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The Rev Keith writes...

Happy Easter! Of course, with Easter Sunday falling on 1st April this year, we also wished you a Happy Easter on the cover of last month's magazine too – but there's nothing odd about that: in many ways the Church celebrates Easter every Sunday, week in and week out.

The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus offers us the ultimate in good news, and is something worth retelling and sharing. As a Vicar, I often have the privilege of journeying with families at significant moments in life such as Baptisms and Weddings, alongside the regular journey we're always making together through daily life. But my role also involves praying for people for whom life is not easy. People often ask me about that aspect of ministry, and my response is that I believe we have a hope in Jesus that makes the difference. Easter may be a time of year when we think a bit more about what God has done for us through Jesus, but it is, I believe, a truth that we can hold on to at all times. If you have questions, then do get in touch, or come along to our weekly Services – even if you just want time and space to think, you'll be most welcome. Don't miss out!

Easter is also associated with Spring: new life emerging from the ground and warmer, brighter days, but the strange weather we've been having in recent weeks makes me cautious-

about any such predictions this year. One thing I am looking forward to however, is the Ashley Rose Queen Fair and Festival. This year the celebrations will take place on Saturday 12th May, with a Service at St Elizabeth's on Sunday 13th at 11am too. You'll find further information throughout this magazine. Although there are still a few weeks to go, I'm conscious that there's a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes and around the village to get everything ready.

Last month I mentioned that there are some changes taking place in the Parish Office we have up in Hale that looks after both St Peter's in Hale and St Elizabeth's here in Ashley. Our new team have now started, and you can contact Claire, Maxine and Katherine on the same phone number as before: 0161-928-3374. Parish Office opening hours remain 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

Yours, Keith.

Revd Keith Addenbrooke
T. 0161-928-4182

Ashley Rose Queen 2018

**Saturday May 12th 2018 at 2.00pm
on the field at Sunnysides at Ashley School**

This years Rose Queen is Olivia Johnson and the Rose Bud is Jessica Johnson, the Retiring Queen is Maisie Atkinson. All children who wish to take part in the procession please contact Catherine Jones details on the front of the Magazine, with names and ages.

The Dog Show and the Bake Off will be taking place as usual, along with the Raffle, prizes still needed, Tombola's, Tea, Cakes and Burger Stall's. As well as many others. Anybody who wishes to run a stall please contact Catherine Jones see front for details. Helpers are still needed to put up stalls and to clear away after the Fete.

This year the organiser's are thinking of having music after the Brass Band has finished, so if anyone would like to sing or play an instrument on the stage please get in touch with Catherine Jones.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Greyhound and at the Fete

Adult and Children's Tombola Prizes

Donations for the Tombola Stall will be collected on Saturday 28th of April from outside front doors, if residents miss this date, they can also be dropped off at Ashley Mowers, Pat Gregory's (anytime) or Helen Johnson both of Egerton Moss or at St. Elizabeth's on Saturday May 5th when Catherine will be there running the book sale.

Items needed especially are Chocolate, Bottles, as well as the usual stuff. Thank You.

If anyone would like to have a stall at the Fete for their business, to sell their own wares (fees apply) please get in contact with Catherine Jones, contact details on the front of the magazine.

Donations of scones, cakes, cake loaves etc, for the tea stall and the cake stall, please take to the field before 2.00pm on the day of the Fete.

More information will be in next month's Magazine

+++ NOTICES +++

Ashley Parish Council would like to encourage residents to report every pot hole, gully, pavement, etc that they come across via this website so that the issues are given a higher priority by the maintenance teams. Adding photos is a plus but not essential, please keep a record of your reference number which will be emailed to you with each report.

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/highways_and_roads.aspx

Ashley Parish Council

Broadband

Mr Henry Brooks has moved his offices from Knutsford to Ashley Hall and has installed superfast broadband for his staff and nearby Tatton Estate properties.

Mr Brooks is kindly considering extending a similar service to Ashley residents, especially those who struggle to get any workable Internet speeds. The service would provide a download speed of 20 Mbps, potentially up to 100 Mbps.

The present system is priced at business rates and so quite expensive for single households. However, a much more attractive package could be arranged if a cluster of residents (in reasonably close proximity to each other) express interest.

If you are interested in the superfast broadband, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Council Meetings

The next Council meetings will take place in the Ashley Community Centre, St Elizabeth's Church.

Annual Parish Meeting

14th May 2018 - Monday 7.30pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting

14th May 18 - Monday 8.00pm

The Annual Parish Meeting is an informal meeting giving residents an opportunity to express their views about Ashley village and the Parish Council

Ashley Parish Council

Clerk: Sue McDonald Phone: 0161-928-4677

Email: apc@ashleyworks.co.uk Website: ashleyparishcouncil.org.uk

+++ ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER +++

Ashley Road is to be closed on Tuesday 3rd April until Friday 15th April to allow a crane to be used to mend the parapet on the Bollin Bridge at the boundary between Ashley and Hale. From 9.30am to 15.30pm, this will also include weekends

The alternative route during this time will be:

Ashley Road, Cow Lane, Back Lane, Tanyard Lane, Castle Mill Lane, Mill Lane, Wilmslow Road, Hale Road, Park Road or via South Downs Road to Chester Road, then Mereside road and down Tatton Mile onto Cow Lane.

If you have any enquiries relating to the work's please contact Cheshire East Highways on telephone number 0300 1235020.

Ashley Centre

So far there is nothing sorted for any Thursday/ or any day social evenings for 2018.

A few things are in hand...

- Peter Hardern is talking to Adam Partridge to arrange an antiques valuation afternoon/evening - date awaited.
- Catherine Jones mentioned another concert by the Cadishead Brass Band - date awaited.
- The United Christian Singers, who filled the building last May, have asked to come back, and I have provisionally agreed the evening of the last Sunday in November.
- One you might not expect, but don't be put off - is an evening with Bishop William Pwaisiho, presently Rector of Gawsorth. William is from the Solomon Islands, and is unlike any other Bishop you are likely to come across !! He is wonderfully funny and cheerful, and a great story teller. He would be hugely entertaining - no date fixed.

Please let me know your thoughts, and if you have ideas, no matter how wacky, send them round.

+++ RAIL ENGINEERING WORKS +++

The week of 30th April 2018 - 3rd May 2018

There will be engineering work's affecting the

Mid Cheshire Line during late April / May 2018...

From Monday 30th April to Thursday 3rd May 2018 (inclusive):

The 22.48 Chester to Manchester Piccadilly train will be replaced by a bus.
An additional bus will run at 23.30 from Knutsford to Manchester Piccadilly.

Planning Your Journey

For full details of these changes and the impact on your journey with Northern and other operators, please refer to the National Rail Enquiries Journey Planner

BIRTHDAYS ~ APRIL 2018

Birthdays April 2018

Stuart Davies 4th

Issac Leigh 13th

Grace Blockley 16th

Alexander Smith 18th

Happy Birthday to you, hope you have a wonderful day.

Ashley Centre's Book Sale

The next one is on Saturday 7th April, from 2pm to 4pm.

When duties allow the local Police Officer will be on hand to answer questions.

The book sales are usually on the first Saturday of the month, unless there is a wedding on.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library's next visit

to Ashley will be on:

Friday, 20th April

Friday, 11th May

**The library will be in
the Greyhound car park**

11:40am - 12:40pm

**[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
libraries/nearest_library/
which_mobile_library_
week.aspx#April](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest_library/which_mobile_library_week.aspx#April)**

If you do not have a library card, on your first visit you need to take proof of address, like a council tax bill etc. The Librarian will set up a library card for you while you look for a book to read.

Ice Cream Van

The ice cream van comes to Hough Green on Sundays at 12noon. Remember to watch your vehicle speed when driving onto Hough Green.

Greater Manchester Marathon

This event will take place on Sunday, 8th April, 9:00am start. There will be some road closures in the Trafford area.

www.greatermanchestermarathon.com

Children Playing on the Green

Now that the lighter nights are with us and the Easter Holidays approaching a reminder to all car drivers that the children will now be out and about on the Green especially when you come in from work. So please drive slowly when you come onto the estate.

Also remember to take bikes and toys back into your homes so that they cannot be stolen.

Great way to Keep in Touch

For all those people who are unaware there is a face book page called Ashley Parish Council, which you can post messages, request 's and urgent notices.

Thank You

Thank you to Jeff Warburton and friend who stepped in to direct traffic, at the Bollin Bridge when the lights failed, on Wednesday the 21st Morning.

Advert Space to Rent

There is space to advertise in the Ashley News, please contact the editor if interested. Details on the front of the magazine.

Items for the Magazine Cut Off Date

Any articles for the Ashley News magazine need to be with the editor by the 20th of the preceding month.

Thank You

Ashley Cricket Club

Season starts on 21st April, before that we have a Darts Night at the Club on Friday 13th April and Junior Registration Night on Friday 20th April Cricket Camp at Easter at Ashley CC.

For Boys and Girls, all ages and abilities welcome!

WEEK ONE

3rd/4th/5th April

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9.30am - 3.30pm

WEEK TWO

11th/12th/13th

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9.30am - 3.30pm

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£18 per day or £45 all week (3 Days)

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Please contact Nick Liddell to book your child onto this cricket camp

Nick Liddell T. 07900 670258

SPORTING DINNER

A Sporting Dinner was held last Friday (16th) at Altrincham Grammar School. It was a hugely successful event, 160 guests were entertained by Steve Daley, ex-Man City and Wolves with MC/Comedian Jed Stone.

April Ploughman's Lunch

The April Ploughman's Lunch takes place on Saturday 7th between 12.00pm to 1.00pm at St. Peter's Assembly Rooms, Cecil Rd. These lunches take place to raise money for good causes.

The cost is £5.00 per person under 10's free, for home cooked soup, ploughman's lunch and home-made cakes.

Everyone welcome.

For more information or if you would like your organisation to host a lunch in aid of a charity then please call Lesley Bell on 0161 980 7623.

Steam Engine Rally

There is a Steam Engine Rally at the Ashley Hall Showground on the Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th for details please see Ashley Showground website

St. Elizabeth's Sunday Services for April 2018

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Easter Day with Revd. Caroline Holmes
Sunday	8th	11.00am	Matins with John Moss
Sunday	15th	11.00am	Family Communion with Young Church
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion with Revd. John Varty
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Morning Worship with Julie Withers

Church Information

The Annual Church meeting of Ashley Parishioners will be on Sunday April 29th at 12 noon immediately prior to the St. Elizabeth's Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

All Ashley parishioners can attend the earlier meeting and are eligible to vote for a church warden.

All persons whose names are on the St. Elizabeth's church electoral roll can vote at both meetings.

Ashley parishioners must be on the church electoral roll to vote at the A.P.C.M. If any parishioners not on the church electoral roll and would like to be, please contact the electoral roll officer Shirley Munday at church after a Sunday morning service, or by post to:

62 Melrose Crescent, Hale, WA15 8NJ
or by email : shirley@mundays.plus.com.

Anyone who wishes to be elected onto the parochial church council (PCC) must be on the church electoral roll

St. Elizabeth's Sunday Services for May 2018

Sunday	6th	11.00am	The Ashley Service
Sunday	13th	11.00am	Family Worship and Rose Queen Service
Sunday	20th	11.00am	Whit Sunday Family Service with Young Church
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Note that the Ashley Rose Queen is on Saturday May 12th and the Rose Queen Celebration Service is in Church on Sunday 13th at 11.00am

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For all bereavement advice (without obligation) please contact David Gresty or a member of his dedicated team on:

0161 973 1515

Or please visit our informative website:

www.arthurgresty.co.uk

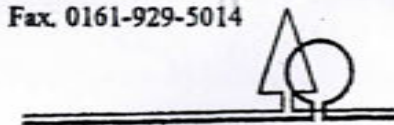
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