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GROUP SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	SWINDERBY	EAGLE	N. SCARLE	THORPE
Mar. 30th	Monday of Holy Week Night Prayer at Swinderby 7.00p.m.			
Mar. 31st	Tuesday of Holy Week Night Prayer at Thorpe 7.00p.m.			
Apr. 1st	Wednesday of Holy Week Night Prayer at N. Scarle 7.00p.m.			
Apr. 2nd	Maundy Thursday H.C. + Stripping of Altar at Eagle 7.00p.m.			
Apr. 3rd	Good Friday Hour before the Cross at Eagle 2.00p.m.		Good Friday Family Service at N. Scarle 10.00a.m. with Hot Cross Buns	
Apr. 5th	Easter Sunday Group H.C. at N. Scarle 10.30a.m.		Easter Sunday E.P. at Thorpe 6.00p.m.	
Apr. 12th	H.C. 9.30a.m.	M.P. 11.00a.m.		E.P. 6.30p.m.
Apr. 19th		E.P. 6.00p.m.	M.P. 11.00a.m.	H.C. 9.30a.m.
Apr. 26th		H.C. 11.00a.m.	Family Service 4.00p.m.	

Please read this Service Plan in conjunction with the calendar on the back page

H.C.	Holy Communion	M.P.	Morning Prayer
E.P.	Evening Prayer		Sundays

Additional notes and information:

The online service of Morning Prayer, Monday to Friday at 9.00am, will continue on the North Scarle Facebook page.

The Thursday morning H.C. at Eagle will not take place in April as there is a Maundy Thursday evening service.



Revd. Andrew writes:

Hello

As I sit and write these notes I can't stop singing, "we are top of the league, we are top of the league". Many will know of my involvement with Lincoln City, and how just a little under 10 years ago we were struggling in non league football. After the win against Exeter City the team are 4 points clear at the top of League 1, and a great chance to get promoted to the Championship, the first time in over 60 years.

In a sense the desire and hope many fans had in those dark days of non league football is on the verge of coming to fruition.

Easter is a time where we see signs of hope, hope that realises that hate and destruction can be overcome with following the challenging path of love. That is at the heart of the story of Easter. That put simply violence, hatred, discrimination cannot silence love. That is the experience of those early disciples. They had witnessed their friend publicly executed, and yet they recognised in love that if we struggle to follow that path we find renewed hope.

That hope enables us to reconnect, with ourselves, with the whole of humanity and the environment around us. Disconnection from these leads to a sense of domination and destruction. So this Eastertide let us choose love and connection, over hatred and division.

As ever

Andrew

Views From The Pews

SWINDERBY

Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop in Swinderby Church continues on Monday mornings between 10.30am. and 12 noon.

Swinderby Village Lunch – Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 8th April at 12 noon in Swinderby Village Hall. Please let Maureen Fillingham know if you will be joining us, 01522 861711 or 07594 354613. A donation £3.00 will be very welcome.

From Gill

EAGLE

Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop in Eagle Church continues on Tuesday mornings between 10.00am. and 12 noon.

Fellowship Lunch – We look forward to seeing you again on Friday, 24th April, at 12 noon in Eagle Village Hall, price £4.00. Please contact Sue Stiles to book on 869296.

From Jean

NORTH SCARLE

Coffee Morning – The Coffee Morning is on Wednesday, 8th April, 10.30 – 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

From Sue

Jobs for the boys?

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason for his distress, he gulped, "The teacher said Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I wanted to be an engine driver....."

THORPE

Morning and Evening Prayer – Monday – Friday 9am and 5pm in Church. The Church is open daily from 9.30 - 5pm during the week. Morning and Evening Prayer is said and all are most welcome to join us.

Prayer is broadcast from the Church via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=north%20scarle%20church>

After Evening Prayer is said at 5.00p.m. the Church is locked. All are welcome to join online or in person.

We have a new Facebook page (St Michael and All Angels Thorpe on the Hill) for sharing updates on our events.

Parent and Toddler Group – Every Monday in term time 9.30 - 11am.

Mini St. Michael's – Meets every Monday 9.30 – 11.00a.m. during term time.

Candle Lit Yoga – Every Thursday at 7.30 – 8.30pm. in Church.

Knit and Natter – Tuesday 14th April, at 1.30 – 3.30p.m. in Church.

Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 15th April, 2.30 – 4.00p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt April 4th 10-1pm

Come and hunt for eggs, with tea and cakes! £3 with a prize for Egg Hunters. All welcome, young and not so young!

Games Night – Wednesday 22nd April 7 – 8.30pm.

Come and have a digital detox with traditional board games, dominoes and cards. Cake, snacks and hot drinks provided.

Save the date Plant Sale May 2nd 10-1pm

Please contact Felicity if you are able to donate any plants for the sale, whether you have a surplus of seedlings or are dividing plants. All will be gratefully received.

"Faith in Poetry"

Patrick is planning to start "Faith in Poetry" after Easter - please speak to him about this, more details to follow.

Anna Chaplaincy News

I have been visiting Bassingham Care Centre with Maureen from the Withamside United Parish. It's a real blessing to be working together in this way.


Fun fact: the Co-op Pharmacies hold a database of health and social care services, covering all age groups so that they can signpost people who might need some advice but are not quite sure where to find the information they need. Our coffee stops and village lunches are now linked in to this system.

Barbara



Theologian M. Shawn Copeland describes how the Eucharist calls us to solidarity with those who suffer:

Eucharistic solidarity orients us to the cross of the lynched Jesus of Nazareth, where we grasp the enormity of suffering, affliction, and oppression as well as apprehend our complicity in the suffering, affliction, and oppression of others.... Eucharistic solidarity teaches us to imagine, to hope for, and to create new possibilities. Because that solidarity enfolds us, rather than dismiss “others,” we act in love; rather than refuse “others,” we respond in acts of self-sacrifice—committing ourselves to the long labor of creation, to the enfleshment of freedom....



Baptismal Notices

The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptized at both ends.

Jesus' Maternal Grandparents - Anne and Joachim

One thing is certain - Mary the mother of Jesus must have had parents. Beyond that, nothing is definite - but church tradition offers some details, and the Virgin Mary's parents are remembered on July 26th each year.

The first mention of Anne and Joachim as being Mary's parents was found in the apocryphal Gospel of James (second century) which has no historical validity. James says that after years of childlessness Joachim was praying in the desert one day when an angel appeared to Anne to tell her that she would conceive. Anne then promised to dedicate the child to God, as Hannah had done with Samuel.

Certainly Anne, the mother of Mary, has been honoured from as early as the sixth century, when a church was built in her honour in Constantinople. Other relics and pictures of her found in Rome date from the eighth century. The sad truth is that, as the Bible is silent on the subject, we will never really know about Mary's parents. But one thing we can assume, because it is based on the character of Mary herself, her gentle humility and graciousness and informed knowledge about her faith point to a childhood spent among devout believers in God.

From the Hykeham Herald



Church Calendar for April 2026

April 2nd
April 3rd
April 5th
April 12th
April 19th
April 23rd
April 25th
April 26th

Maundy Thursday.
Good Friday.
EASTER DAY.
Easter 2.
Easter 3.
St. George, Patron Saint of England.
Mark the Evangelist.
Easter 4.



From the Registers

Eagle:

<i>Interment of Ashes:</i>	Mary Maureen Bartle	24 th February
<i>Funeral:</i>	Sandra Mary Crowe	9 th March

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Articles for May magazine to reach me by 10th April please.