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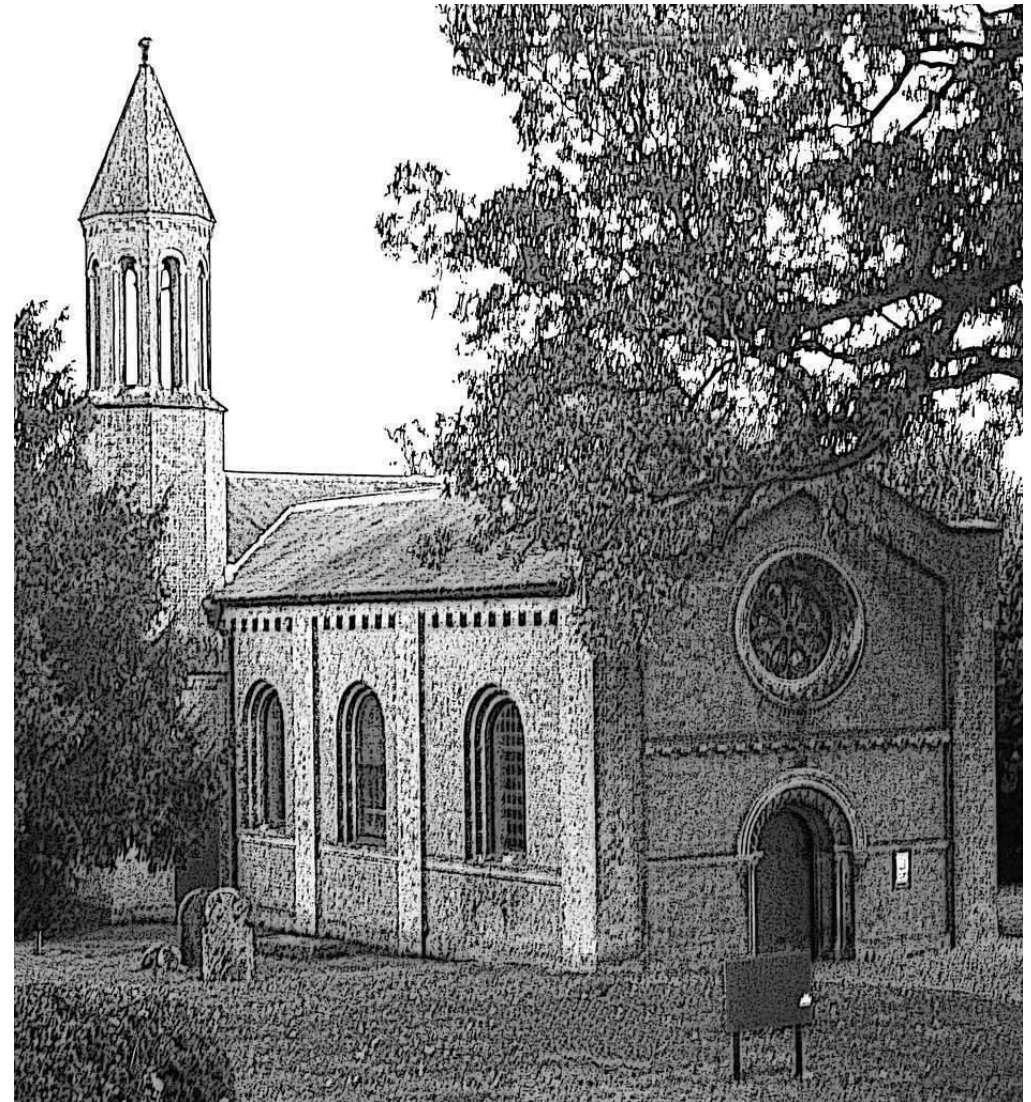
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Dear Friends,

As I write, Christmas has pretty much disappeared from view and Easter is just becoming visible in the distance. This moment between the two biggest festivals in the church year is of variable length because Easter moves with the moon, but it's never very long. Despite this, it represents about three decades of Jesus' life; we celebrate his birth on Christmas Day and by April he's in his thirties and being executed by the Romans.

Yes, the same Jesus who was "all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands and in a manger laid" was ultimately stripped naked and hung on a cross as an example to others not to cross the might of Rome. In principle, we should all know this; it's kind of elementary stuff for people who live in "a Christian country", but actually people don't always think about the connection. The fact that one week we are celebrating a new-born baby and just a few weeks later our focus is upon a dying adult does rather obscure Jesus' life, and some people (yes, really) don't even recognise both stories are about the same person.

There is a festival which bridges the gap between Christmas and Easter quite well. And it just so happens to be at this time of year. In some churchy circles it's called Candlemas. Whatever we call it, it draws our attention to something that happened when Jesus was 40 days old. In recognition of this, it is often celebrated 40 days after Christmas Day, on 2nd February. Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the temple in Jerusalem and there, in accordance with the Jewish Law, they offered the appropriate sacrifice to God to redeem Mary's first-born son.

At the temple was a godly man called Simeon who spoke words of prophecy over the child, and it's these words which properly bridge the gap between Christmas and Easter. In his first speech, he speaks of the baby as God's "salvation", a "light for revelation to the Gentiles" and for "glory to Israel" – all of which he had anticipated for many years. This is positive like our Christmas carols. But in his second speech, the tone darkens. The child will "cause the falling and rising of many in Israel", and, in revealing "the thoughts of many hearts", he will also "be a sign that will be spoken against." Finally, he tells Mary, "A sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Rector's Letter

(continues overleaf)

Jesus would be controversial, divisive even. And you can only imagine what Mary was thinking as Simeon spoke of violence.

Simeon's words came to pass. Jesus exposed the hypocrisy and false religion of the powerful and well-to-do. Their response was to plot to silence him by getting him strung up on a Roman cross. And his mother saw him die. As we draw near to Easter, may we remember that Jesus' death was no accident, but the deliberate plan of people who didn't want God ruling their lives. But may we also remember what Simeon revealed: that Jesus' death was also the deliberate plan of God; the act through which he would bring salvation to the world. Let us rejoice that Jesus did not stay a baby in the manger, but grew to adulthood, lived the life his Father requested of him and gave himself to death so that those who put their trust in him might have eternal life.

This Easter, may you come to know your place in the extraordinary plans of God,

Mark Dunstan

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POP-UP CINEMA COMES TO WARESIDE

A fantastic new event arrived in Wareside in January. The ever-resourceful Friends of Wareside Church put on the first ever pop-up cinema evening in the church. We are very lucky to have some homegrown cinematic talent in the village in the form of film producers Arabella Page Croft and Kieran Parker. They were enthusiastic about the idea and gave their support to debut their terrific film 'Sunshine on Leith' to a Wareside audience. Once again Paul Goodman, Nicholas Buxton and Steve Wood worked hard to get the event off the ground. After an introduction from a tartan-clad Arabella, everyone was treated to a feel-good musical set in Edinburgh to a soundtrack from The Proclaimers. We were delighted that so many people came and everyone who attended was impressed with the terrific quality of the cinema sound and vision. The audience was also treated to a tot of whisky to complete the Burns night theme! After the show, many of the audience decamped to the Chequers for Haggis, Neeps and Tatties (& more whisky!) to complete the night. It was great to see the pub so full of villagers and it rounded off a really great evening. After the success of the night we hope to put on more cinema evenings in the future. If you are not already on the FOWC mailing list please send your email address to friendsofwareside@gmail.com to ensure you hear about the next event.



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Notes from the Parish Council

Wareside Parish Council have had a relatively quiet couple of months over the Christmas / New Year period, there was no council meeting in December and District and County Councillors were unable to attend January's meeting.

Planning: Receiving planning applications from East Herts District Council and commenting is one area that never seems to slow down. Parish Council have commented on a number of applications over the last few months and have highlighted apparent irregularities with the planning department and the enforcement officer. Parishioners wanting to make changes to their property should ensure their plans do not contravene planning regulations, including those relating to hedges, trees and natural borders. This is particularly important for residents within the conservation area of Wareside as planning requirements for hedging, trees and boundary features is stricter. Builders may not be aware of regulations pertinent to these and EHDC planning enforcement can inspect work done and take action if the development has adversely impacted on natural features.

Neighbourhood Plan: In the near future a questionnaire will be provided to all households within the Wareside Parish asking for opinions on whether to progress with a Neighbourhood Plan. The various options and the resource implications are outlined in the leaflet. Parishioners are requested to respond to council with their opinion.

Little Oak Heath Playground and Allotments: Parish Council was contacted by Hertingfordbury Parish Council (HPC) with a request to view the new playground in Kingham Road. Councillors met with representatives from HPC and showed them around the playground, Little Oak Heath and the allotments which they had also expressed an interest in. They were very complimentary about what had been achieved by a council with such a small budget and have been in touch subsequently for additional advice and information.

Management of the area outside the playground and allotments is being discussed at council with a possible view to adding some trees and introducing a broader range of "wild" flowers. A number of daffodils have been planted and wild flower seeds distributed. It is hoped these will add to the bio diversity and brighten the area over the coming months. There are a few allotments available for any keen gardeners. They are cheaper than the gym, and you get "free" healthy food! Anyone interested contact the Allotment Association.

Litter Picking: This will take place on the afternoon of March 3rd and 4th. Equipment (hi-vis jacket, litter pickers and bags) will be provided. Litter pickers will work in pairs and are not expected to pick for longer than an hour. Routes to be taken can be agreed on the day to ensure most efficient coverage. Last year we collected over 20 bags. For further details please contact Mike Ryan on 01920 460571.

For more information on neighbourhood planning, councillors, meetings and minutes please check the parish council website on : <https://www.waresideparishcouncil.co.uk>

Cllr. Mike Ryan

WARESIDE ART CLASSES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Art classes in the village hall started in March and will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning of the month from 10am until noon. We are a friendly, welcoming group and we do need more people. I have paints and brushes you can use and paper and canvases to buy at very cheap prices. I also have a lot of reference material you can use. So don't be put off if you don't have materials or have never painted before come and enjoy yourself - we don't judge we just encourage each other. Often I do a demonstration at the beginning. If you are an expert in any medium you are also welcome. So far we have tackled subject such as still life, magnolias, seascapes, skies, mountains and a white lion amongst other topics. We have worked in acrylics, oils and watercolour but all media are welcome. Poppies are coming into flower and they are an excellent subject with such vibrant colours. Tea and coffee are available. The cost is £12 per session.

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Although we have reminded residents several times about the problems with parking at the village hall, the Committee have been made aware of three incidents in the car park last year, which is a great cause for concern. We are, therefore, seriously considering taking further measures with regard to parking.

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