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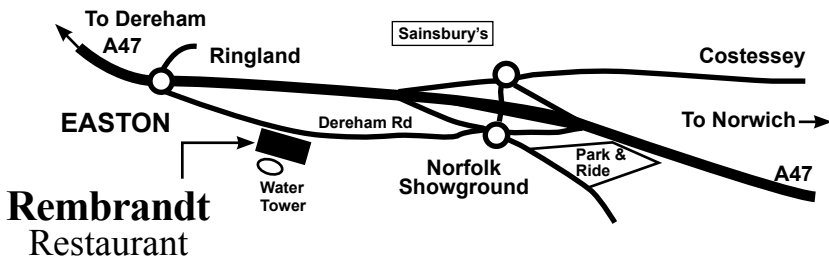
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THE Grapevine

A happy Easter to all our readers!

We hope there will be some good weather to enable some outdoor fun and games involving chocolate of course and time also to rest and reflect on the meaning of Easter. However you choose to spend it, we wish you well.

Grapevine Committee.



Co-ordinator needed to help distribute magazine

A new co-ordinator is needed to organise distribution of printed copies of *The Grapevine* to homes and organisations in Easton, five times a year.

After receiving the total number of copies, the job entails counting these into allocated amounts and taking them to the deliverers around Easton. This is a voluntary job for a car driver who is willing to

help the community.

For more information, please contact **Felicity Maton** on **f.maton@btinternet.com** or telephone **01603 880846**.



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Email as word doc to: annettegh57@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

YOUR

Colton village hall

● Help raise funds for play area

There will be a bake, craft sale and raffle on **April 16** at **Colton village hall** to help raise money for some new equipment for Colton amenity area. Pop in between **10am** and **12pm**. Local resident, eight-year-old Elona Moore has also started a **Just Giving** page to try and raise money for his cause. The parish council is hampered from applying, for example for Heritage Lottery funding by virtue of the very short nature of the current lease, so Elona's personal efforts are truly inspirational. To support Elona's efforts, go to justgiving.com

● Volunteers needed for village hall clean up!



Volunteers cleaning up in 2018.

Picture: Annette Hudson

If you have a couple of hours to spare on **Saturday, April 15** we would love you to help us give the outside of the village hall a thorough tidy up. Just turn up at Colton village hall from 10am on that date. There will be tea and coffee provided after!

● Thursday coffee morning

All are welcome to the coffee morning every **Thursday** in Colton village hall from **10am to 12pm**. Drink and biscuits 50p. Bacon roll £1.50

Easton village hall

● Easton Good Companions

Next meeting April 13 with a talk about the **Royal British Legion**. On April 17, there will be a demonstration by **Christine Chapman** on jewellery. Open to all over 50s. We welcome members **every two weeks on Thursdays** at Easton village hall from **2pm - 4pm**. Pop along and meet us!

● Easton Good Companions AGM

Tuesday April 11 at 7.30pm.

This will be the final AGM at the old village hall. All are welcome to attend.

Tony Perry



Community and Fundraising Events

Marlingford village hall

● Thursday talks

20 April 20 at 7.30 pm.

Phoenix Rescue

Birds of prey rescue and rehabilitation charity with Jo (and some feathered friends!) Cost is £5 including refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

● SAVE THIS DATE!

Coronation Big Lunch

on **Sunday May 7** to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Residents and families of Marlingford are invited to bring their own picnics and the village hall will provide tables and chairs outside (inside if weather is bad).

There will be a paid bar providing bubbly for a toast to the King. The hall and grounds will be open from 1.30pm until late and this will align with the **Big Lunch** and the **Coronation Concert** taking place in the evening. During the afternoon, there will be traditional games and activities. Please keep an eye on *The Grapevine*, the village hall facebook page, notice boards and the website for more details. Volunteers welcome!



Colton Art & Craft Group

Wednesdays

10am-12pm

Meet fortnightly at
Colton Village Hall
£5 per session

Next meeting:
Wednesday April 5

For more details,
contact Rosanna Ellis
on 07765294347

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EASTER PRIZE BINGO

Saturday, April **1**

Colton Village Hall
Doors open at 6.30pm
Eyes down at 7.00pm

PLUS RAFFLE

Refreshments available at 'half-time'
but please bring your own alcohol.
Donations of prizes gratefully received.

Community and Fundraising Events

Help support this couple's marathon effort!

After a few false starts owing to the pandemic, Marlingford residents Alison and Matthew Jones will finally be running in the London marathon this month. Alison, who is a GP at the Roundwell Medical Centre, has wanted to run in the race since she was at school.

"Watching the London Marathon in the 1980s as an active teenager, I just assumed that one day I would take part." she said.

"I approached Dementia UK about a charity place for April 2020".

Of course, the pandemic postponed any marathon attempts when Alison's focus shifted to medical matters. But now the run is almost here and Alison believes support for Dementia UK is crucial.

"The last three years have brought increased difficulties such as isolation followed by a deterioration in access to both health and social care. These people need help more than ever". Husband Matthew is joining her to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance of which he is CEO.

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Marathon competitors Alison and Matthew Jones.

patients in our region either via helicopter or by car from our two bases at Norwich and Cambridge airports. We are almost entirely funded by the public through charitable giving and receive no direct NHS funding except some of our seconded paramedics, who are given free of charge".

The couple each need to raise £2,500 for their charities.

Their daughter who is studying in Canada will not be able to be with her parents as they run in the marathon, but their son hopes to join them in London before returning to university.

● **If you would like to help Alison and Matthew raise funds for these very good causes, go to their Jones Family Marathon Challenges JustGiving page to donate what you can: [justgiving.com/team/teamjonesmarathon2023](https://www.justgiving.com/team/teamjonesmarathon2023)**

News from Easton Women's Institute

70th birthday celebrations

Our 70th Birthday meeting was a great success! Despite awful weather that evening, all but one of our members were there plus visitors from several neighbouring WIs. Thanks must go to Anne Dunbar for making and decorating a very special birthday cake – it was delicious. Thanks also to our members who provided an impressive spread of food and delicious punch to wash it down!

Upcoming events

On **Thursday April 13** we will be having a talk entitled **Lasting Power of Attorney made Simple**.

On Monday **April 24** at 7.30pm the WI Group meeting will take place at Hethersett Methodist church hall to hear the Norwich Harmony Choir sing. This will be followed by light refreshments. All WI members are welcome to attend and the cost will be £3.50.



Cutting the 70th birthday celebration cake.

Our May speaker will be **Rosie Wilkin** who will be talking about and demonstrating how to make historic braids. This is also a hands-on craft session.

Easton WI is always pleased to welcome new members and people who might just want to know more about the WI are very welcome to attend a limited number of our meetings.

Mary Blathwayt

Memorial service/celebration of life for Frank Curtis

The family of **Frank Curtis**, who lived until recently at Manor Barn, Colton, are planning a memorial service/celebration of his life in Norwich on Saturday, 24 June 2023. If you knew Frank and Sheila and would like to

attend the service/celebration, please contact me by email or phone for details.

Thank you.

Simon Curtis

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Make sure you are prepared to vote in May!

Elections 2023 Key Dates

Not registered to vote?

Register by 11:59pm on 17 April



Voting by post?

Apply by 5pm on 18 April

Postal votes need to be received by 10pm on 4 May



Voting by proxy?

Apply by 5pm on 25 April



Voting in person, but no ID?

Apply for Voter Authority Certificate by 5pm on 25 April

Make sure you register to vote first



Voting in person?

Bring your ID and vote on 4 May



A message from your local police officer, PC Vicky Bailey



Over the next few months, I will be conducting monthly engagement surgeries across Broadland and South Norfolk. These will be held at **The Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Costessey NR8 5AH** from 1pm-3pm on the following dates: **April 25; May 23**. Come along and have a chat if there is a local policing issue

or concern you wish to discuss or if you simply just want to talk to an officer serving your community. I look forward to meeting you!

**Community Engagement Officer
Vicky Bailey PC 1425**

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Promote your club or business at the St Peter's Church Flower Festival in May

St. Peter's Church, Easton is holding a **Flower Festival** on the weekend of **Saturday 13** and **Sunday 14 May** which will culminate in a special Songs of Praise service.

All clubs, societies and businesses in and around Easton are invited to participate using the space to advertise their society or business with a floral display and flyers showing details of what they do. The church will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on Friday May 12 in order to set things up. (Alternative times by arrangement). The theme is **Royalty** or **Coronation**

as it is the year we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Your display does not have to be large – indeed, 'small is beautiful'. The organisers will supply a card to accompany the display with details of your business or club in order to promote it.

● **If you would like to take part in the festival, please fill in the form below and send it by post to:**

Anthony Perry,
Secretary, St Peter's Church,
7 Pegg Close, Easton NR9 5JB
or email the details to:
perryanthony00@gmail.com

I/We would like to participate in the Flower Festival on May 13/14 at St Peter's Church, Easton.

Contact name

Name of club/business/other

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Email

Tel no

Floral display title

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There are some super things to do this Easter!

Easter Eggstravaganza Trail

Visit **Chantry Place** from Saturday **April 1** to Sunday **April 16** for a FREE family Easter trail. Pick up a trail map from Langley's and follow posters to solve the word puzzle. One lucky winner could win up to £150 worth of prizes!

Theatre

Norwich Puppet Theatre is performing *Jack and the Beanstalk*, during **April**. Or catch *The King of Nothing* on **April 13**. **Tickets £10 or £35 for a family of four.**

Meet some zany characters in *Eggs on Legs* recommended for ages 3-8 although the 11am shows are open to all ages. Under 2s will need to sit on an adult's lap.

Tickets £10.

Escape to a world of pure imagination at **Norwich Theatre Royal** with Raold Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* coming on **April 19-29**. **Tickets £10-£65.**

Joss Arnott's *Tin Man* is at **Norwich Theatre Playhouse** from **April 14-16**. **Tickets Adults £16, Children £10. Family ticket for four £40.**

Workshops

Norwich Theatre Royal *Stories for our Planet* will have you recycling paper into fresh ideas. This is a fun, creative storybuilding session



for families focused on climate action. Recommended for ages 5-8 accompanied by a grown up.

Cost £7 per child.

Norwich Puppet Theatre has *Giants: Children's Workshop* on **April 14 10.30am - noon**.

Tickets £9.50. Or try *The Bouncing Bunnies Family Workshop* or children aged over 4 accompanied by a paying adult. **Tickets £9.50.**

Holkham Hall

Standard admission and no need to prebook, there's lots going on at the hall. With cottontail trails and Velveteen tales, everybunny is hopping to Holham this Easter from **April 7-17**. There's chocolate, toys and activities aplenty in Holkham hall, Holkham Stories and Holkham Walled garden. Plus on **April 8-9, 10am - 4pm** there's

a chance to fill up and feast with the Easter food, drink and gift market where you'll find more than 50 local and regional artisan producers. Visit holkham.co.uk for more information.

Escape games

Enjoy a jaunt across Norwich and get some fresh air with *City Escape Games* outdoor challenges. Can you help catch the culprit in the *Mayor Murder Mystery*? Go to cityescapegames.co.uk for details.

Easter Eggspress

Bure Valley Railway is running the Easter Eggspress from **April 1-16**. It's a great day out for all the family. Every child receives a free Easter egg at the end of the trail. **Tickets £19 adults, £10 children.**



Call: 01263 733858 to book or visit bvrw.co.uk/events/easter-eggspress

The Great Easter Eggsploration

Get your treasure map and go hunting for giant nests and a golden egg at **Pensthorpe** from **April 1-17** in their *Not Your Nest* event. With flamingo talks, free crafts, pond dipping and mosaic egg crafts with Dandelion Mosaics, there will be something for everyone this Easter. Call **01328 851465** to book or visit pensthorpe.com/not-your-nest

Blickling Hall

This spring, treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Blickling Estate on their Easter trail. Make your way along the trail and find activities for the whole family. The trail takes place from **April 1-17** from 10am to 5pm, with last entry at 4.00pm, so go along and explore the beautiful garden at Blickling Estate. The price of the trail is **£3 per child** and includes a trail map, bunny ears, a pencil and a chocolate egg at the end. For those with allergy concerns, a vegan and Free From chocolate egg is available. As the trail takes place in the garden, normal admission charges also apply with free entry to the garden for National Trust members.

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors:

Mr J Morse, Chairman

**Dr Paul Hammerton,
Vice Chairman**

Cllr Mr Steve Clarke

Cllr Prof Carole Farrow

Cllr Mr David Woods

Annual parish meeting

This is being held on Tuesday April 11 from 7pm at Colton Village Hall. Come and find out about what has been happening in the villages over the last 12 months.

Enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit while meeting others from the villages. Marlingford and Colton Parish Council look forward to seeing you there.

Council vacancy

The parish council has a vacancy and is looking for residents to join. If you are interested in local issues and want to make a difference in your community, being a councillor could be for you. If you are interested in seeing what the role entails, come along to one of our meetings.

Alternatively, feel free to contact our clerk, **Maria Hutson** on **01603 850118**, or email **marlingfordandcoltonpc@gmail.com**

Colton amenity area

Elona's fundraising to improve the amenity area is continuing with a



Colton amenity area.

Picture: Annette Hudson

raffle and sale at Colton village hall on Sunday April 16. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event and you could be in with a chance to win some amazing prizes with donations from NCFC, Barnham Broom and UEA Sportspark among others.

We will also be asking residents to complete a short questionnaire at the event to find out who is currently using the amenity area in Colton and what you would like to see there in the future.

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

The next meetings will be held on

- **Tuesday April 11 at Colton village hall** (pictured right) including annual parish meeting.

Address:

Norwich Road, Colton NR9 5BY

- **Tuesday May 16 - venue TBC Parish council AGM**

At each meeting there is an opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise any issues they may have. You are also welcome to simply come along and listen to the meeting. Councillors look forward to welcoming



residents to the next meeting.

Contact details for clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council

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- **Helping Hand Award**
- **Green at Heart Award**
- **Business in the Community Award**
- **Community Group of the Year**
- **Community Hero**

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Cllr Ben Moye – Chairman

**Cllr Peter Milliken –
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New residents and new housing

Easton parish councillors wish to welcome the new residents of Festival Park to our community and hope they enjoy their new homes.

As Orbit homes continue at a pace to build new homes on Dereham Road, councillors would encourage existing residents who are looking to remain in the village to put their names on the South Norfolk Council housing register to be eligible for one of these new homes. Please do not be put off if you are told the chance of getting a property is low as this is not the case. Easton residents will be at the top of the list for new homes as agreed in the S.106 housing allocation cascade list. If you have any problem being added to the list, please contact **Cllr Margaret Dewsbury**, the local district and county councillor, for assistance.

Easton Neighbourhood Plan review

The Neighbourhood Plan review is well underway, and the council



is awaiting the last of the responses to the public consultation that ran for six weeks. Councillors will be reviewing the comments received, responding to them and preparing a report to the independent planning inspector. Once the inspector's comments are received, the review document will be put forward for adoption. Full details of the review can be found here on the parish council website.

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Grants for King Charles III Coronation

Parish councillors are very disappointed that the offer of £500 grant for the King's Coronation received no applications nor has the £200 grant available from South Norfolk Council. Both grants are available to set up an event for the whole community and councillors had hoped that one of the local organisations in the village would have taken this offer forward. The King's Coronation is on the 6 May 2023 so it is still not too late to put something together.

Tree Planting

Last month the council planted around 160 new trees in the village and will be planting more later in the year. All the trees planted are native species and are between 1.5 – 1.75m in size. If you have any ideas where you would like to see new trees planted around Easton, please get in touch with our clerk: clerk@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Speeding and parking

The police have been monitoring speeding in the village with the deployment of road monitoring strips. This now gives them an indication of the worst times and the 'hot spot' areas that need to be targeted. The community is reminded that, in the not too distant future, the 30mph zone will be extended to Dunham Road (the private road leading to the college). The spend limit on the remaining section of Dereham Road to the Longwater interchange will be changing from 60mph to 40mph. Pavement parking continues to be an issue and, in recent times, a number of cars have blocked the use of the pavement to pedestrians. It is only a few inconsiderate drivers who behave like this and spoil it for everyone. The parking of cars on a junction is also dangerous and against the Highway Code.

The council will be liaising with the South Norfolk Council Parking Control Officers and, in severe cases, the police, to handle these problems.

New Easton Community Centre

The new community centre is still on schedule to be completed by the end of October 2023. Details of the new site are available to view at eastoncommunitycentre.co.uk

The council uploads weekly images and videos showing what has been completed that week and have now finished a 'walk-through' video showing how the community centre will look. It can be found in the video section of the website and councillors hope you enjoy exploring these images of the new space coming to our community. The council has an interest in the existing village hall remaining as a community asset and are in discussion with a group to secure its future serving the community for many years to come.

Welcome to Bridge School

The new **Bridge School** is a special school for children with complex needs and/or autism. Sited on Bawburgh Road, this school has now opened and Easton parish councillors are pleased to welcome all staff, pupils and their families to our community. In other exciting

news, Trinity Solutions has received approval to open the Light House school helping vulnerable students achieve their pathway to living independent lives.

Play areas

Spring is upon us and the play areas will start to get used more. These are valuable spaces for children and families so councillors are asking for your support if you see someone damaging play equipment, please report this on

101. Vandalism is a direct cost to all residents and stops the children enjoying their play time. Please also remember to take litter home, especially if the bins are full.

Elections

Remember local elections will take place on **4 May 2023** and to vote you are now required to produce formal ID.

Easton parish councillors and staff would like to wish all residents a very Happy Easter.

Warship exhibition that takes you back 300 years...

You may remember the story of the discovery of the wreck of the Gloucester featured in last July's Grapevine. The warship carrying the future King of England and Scotland ran aground in heavy seas off the coast of Great Yarmouth. The vessel sank, losing many lives and for more than 300 years, the wreck lay buried on the seabed.

Well, you can now see some of the fascinating objects from this wreck in a major exhibition exploring the ship's dramatic discovery by brothers Julian and Lincoln Barnwell. Most striking is the bell – that confirmed the ship's identity – which will be on show alongside beautifully preserved personal effects, that tell stories of the passengers and crew, and of life on board the ship.



You can witness the argument that led to the ship running aground and decide who you think was to blame. You can also learn about the finding of the Gloucester and about the ongoing historical, scientific, and archaeological research into the wreck and its importance.

● **Tickets to the exhibition are free with museum admission.**

The exhibition is expected to be very popular so book your tickets in advance. For more information click: museums.norfolk.gov.uk

Mobile library 2023 – April dates

Marlingford – Route: CEN 317 Wednesday: April 12

Stop no	Arrives	Departs	Postcode
18: Colton Road near Home Farm	2.10pm	2.25pm	NR9 5HS
20: Mill Road	2.30pm	2.45pm	NR9 5HU

Colton –Route: CEN 319

Wednesday: April 19

38: Ex post Office	5pm	5.15pm	NR9 5DB
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Easton –Route: CEN 419

Thursday: April 13

6: Parkers Close	10.45am	11am	NR9 5EE
8: Marlingford Road	11.05am	11.25am	NR9 5AD
10: Marlingford Way	11.30am	11.50am	NR9 5HB
12: Kennedy Close	11.55am	12.10pm	NR9 5EY
14: St Peter's Drive	12.15pm	12.45pm	NR9 5HF

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries call 01603 222303.

Here's a contribution from Jonno of the Hope Community church in Wymondham who thought he'd like to write a poem...

Poem for Chrissy

On two weekly cycles we gather for coffee time,
A light breezy gathering, simply sublime.

The light for carers or for people who live,
their time and their patience to all they give.

But this one's for Chrissy, a cheery young sort,
brimming with light and some fun, our sport.

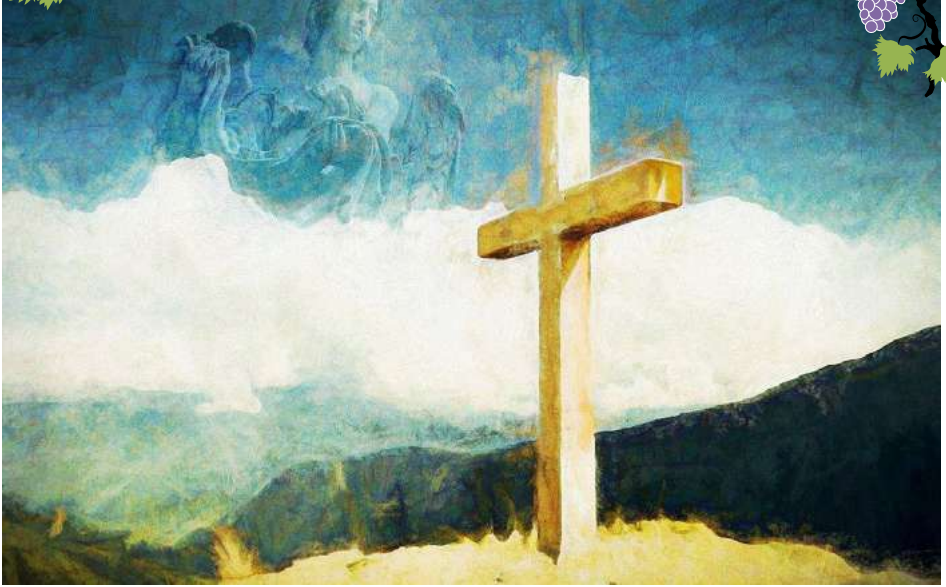
So what do we do in our world down at Hope?
A sing song, a chat it helps us, we cope.

It's cheery, good humoured and charges us for more
Living and talking, not wishing to bore.

So we drive and we make our dreams to enhance,
a lively yet measured elegant dance.

Jonathan Hamilton

The Rambling Vine



Be open to the changes that can enrich life

The beginning of April, this year, also marks the beginning of Holy Week, the culmination of the previous five weeks of preparation that is Lent. During Holy Week, we re-enact the highs and lows of the key events in the last days of the life of Jesus. We ride into Jerusalem on a donkey while the crowds gather and wave their palm branches and shout Hosanna. We gather around the Passover table as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and shares with them the very first bread and wine. We gather at the foot of the cross to watch as Jesus is put to death once and for all. On Holy Saturday we wait- as Jesus' disciples waited for

the chance to serve the body of Jesus in the tomb, we wait. Then, on Easter morning, we gather and witness the empty tomb and celebrate our encounter with the risen Christ. Each of these acts takes us deeper into the story and experience of Jesus and His disciples and each time we rehearse it, we learn and experience something new. It also stands in somewhat stark contrast with the Easter celebrated by the world. As with Christmas where we wait for Christmas day to celebrate and keep going until February, so does the rest of society binge on their chocolate eggs long before Easter Sunday dawns. I have learnt from bitter

experience (just ask my children!) that waiting until Easter to buy your Easter eggs and chocolate means that you are more than likely to be limited in your choice – being left with only the most weird and wonderful and, frankly, disgusting combinations to choose from. And of course, by Easter Monday it is all gone and the shelves will be full of something else – this year probably coronation flags and union jack decorated cakes. This can make those of us who keep Easter in this way feel disconnected from the culture in which we live. This disconnection is an increasingly familiar feeling. There have always been generational divides but the fast, ever-changing technological world can make these divides seem deeper and wider. We recently watched the first Mission Impossible movie, filmed in 1996.

At the time of release, we marvelled

at the amazing tech, watches that could take a phone call, ear buds that fitted in your ears with no wires, phones that could track someone’s every movement. Imagine that! Well – I don’t need to as I use all of those things every day. What was pure fantasy just a few years ago has become my everyday reality. When we feel disconnected from the culture around us it can be tempting to lock ourselves into our bubble and reject the changes. By doing this though, we risk pushing away connection and people. As society changes we have to hold firm to what is true and important but keep ourselves open to the opportunities for connection, to seek for what is real and can enrich our lives. Please know that you are welcome to join us as we walk through the story of Easter. You can find the details of services below.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Church services April 2023

Sunday 2	10.00am	Palm Sunday Communion, Easton
Holy week		
Maundy Thursday 6	6.30pm	Communion with Handwashing, Colton
Good Friday 7	2.00pm	An hour at the cross, Easton
Sunday 9	10.00am	Easter Sunday Communion, Marlingford
Sunday 16	10.00am	All Age Communion, Colton
Sunday 23	10.00am	Benefice Communion, Bawburgh
Sunday 30	10.00am	Benefice Communion, Marlingford

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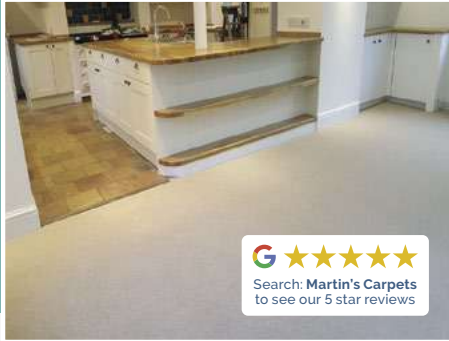
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