Church at 1.30pm on Monday April 20th. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received in Doreen's memory for the British Heart Foundation. These can be made using the link on the Sellers website – www.gseller.co.uk – then click on the top right button 'obituaries, messages and donations'.

EcoChurch Eco Tip for April

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open) For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine. *For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian*

Message of thanks – Helen Vallance would like everyone to know how much she appreciated the cards and prayers and messages of support at the time of Brian's death and also the number of people who attended his funeral and shared their memories

Church Notices Would you please send in any notices relevant to May or early June by Thursday April 30th

Christian Aid events

May 2nd CA Fair at St Mary's. Donations of bric a brac (by 25.04.26 can collect), new items, cakes, plants and crafts.

May 9th CA coffee morning

10th to 16th May CA Week. Donation envelopes available.

June 3rd Curry Night. Tickets available soon.

Celia Bailey and Margaret Pearce

Christian Aid Quiz Question 2.

There is an error. It should read 118E in the PT. Apologies from the organiser. Answers should be returned to St Mary's April 24th. Copies still available from Margaret Pearce.

News from The Vine We have some lovely religious Easter cards and new gifts in stock this month, it is proving tricky to restock them all quickly enough! Our world book day celebrations continue in our "limited offers" section - titles reduced from £10-15 to just £1 and £2. Ask a member of staff for more details or where to find these on our shelves. If you are interested in joining our wonderful volunteers and supporting the Christian and local community of our town, please get in touch. Whether a couple of hours on the till and making drinks or helping with food orders and light kitchen duties, we would love to hear from you. Please note our closure over Easter: we will be closing at the end of the day on Tuesday 31st March and reopen on Wednesday 8th April. From the staff and volunteers at The Vine we wish you all a very Happy Easter, we hope you enjoy and share in the love and hope the season brings. Kind regards, Grace Manager [The Vine Hinckley](#)

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

FLOWER ROTA - MARCH 2026 - AUGUST 2026 There is a new Flower Rota on the board for March 2026 until August 2026. As you can see, there are a lot of VACANT dates for flowers. If you feel you can put flowers on the Communion Table for any of the dates, please let me know - Cynthia Jordan 01455 890453.

A big thank you to all who provided flowers for the last Flower Rota.

Safeguarding Training Course The next Creating Safer Space Foundation Module course will be at Burbage Methodist Church on Saturday 11th April 9.30am-1.00pm. If you need to train for the first time or renew your training (this is required every four years) then you are welcome on the course. Please let Colin Haddon know if you think you will be attending 01455 617692.cchaddon@dunelm.org.uk

Food Bank Urgent Needs

- Tins of meat
- Small tins baked beans (200 g)
- Small tins of veg (250 g)
 - UHT fruit juice
 - Coffee (100 g)
 - Instant mash
- Tinned potatoes
- Confectionery
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorants

Prayers for Sunday 5th April 2026

(taken from Singing the Faith)

Mon 6th April – See what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem. Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ has risen! See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice. Fulfilled in Christ the man, for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Tues 7th April – He has given life immortal, we shall see him face to face through eternity we'll praise him, Christ the champion of our faith! He has risen; Jesus is alive!

Wed 8th April – Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain and he lives for ever with his saints to reign. He arose! Alleluia, Christ arose!

Thurs 9th April – Then put your trust in Christ, in waking and in sleeping. His grace on earth sufficed, he'll never quit his keeping. Come, share our Easter story, that death could not imprison, nor any power destroy our Christ who is arisen.

Fri 10th April – Christ is alive and comes to bring, good news to this and every age. Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Sat 11th April – Go tell the followers of your Lord their Jesus is to life restored, he lives to quicken humankind, he lives that all his life may find.

Sun 12th April – I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord, who once was slain to reconcile us to God. For ever you will be the lamb upon the throne. I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

Prayers for Sunday 12th April 2026

Mon 13th April – We join our prayers to those of our brothers and sister in every part of the world, prayers in every language at every moment of the day – Lord hear our prayers.

Tues 14th April – Help us today O Lord, to see something of the beauty of our fragile world and of your unbreakable love.

Wed 15th April – When we come to you we find you have already come to us. You fill the silence and we hear your voice above the noise. We meet you in the peace and quiet of the soul and know your challenge in the pleading beggar, help us not to turn our eyes from you and make us glad in your presence.

Thurs 16th April – Lord God, we bring to you are sins for forgiveness, our temptation for your strength, our sickness for your healing and our loved ones for protection. In your name – Amen.

Fri 17th April – We thank you for all who have died and especially those who have inspired us. Help us to continue the journey and have courage and hope in times of despair.

Sat 18th April – We pray for our children, who teach us about life, who look to tomorrow whatever their today.

Sun 19th April – Lord Jesus, give us today, love in our meeting with others, boldness in our sharing of your good news, power in our activity for your Kingdom.

Prayers for Sunday 19th April 2026

Mon 20th April – Lord God, help us with our doubts. In times when life is hard and challenging, help us to trust in you and never doubt your unfailing love for us.

Tues 21st April – Lord God, help us to always know that you are walking by our side. In our times of joys and sadness, our ups and downs – you are surrounding us with your love, strength and peace.

Wed 22nd April – Lord God, help us to see you in every day of our lives. The creation around us, the loving words we may hear from others, the voice of God in our prayers. Help us to recognise you in all things.

Thurs 23rd April – Lord god, help us to share with others the wonderful things you have done in our lives. Help us to be confident in our faith, to speak with excitement and joy, just as they did on the road to Emmaus after they had recognised that it was Jesus who was with them.

Fri 24th April – Lord God, help us to turn to the bible more. When we are faced with decisions to make, words to share with others and ways to worship.

Sat 25th April – Lord God, help us to always seek to serve you with joy. May our faces shine with your love and our words to others be Godly, helpful caring and of you.

Sun 26th April – Lord God, help us to worship you with all of our hearts. May we understand the words we sing, may we soak up the prayers and may we use the message spoken to encourage our faith and glorify you.

Prayers for Sunday 26th April 2026

Mon 27th April – We praise you Lord for the peace of the night and the gift of the day. Teach us to accept both blessing and tribulation at your hand for you make all things work together for good. Amen.

Tues 28th April – God of love – help us today to watch for you carefully, work for you simply and rest in you gratefully, through Jesus Christ – Amen.

Wed 29th April – Lord, you have given us so much, give us one more thing – a grateful heart, not thankful on when it pleases us as if you blessings have a sparse day. Grant us a heart who's pulse may be your praise.

Thurs 30th April – Lord, make us communities of love that are strong enough and open enough to include others – Amen.

Fri 1st May – Grant Lord, that as we put our hands together in prayer, may we point to you, embrace the world and clasp our neighbours – Amen.

Sat 2nd May – God of encouragement, help us to remember that a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step- Amen.

Sun 3rd May – Lord Jesus Christ, help our churches to grow from strength to strength knowing that the good work that you started at the beginning will surely grow. Give us, we pray, your burning fire in our lives, that we may seek you more – Amen.

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Notices Items for the church notices may be telephoned to Gwen Coley on 01455 642659 or e-mailed to gcoley287@gmail.com

The deadline for notices is 5pm Thursday. Please indicate for how many weeks you would like your notice included

Prayer Requests If you have entered someone's name in the Book of Prayer, would you please remember to re-enter their name (if Prayer is still needed) at the beginning of each month

We have a prayer chain of about 30 people who will pray regularly in response to your requests. Please telephone Sue Cooper on 613352 or e-mail Cynthia cyn.jordan@yahoo.co.uk