**Services for next week:**

**Hampton-in-Arden**

**Thursday 24th**

10am Communion

**Sunday 27th**

8.15am B.C.P

11am Eucharist

6.30pm Study

**Bickenhill**

**Sunday 27th**

11am Eucharist

**Barston**

**Sunday 27th**

9.45am Prayer Time

10.30am Morning Prayer. Martin preaching.

**Readings for next week**: Acts 5.27-32, John 20. 19-31

**We pray for:** Bob Middleton, Judy Middleton, David Mort, Mike Beasley, Ann Hall, Tony Worthington, Rene Sumner, Derrick Hill, Angela Jones, Mona Cardall, Dot Barton, Richard Herne, Barrie and Mavis Thompson, Debby Read, David Vickers, Sue Restall and Ronnie Boswell.Rick Smallwood, Paul Pilkington-Birch, Val Sharp, David Scannell, Colin McDonald and Gordon O’Conner. We also pray for the families of those who have died; Celia Heron, Richard Bibbings, Karoline Dearden, David Howells, Ivan Eley, June Hand, John Vaughn, Elizabeth Pakeman, Andrew Sumner, Roger Grain, George Colin Macnair and Irene Sutton. If you would like people to be prayed for do let us know at [office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk))

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**Hampton. Barston. Bickenhill.**

**Three Churches Together.**

**Sharing God’s Love, Growing Faith and Worshipping Together.**

**20th April 2025- Easter Sunday**

Isaiah 65. 17-25, Acts 10. 34-43, \*Luke 24. 1-12 *\*Hampton John 20. 1-18*

**Thought for the week**.

Hallelujah Christ is risen…. He is risen indeed hallelujah.

Not the words on the lips of women who discovered the empty tomb or indeed on the

disciples, Peter and John rushing to the tomb. It took a long while for any

understanding of Jesus’ resurrection to be even voiced and written down.

What would we say when we discover the empty tomb… do we truly understand

its’ meaning, and what of the implication for us who believe? When Jesus spoke to

Mary, saying ‘who are you looking for?’ and then says her name, it’s as though he is

asking all of us ‘who are we looking for?’

He then calls us by name…are we looking

for the risen Lord, do we hear him calling us and do we rejoice ‘Hallelujah Christ is

risen?” Yes, we do!!!

**S.D.**

**Collect**

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Hampton**

* **Words from Debby Read**: An enormous, heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported me with kind words, gestures and warm hugs since my dad died. Also, for the amazing help from so many kind souls behind the scenes for dad’s service. Mary led such a joyous celebration of his long life and the team of willing helpers were amazing. My whole family were so touched.
* **Missing pen**– Peter Morris has happily been reunited with his pen. Wonderful news!
* A poster on a door

  AI-generated content may be incorrect.**Thank you** so much to Vickki and Priscilla and their marvellous team of helpers who made our Easter trail for children possible. Everyone enjoyed following the virtual story, reading, playing and crafting together and the hot cross buns, soup and biscuits were delicious!

A group of kids sitting at a table

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* You may have noticed our **new foodbank collection bin** in the link room, kindly provided by the Community Essentials Foodbank. Please consider adding one or two items to your weekly shop.
* Our **next PCC meeting** will be on 23rd April at 7.30pm in the church office.

**A sunset in a cave

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**Barston**

* A BIG thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Easter. It looks beautiful.
* **Thank you to Alan** for leading us in our Maundy Evening service in the House, for leading our service of reflection on Good Friday and for leading our Holy Communion service this morning. It’s so good to reconnect with you and Val again after so many years with you playing an active part in our services.  
  Also **thank you to Matt** for preaching this morning. We are truly grateful to you both.
* Thursday 24th at 9am-**Prayer** for the future of St. Swithin’s House.
* May 3rd **All Sorts Sale** 11 till 2 pm in Institute. This was a huge success last year. Part of Barston Association. Charity Fund Raising. First event of the year. Lots of really good items on sale. It raised nearly £2000 last year.
* May 10th. **Big Breakfast.** Please put the date in your diary and invite your family and friends!
* Future date for the diary is **our APCM which will be held on May 25th** after the morning service at 12 noon. This is a very important meeting in the life of our church. Please try to come if at all possible.  
  Nomination forms for Church Warden and PCC members are on table. Please prayerfully consider these positions.

**Bickenhill**

* ****Our annual APCM will be held on Sunday 27th April after the service. Everyone is very welcome to attend.