

### Café-Club Zest – Keeping Active, Living Well

Café Zest meets each month – usually the first Saturday at 2.30pm at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch. It is a welcoming and dementia-friendly community sing-along & afternoon tea & everyone is welcome. Jenny Dean 670647.

### Sunday Lent Walks

**Starting at 2.30pm from a Church near you** - linking the communities of the Schorne Team. All are welcome – just turn up and enjoy!

9th March	Weedon to Whitchurch	2.4 miles
16th March	Whitchurch to Dunton	2.2 miles
23rd March	Dunton to Granborough	4.2 miles
30th March	Granborough to Oving	2.4 miles
6th April	Oving to Quainton	2.4 miles
13th April	Quainton to Waddesdon*	2.2 miles

\*NB – Route from Quainton to Waddesdon may change due to HS2 works\* Suitable for most ages, leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields & avoiding roads whenever possible. Each walk 1 ½ to 2 hours. Please think about co-ordinating transport to enable transfers back to the start. Meet some new & old friends. Martin Wright martinwright@gmail.com

### Bingo

Saturday 1st March in the Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this fun family occasion. Costs are: 1 strip = £2, 3 strips = £5, or 6 strips (1 book) = £10. Payment by cash or card. Fun, cash prizes and raffle.

### Quiz Night

Saturday 5th April at the Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm. £10 a ticket, 4 to a team. Raffle & ploughman's supper. To reserve a table, please phone Jo 07731861177

### Ukulele Evening

Saturday 12th April at 7pm in the Village Hall. We are delighted to welcome back the highly entertaining Buckingham Ukulele Group. Tickets £15 each to include a ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets are available from Davina Thorogood on 01296 670596 or John Piddington on 01296670774. Payments to Granborough village hall account number 00047778, sort code 30-99-74 or by cash. Please book no later than 5th April.

### Race Night

Friday 28th March at Crown Pub, first race 7.15pm. Funds raised to Charter Fayre.

### William (Bill) McWhirter

Over 51 years a resident, Bill will be laid to rest in Granborough on 10th March. St John the Baptist Church at 1.30pm. Wake after in Village Hall.

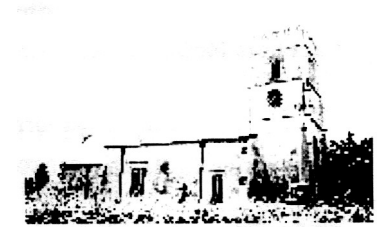
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**Pew News** material should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month to **Carolyn Scholes (670035) candmscholes@gmail.com** (please put 'Pew News' somewhere in the title of your email so that I don't miss it – thank you!)

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## St. John the Baptist Church

A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord's family; proclaiming the Gospel and serving the community.



### Pew News – March 2025

**2nd March 11am FAMILY SERVICE**  
**9th March 11am FAMILY COMMUNION**  
**16th March 11am FAMILY SERVICE**  
**23rd March 11am FAMILY COMMUNION**  
**30th March 10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY CAFÉ**  
**CHURCH at the VILLAGE HALL**  
(more details overleaf)

You are most welcome to join us for any or all of our services, or to come into our church for private prayer, as the building is open daily.

For an update on church events and activities you can always check our website (shared with North Marston Church) [www.nmgchurches.co.uk](http://www.nmgchurches.co.uk)

### The Schorne Team Services

> **Whitchurch** live-streams their Holy Communion Service each Sunday at 11am. Log onto Facebook and find The Schorne Team of Parishes' page.  
> **Discussion Group** - David and Janet will be hosting their Discussion group on **Tuesday 4th March, at their house, at 7.30pm**. The film we use for our discussion will be The Upside, which is about bridging divisions, it's about respect and compassion, unlikely friendship and living life to the full. We begin with refreshments. Join us for an evening of interesting discussion, lively opinions and reflection. Janet Bayly 670245  
> **Ash Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** with distribution of ashes, **7.30pm at Quainton Church**  
> **Messy Church** on **Sunday 9th March at 4pm at the Wesley Centre in North Marston** with some messy art and craft and also prayerful activity, games and refreshment for young families with children. All welcome.  
> **Praise and Worship Service** on **Sunday 16th March at 6pm in Quainton Church**.

### Granborough Church Flower Rota

22nd February to 3rd March Jenny Dean  
4th March to 18th April No flowers - Lent

### Prayer requests

If you have something for which you would like prayer, please contact Alison Rosser or Jayne Evans on paulandally1979@gmail.com or jaynegranborough@hotmail.com or pop a note through the door of either 3 or 24 Winslow Road. All requests are held in complete confidence. Requests may also be anonymous if preferred.

**If you find yourself in the coming weeks in need of any practical help and support, or if you have any request for prayer, or if you have any enquiries, please contact us:**

Rev Petra Elsmore	07557 045703	petra.elsmore@gmail.com
Rev Janet Bayly	670245	janet.bayly@gmail.com
Alison Rosser	670504	paulandally1979@gmail.com
Robert Kemp	670204	rookery4@aol.com

### Thought for the Month

Have you been to the cinema recently? We went a few weeks ago having at last found a film that we both wanted to see! It wasn't scfi or fantasy or something violent which some films seem to be. In fact our children nowadays tend to vet films "You won't like it mum". They know my taste.

Well we went to see "Conclave" which sounds rather turgid, as it deals with the choosing of a new Pope after the current one had died. Cardinals gather from all over the world and the discernment process begins. Eventually after several days of stalemate voting and a few intriguing sub plots, the white smoke rises from the special chimney.

The film was actually adapted from a book of the same name by Robert Harris. What was interesting was that the film followed very closely the story of the book. So often the subsequent film seems to bear little resemblance to the book, which can be very disappointing.

Over the years many of us will have seen films based on the life of Jesus or Bible stories. Some are good and some are not! Last year David and I started a film evening in our home looking at various DVDs and then discussing issues which arose from them. We watched "The Lady in the Van" which raised challenges about homelessness and showing compassion. "The Way" was about a man walking the pilgrimage of Santiago de Compostela where his son died. As he walked he met others on that journey and showed us how people cope with grief. In December we enjoyed "The Nativity" with Mary and Joseph's struggles concerning faith and belief.

Wherever we watch films and series, there are often everyday questions and challenges that arise. It's good to know that all that we face in life was experienced by Jesus and that he offers us support, care and love and that we can turn to him in our joys and sorrows. He says "Do not be afraid for I am with you to the end of time." Blessings. Janet

### Mothering Sunday – Café Church in the Village Hall

It's church, but not as you know it! Come along and join us to celebrate Mothering Sunday at 10.30am on the 30th of March 2025. We'll start with coffee, tea, soft drinks, croissants, toast and newspapers (which don't taste quite so good) and we'll also be making use of Snakes and Ladders (remember that?) during the service. If you have a set, then do please bring it along, but I'm sure there'll be one to share if you don't. Hope to see you there. Peter Evans.

### Pastoral Work

Gifts and cards are taken by members of the Church to anyone who may be celebrating, in need of support, or are new to the village. If you know anyone to whom this applies, please contact Davina on 670596, thank you.

### The Crew

Age 10 and above, Thursdays at 7pm, school term time only at Rookery Farm, Hogshaw Road. Newcomers are very welcome! The Crew are a member of Urban Saints and Granborough Church but encourage all faiths and none to join together for fun. Contact Robert 07905 419117

### Granborough Pub Lunch

Held every first Wednesday of the month in the Crown. Two courses for £15. All are welcome, so please come and join in this friendly lunch club. Next lunch is Wednesday 5th March (please arrive at about 12.15 pm). Main course sausage casserole, mash and greens or smoked haddock fishcakes, fries and salad. Puddings chocolate tart / ice cream or apple crumble and custard. To book a place contact Jenny 670647 or Davina 670596 a week before latest.

### Granborough 101 Club

Only £10.00 to have a chance to win cash & also help support local events in the village. With Mark Heritage as Treasurer & Karl McWhirter Chairperson, this fundraising event continues to raise thousands to good local cause. If you have missed the March entry (don't worry) you can enter anytime, plus if you are missing a entry form, call or text Karl on 07917 002800. Good luck!

### The Granborough Friendship Club

The Granborough Friendship Club meets in the village hall alternative Thursday afternoons 2-4pm. On March 6th we're out to lunch and on March 20th our friend Trish McSweeney will be telling us about her fantastic climb up Kilimanjaro the highest peak in Africa. All are welcome, please call Jane on 07491652646 for more information.

### Coffee, Cake and Chat Mornings

The 3C's coffee morning will be held in Granborough Village Hall, 10.15am 'til 12.00 noon on Wed 12th & Wed 26th March. Everyone is welcome, just turn up and enjoy the company of friends old and new.