

# West Ilsley News

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## APRIL AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**Easter** this year should be a much more enjoyable time than last year, now that Covid numbers are reducing and with more and more people receiving the vaccine. Here in All Saints', we are holding our first Holy Communion for over a year, albeit outdoors. We will still maintain caution for a little longer!

### 11am - Holy Communion Service in the churchyard on Easter Day - 4<sup>th</sup> April

We will stick to the Covid rules of keeping 2 metres apart, sadly there can be no singing and you are asked not to mix with other households after the service.



There will be services held in other churches in the benefice during Holy Week and over Easter, to which you are warmly invited. If possible, please phone or email the Rector if you intend to join a service. Details of services can be found on the East Downland website at

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notices/this-week>

**Holy Week (29<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April)** There will be services of **Midday Prayer** each day at St Barnabas' Church, Peasmore.

Services of **Compline** will be held online Monday to Wednesday at 8pm and can be seen at <https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/faith-and-worship/online-worship>

Subtitles will be available.

The videos for all benefice recorded services can also be found on Youtube at: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=east+downland+benefice](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=east+downland+benefice) and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EDownlandChurch/>

**Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – 8pm Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Boxford

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – 2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's, Chieveley

All Saints' will continue to open on Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6.00pm. We do ask that you stick to the regulations of hand sanitising and keeping a distance from others.

**Other Websites of Interest**

Links to services and prayers on the Oxford Diocese website at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/> as well as other resources and information are still very much alive. The Oxford Diocese continues to offer services by telephone, for those without the internet. These can be found on 01865 920930 and once connected, dial 0 for the full version of the service, or dial 1 for a short version. However - PLEASE NOTE - this line is not free, standard call rates apply.

**Free** Daily Hope telephone line on **0800 804 8044**.

There is also plenty of information on the Church of England website at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

### Pastoral

If you would like prayer (or other support) for you or someone else, please get in touch. We are happy to be contacted by phone or email using the details of contacts shown below. If anyone needs help or would just like to chat, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

### Contacts:

**Churchwardens:** Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

**Rector:** Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – [revdjdales@gmail.com](mailto:revdjdales@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Revd William McDowell – [rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com)

**East Downland Benefice Office:** 07957 458107 - [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com) – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm. Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## SUMMER AND WINTER GALLOPS

Due to the current pandemic, we have all noticed an increase in people enjoying the countryside. This is lovely to see, however we have recently experienced a couple of unnerving situations, one of which nearly resulted in a member of the public and a horse and rider having a serious accident. This was all due to people being where they shouldn't have been.

We would ask that everyone please keep to the marked public rights of way and not stray onto the gallops, which after all are private property, and are continually being used or maintained, and so are potentially a dangerous place to be.

Thank you for working with us to keep everybody safe, both humans and horses.

Mick Channon



# ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello Everyone.

If things progress as we all hope and people don't do silly things, we can look forward to the end of lockdown in June and a return to some kind of normality.

We are planning to have a committee meeting in July to plan our activities for the rest of 2021 starting with a coach trip on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. In the mean-time keep safe and well. With all good wishes and kindest regards.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH

**Poppy Appeal 2020** – despite the challenges of the pandemic, which saw us having to rethink our initial plans, the RBL was able to come up with an organisation wide contingency plan to ensure the Appeal could still go ahead safely, keeping the safety of the public, our volunteers, members and staff as being our number one priority. With the help of everyone across our amazing Legion family and the public, the income raised from the Poppy Appeal nationally so far is £24 million. Thank all of you our readers who contributed so generously locally to this great total. During the previous year, RBL spent just under £50m on its welfare services.

**Local Activities** – are necessarily curtailed because of Covid, but the Branch hopes to return to business as usual just as soon as it possibly can. Meanwhile some members have attended training in support of the RBL's Community Support Programme. Please see the poster displayed in this newsletter.

**Membership – come and join us!** - our small RBL branch would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £18. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email [steveallison1888@aol.com](mailto:steveallison1888@aol.com) or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email [davidnorbury@btinternet.com](mailto:davidnorbury@btinternet.com) – thank you.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at [www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org) - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

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## FROM WI PARISH COUNCIL

LEAFLET ATTACHED from BERKSHIRE VISION  
– supporting the visually impaired

## WHO TO CONTACT

### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth–Bookings–281471  
[rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 2.30 and 6.30 pm  
Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.

### PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

**Fred Carter**  
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### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306  
Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Please email [tennis.bookings@westilsley.org](mailto:tennis.bookings@westilsley.org)  
Play without joining - book and pay via [westilsleytennis.jezzam.com](http://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com) or the link on [westilsley.org](http://westilsley.org)