



The Benefice of  
Eggardon & Colmers

# PEWS NEWS

22 March 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
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## SERVICES FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22 March	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 22 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsburry
Sunday 22 March	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 22 March	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.

## APC MEETINGS

APC meetings will be taking place during April.  
If you wish to attend, the dates are as follows:-

Symondsburry – Thursday 9 April in church – time TBC

Loders – Tuesday 21 April at 7pm Loders Church

Askerswell – Friday 24 April 7pm coffee for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Powerstock – Tuesday 28 April 7pm at The Hut, Powerstock

## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Below we have the details of our services during Holy Week. Easter Sunday is much more meaningful if you have attended some of the other services, so do come along during Holy Week if you can.

Palm Sunday 29 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Tuesday 31 March	7pm	Compline	Powerstock
Wednesday 1 April	7pm	Compline	Loders
Maundy Thursday 2 April	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Seder Meal	Askerswell
Good Friday 3 April	12-3pm	Good Friday Meditation	Symondsbury
Easter Saturday 4 April	7pm	Easter Vigil & First Communion of Easter	Broad oak
Easter Sunday 5 April	9.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Dottery
Easter Sunday 5 April	9.30am	Easter Eucharist	Askerswell
Easter Sunday 5 April	11.00am	Easter Eucharist	Loders
Easter Sunday 5 April	11.00am	Easter Eucharist	Powerstock
Easter Sunday 5 April	6.30pm	Easter Eucharist	Eype



***The Collect***

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



# Light Classical Concert

featuring

THE  
**ASPIDI STRA**  
ORCHESTRA

Playing Concert Favourites  
from the 1890s to the 1920s

**Sunday 29th March**

**6.30 pm - 9.00 pm**

**Powerstock Hut**

**£10 includes supper. Pay Bar**

Tickets from Laura Scarlett (or on the door)

07766 233809 or

powerstockchurchwarden@gmail.com

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

## WEDDING PREP MORNING

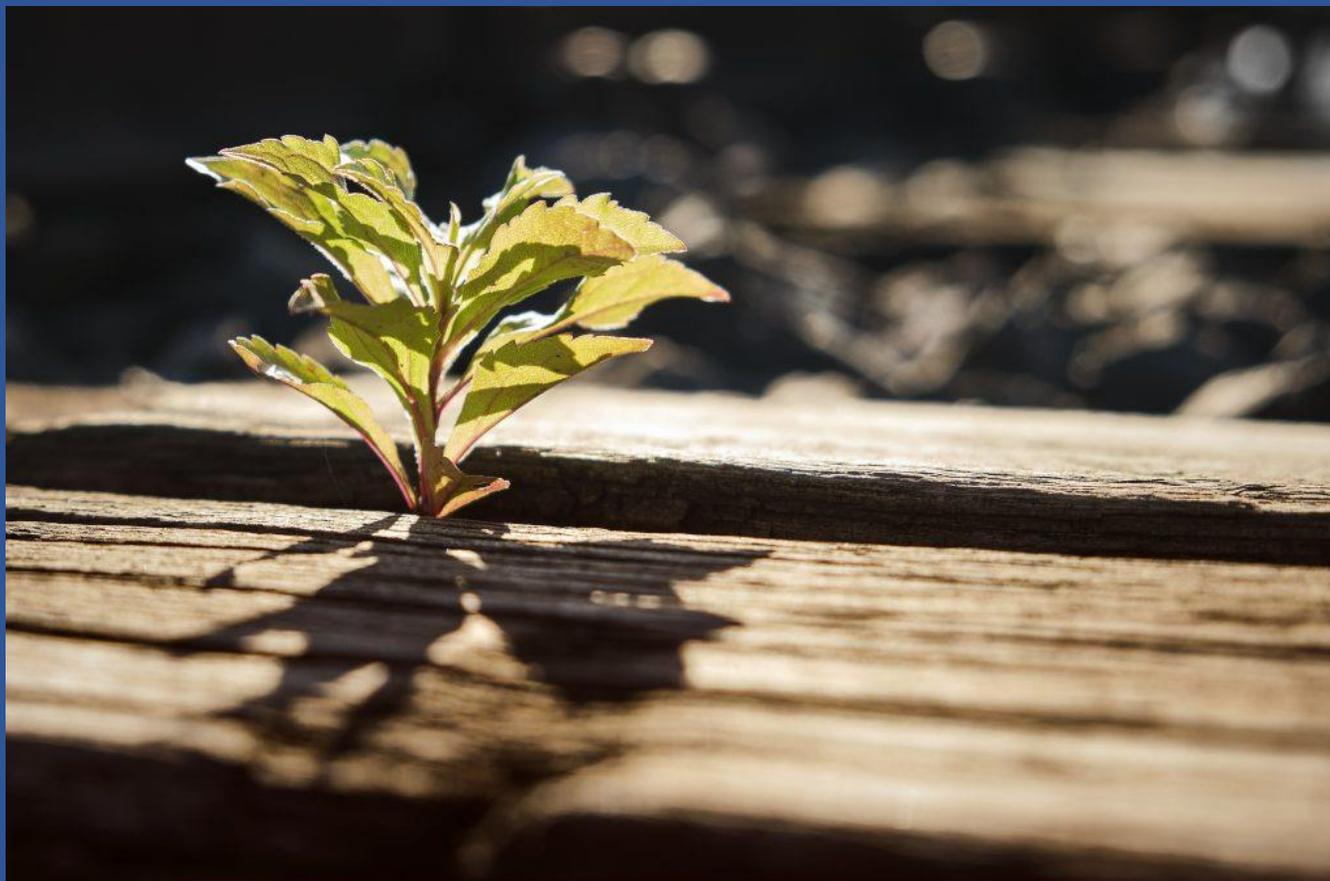
Last Saturday we hosted our Wedding Prep morning in Loders for the couples who are getting married in the Benefice in 2026.

It was a great morning, and we would like to thank Peter Nardone for playing for us and sharing some fantastic advice regarding music for the big day.

We have nine weddings this year running from May to September. Five at Symondsburry, two in Loders, one in Powerstock and one in North Poorton.



Not all the couples could make the event on Saturday, but we have a lovely photo of those that could attend.



[Coming Back to Life | Rev Chat Podcast 289](#)

Jesus brings Lazarus back from the dead  
Click on the link above to view.

BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

A Thanksgiving Service for the late Roy Seager will take place at St Mary the Virgin, Powerstock on Wednesday 25 March at 2.30pm

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The funeral of the late William George will take place on Wednesday 1 April at St Peter's, Eype at 3pm.

## A Quiet Day for Lent

Lent invites us to slow down, make space and listen for God.  
Why not give one day back to Him this year?  
You may be surprised how much difference it makes.

*From previous participants:*

*"It ministered to the soul."*

*"I found the day fed me."*

*"Just what I needed amid all  
the busyness at home!"*

Choose from one of  
three Saturdays:



28 March

These gentle and informal Quiet Days are open to all. They provide you with room to reflect on Bible passages in fresh ways, drawing once again on excerpts from Rageh Omaar's acclaimed BBC documentary series.

After exploring the crucifixion and resurrection last year, we now turn to the Gospel miracles.

In a small, intimate group, we have a chance to look at these familiar stories through the eyes of the first-century world; through Jesus himself, His disciples, His critics and those who encountered Him.

And reflect together: "What do these miracles mean for me today?"

Each Quiet Day includes worship, film excerpts, group reflection, quiet personal time, and a shared lunch. Weather permitting, there will also be time to walk the local lanes and enjoy sea views.

The day takes place at Revd Carole's home in Fishpond Bottom.

Numbers are limited, so to book your place or just to find out more  
email: [carolepeters@aol.com](mailto:carolepeters@aol.com)

Carole still has a few spaces available on 28 March.  
Thank you.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM



Each Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m.

If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email ([revcggrasske@gmail.com](mailto:revcggrasske@gmail.com)) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

## CAKE – WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

# CAKE

Our next café is on Wednesday  
1 April

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall,

DT2 9EW

**Theme: Darkness to Light.**

[lizguard@ymail.com](mailto:lizguard@ymail.com)

Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay  
Pastoral Assistant, 01308 485463

*Everyone welcome!*



**Pint & Ponder**  
**Three Horseshoes Inn**  
**Powerstock**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm**



The topic of conversation will be  
'Has Social Media had its day?'

## “SAY ONE FOR ME...”

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with “Say one for me” in the subject heading.

07977 136750 or  
revcgrasske@gmail.com



## PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow ‘Prayer Trees’ in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at ‘Cake’ before being passed on to Rev Chris.

## CHURCH DONATIONS



We now have facilities at Loders to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsburry donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.

## LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

[Our Facebook](#)

[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

## CONTACTS & INFORMATION

To receive your weekly **Pews News** and other updates from the Benefice, please email the administrator using the link here:

[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** If you live in the Benefice and would like any help, advice or a chat, please contact the administrator who can arrange for someone from one of the local teams to get in touch.

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