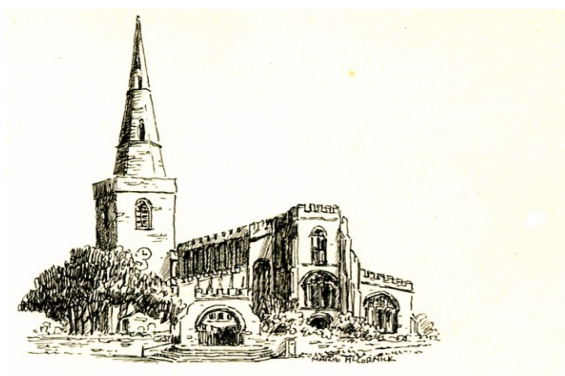


Astbury & Smallwood Parish News

April 2017

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THE RECTOR,
Rev Dr Jeffrey C. Cuttell

The Rector's Review of the Year from the Annual Church Meeting

My dear friends,

Services

This last twelve months has marked the first full year of our morning services moving to the time of 11 o'clock. It has not been problematic as some feared. But one downside has been has been the 'clerification' of the services with me now being present every week. Whilst some have appreciated the sense of stability this has brought, it has never been my intention to end up with the sole responsibility for leading quite so many services. This is not Jeff's church, it is our church – indeed ultimately it is God's church. To this end, I propose two things:

1. A meeting on Monday 24th April at 7.30 pm in Church to look at our fourth Sunday services being much more diverse in those who lead and teach. Please come along and share your views.
2. I also propose, on alternate first Sundays of the month, to be in the Vestry leading our Junior Church as a sign of the great significance and value I place on this part of our church life. This will also require increased teaching and leading of our services to be drawn from a wider team of people.

Our fifth Sunday of the month events, services, meals, parties and experiments, uniting all our congregations together, have also been going for a full year. We need to remain imaginative to attract people and make it worthwhile. A number have been great successes, drawing over a hundred people. The Story Time Service and Compline started off as one of these experiments. These now appear to be an established part our pattern of worship. Last month's Story Time Service drew fifteen children and a similar number of adults. Adding in those who attended for Compline, these Sunday evenings have shown a greater level of attendance than we usually expect at our evening services. I am very grateful to our usual evening congregation and to our lovely choir for their generous support in these changes.

Our midweek service of communion in the village hall each Wednesday at 11.45 am, followed by a simple lunch, has become more firmly established. The comfortable environment and the ease of access have been a revelation to many who struggle to get to church on a Sunday. This time last year, this service was only being held in term time – now, it is every week.

Pastoral Care

The numbers accessing home communions have at last started to increase. Shortly after my arrival I offered to do more in this area by creating a Home Communion Team. Whilst many were willing to take the communion out to people, few were asking for the service. On reflection I am sure this is because, to many, it felt like a door closed on them coming to church - but this attitude has been changing. There has been a growing realisation that Home Communions during a period of infirmity can support people's association with Church rather than be seen as the point when they stop coming to church all together.

Securing the future of the Church

We remain under the shadow of the court case brought by the Crown Prosecution Service against a former church treasurer. This has made it difficult, at the very least, to address the whole issue of the church's finances as we risk saying something that would compromise the Crown Prosecution Service's case in court. We dearly hope this matter will soon conclude its passage through the justice system.

In 2015 we only paid half the parish share, but I am glad to say that in 2016 we were able to pay the parish share in its full amount. This has been a step of faith for the PCC. Paying the Parish Share must remain a priority. If we fail, there being a Rector of Astbury will become a thing of the past. It will be difficult to see recovery and revival if that is the case. Revival may be in our own time, it may not. But when I leave or retire, I must be able to leave our church stronger than I found it. That point is very clearly not yet. This year has not marked a turning point. We are still at the beginning of the beginning!

Our giving to the church is related to supporting its needs, as an act of gratitude to God and as a sign of our trust in God. Whilst it is easy to

question giving generously to the Church in a world of desperate needs, I believe that a financially strong church is vital to building a wider society that is Christian in character. We undermine our giving to the church at our peril.

And finally . . .

I would say that this has been a hard year. But as surely as the Season of Lent concludes with Easter Resurrection, so times of self examination, crying to the Lord in prayer for his goodness and mercy, facing up to our failings and being brave enough to enter the refiner's fire, will ultimately emerge into hope.

I remain humbled and astonished at how generous some people are in their time, energy and finances - often at significant personal sacrifice. Our wardens, our accounts team, the providers of coffee and cake, the choristers and cleaners and many more besides... It has been a revelation to come into church on a Friday morning to say Morning Prayer in the lady chapel and see it alive with the happy chatter of flower arrangers and busy hum of a vacuum cleaner. Bless you all!

Jeff Cuttell

Editor – Mr W. Ball

The Old Vicarage, Reades Lane, Congleton, CW12 3LL

All Saints' Chapel of Ease, Somerford: The first service of the 2017 season will be Holy Communion at 2.30 pm on Easter Day, 16th April. Thereafter there will be a service of Evensong at 2.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month.

We shall be having the Annual Dinner at *The Legs of Man* at 7 for 7.30 pm on Saturday 13th May. We hope you will be able to join us. Please let me know and I shall let you have a menu. Choice of 4 starters and 4 main, plus sweet trolley and coffee for £22.

Margaret Pennington

The Children's Society: I am very happy to report that this year's collection from boxes for The Children's Society has amounted to the grand total of £165.93p. This is all from 'small change' that weighs down your pockets, it's popped into a box and I collect it once a year. You hardly notice but when it is collected, the Society are able to put it to very good use. They care for lots of children, with and without families, and every little bit of cash we can send can make a difference. If you would like to have a box and swell the ranks of the givers, please give me a call on 01260 290194. With grateful thanks on behalf of The Children's Society,

Brenda Cook

The Grand National Evening will be held on Friday 7th April from 7.00 pm. in Astbury Village Hall. This will consist of a generous buffet supper with dessert at a cost of £12.50 per head. Guests may bring their own drinks, glasses are provided. During the evening raffle tickets will be sold to draw the name of a horse running in the National the following day. Four prizes can be won, the person drawing the winner gets £50, second £30, third £20, fourth £10.

Book early as seating is limited, by telephoning Brenda Cook at 01260 290194.

Early Advance Notice: The Archdeacon's Visitation for Congleton and Nantwich Deaneries will be at the Church of St Mary, Nantwich at 7.30 pm on Monday 22nd May: please put it in your diary or organizer now!

Astbury and Smallwood Parish News: The subscription for the new year remains at £10 and saves you £2 over the year compared to the cover price of £1 per copy. Take out a subscription and save! The subscription should be paid to Mr Ball as soon as possible. You will receive a receipt attached to your next edition of *Parish News* after you have paid.

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Church Openings, 2017: We are sorry to announce that the church will not be open to visitors on Sunday afternoons over the summer as has been the pattern over the last twenty years and more. However, we shall be open on Bank Holiday Sundays and Mondays in 2017 as follows: 16th & 17th April; 30th April & 1st May; 28th & 29th May; and 27th & 28th August, between 12.00 noon and 6.00 pm, with light refreshments available between 2.00 and 4.30 pm. In addition, individual and group visits may also be arranged in advance throughout the year by contacting Mr Ball on 01260 279276 or wbbtov@gmail.com

Are you interested in tracing your ancestors? Even before television programmes such as *Who do you think you are?* many people had begun to research their Family History and were discovering their ancestors. Among the best resources, of course, are the records of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials held in Church Registers and the Inscriptions on the Gravestones in Churchyards. We have published a computer CD which contains all those inscriptions (from 1608) and also lists the burial places of everyone buried in our churchyards since 1892. It is easy to search through the more than 10,000 names recorded. The CD costs £12 (plus £1.50 p & p), cheques payable to Astbury PCC) and is available from Mr Ball. A companion DVD containing images of our Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1572 to about 1910 is also available. This costs £20 (plus £1.50 p & p) and is also available from Mr Ball. The CD and DVD are available also on a memory stick (at the same prices).

Lastly, the Report on our Eagle Lectern from the Hamilton Kerr Institute at Cambridge University is also available as a CD (cost £5) of the various documents in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader format for you to print your own copy.

Your Church Needs You . . . Are you interested in volunteering? We are always looking for willing individuals to take the opportunity to do great things for our church and local community. There are many activities on offer to suit a variety of talents, for example, reading the lesson during the Sunday services; church and brass cleaning rota; cake baking rota (11.00 am service); choir singing (6.30 pm service); bell-ringing; flower arranging; leading Junior Church 11.00 am service (rota); setting up Tiddler Church 11.00 am service (rota); events organizing; joining the PCC; pastoral team; Rectory tea; carol singing at Astbury Mere Care Home; listening to children read at Astbury School; marshalling at Astbury May Day and the Astbury Live Nativity; acting in the Live Nativity; Astbury Ladies' Fellowship; welcoming visitors to church open afternoons and more . . .

If you are interested in how you can give of your time and talents, please ask the Churchwardens or Rector for further details. Thank you.

Jane Moore

Astbury Ladies' Fellowship: The chairman welcomed guests to our March meeting when our speaker was Dorothy Waite, who gave us a fascinating insight into the history of chocolate.

Three thousand years ago the Mayan Indians harvested the pods from their cacao trees. The pods contained between 20 and 40 pods which were ground up to make a bitter drink – revered as ‘the drink of the gods’, and available only to the rich and élite. Over many years it soon grew in value that it became a local currency: four beans would buy a slave and one prostitute. Towards the end of the 15th century the Aztecs presented some to Christopher Columbus, and after some time the drink became popular in Europe.

In the early eighteenth century the eminent London doctor, Sir Hans Sloane, owner of Chelsea where the Apothecary's Garden still is, added milk and promoted it as a cure for many ills. Advertisements appeared showing it to benefit children in particular. It wasn't until 1828 that a Dutchman made a powder, mixed it with water, heated it and noticed the fat rise to the top. This was skimmed off and put into a mould and was the first instance of chocolate in a block. In the nineteenth century coffee houses, chocolate became a rival drink for the wealthy, and the

government put a tax on it. Cadburys bought Dr Sloane's business in 1849 and became established; and to the present day when we are enjoying the delicious products from Rowntrees, Frys and Bournville. Mrs Waite had brought samples for us to try, from 85% cacao – dark bitter chocolate – down to the Dairy Milk. Alas! Those who had given up chocolate for Lent were unable to partake!

Pamela Price gave the speaker an appreciative vote of thanks. The Treasurer presented a draft budget: we have a healthy bank balance, but to mitigate against any rising costs the subscription would increase to £18, payable at the April meeting. This is our AGM and the Fellowship will be twenty five years old. To mark this special event of Wednesday 19th April there will be a Communion service in church led by the Rector, and afterwards a hot supper in the Village Hall. The meal will cost £10: please pay Christine on the night if you have not already done so, and we look forward to seeing you there. Volunteers are needed to provide church teas on the Bank Holiday weekends between 2.00 and 4.30 pm, particularly on Easter Day, 16th April. There is a board showing dates on the table at the back of church. The Grand National supper will be held on Friday 7th April from **7.00 pm** in the Village Hall at a cost of £12.50 per head. Please bring your own drink: glasses are provided. Contact Brenda Cook (01260 290194) to reserve a place.

Carole Goodwin

Astbury Women's Institute: The March meeting was opened by Margaret Pearson our President and we sang *Jerusalem*.

We were all still celebrating Marie Lycett's 100th Birthday as she showed us the card she received from the Queen.

Catherine Pedley went through the Treasurer's report and said that we now had 49 members, a number which was still growing. Lisa Spencer and Yvonne Walker dealt with correspondence and outings and trips being booked in for this year. A summer event was being planned like last year which will take place on 25th July at The Yellow Broom: this was a huge success last year.

The Macclesfield Area WI Spring Show will be staged at New Life Church on 8th April, and entries are being welcomed for the following:

Cakes, Lemon Curd, Wholemeal Loaf, Savoury Flan and Cup Cakes. There's also Crafts and Floral Art being entered. Doors open Saturday 10.00 am and close at 4.00 pm.. All are welcome.

The Quiz was well attended and Astbury did well in the first round but then came in third, and so failed to progress further. Timbersbrook WI won eventually and a good night was had by all. Kate Burrow organized a sales table which was very successful and all members brought items to sell like a Bring and Buy sale.

Our March Speaker was Mrs Lyndsey Occlestone representing Roberts Bakery. She is also married to one of the Roberts brothers and gave a very interesting account going through how Roberts first started and went through all the stages of how they got to where they are today.

They started in 1857 and still going strong today. There were photographs of the horse and cart that used to deliver the bread and groceries and the 2 salesman (Henry Pickering and James Gatley) who originally worked for Roberts. The original bakehouse also had stables for the horses . The talk was very interesting going through the story of the family business and how they came to Northwich and in 1936 Robert Roberts died and the business passed to Frank Roberts. He bought a purpose built factory, Middletons Bakery in Northwich. Bread was the staple and 2lb loaves were supplied at 3½d !

Alan Roberts came into the business after the war in 1947 and this was a time for change! They decided to look for land and bought a plot in Rudheath and in 1952 and then opened its first bakery. Then sliced bread came into its own. As time passed other family members came into the firm and joined the management team. In 1969 Bernard Roberts' daughter also joined.

1985 saw extensions being added to the bakery and this was at a time when bread was very competitive and they decided to diversify and started making cream horns, followed by gingerbread men and biscuits. All the icing was done by , with teams of men and ladies totalling 27 all icing and decorating the gingerbread biscuits all day long.

David Roberts won a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 and there is nothing he doesn't know about bread . Once again all family members were working at the bakery in all aspects of management. In 2006 they

decided to go into Pastry Case making and the factory had to have a further extension.

The most interesting thing we found was that Roberts Bakery help support local communities and they organized a trip to Kenya to a school. The children wear no socks or shoes and walk at least 5 miles to get to school. They showed the children how to bake bread and let them have a go and also make biscuits, This is very rewarding work and Roberts should be applauded and making this an amazing experience for these children.

It's been a long road for Roberts spanning over 5 generations and this year will mean they have been in business over 130 years! Their story was extremely interesting and had everyone glued to their seats watching the photos of bread being made in the factories through all these years.

Our competition was to bake 3 bread rolls which was in keeping with the talk on bread.

Our next meeting is on 5th April at 7.30 at Astbury Village hall on 'Jewish Life & Customs'.

All old and new members welcome and we would be delighted to see you please do call in or contact Kate Burrow 01260 278692.

Kate Burrow

Sartor's Quiz (Answers on page 20)

1. Which cathedral is the only one built by the Victorians?
a. Ripon; b. St Albans; c. Southwark; d. Truro.
2. Which English cathedral has a spire 404' high, the highest in England and the second highest in Europe? a. Chichester; b. Leicester; c. Norwich; d. Salisbury.
3. Of which style of architecture were round arches a feature? a. Norman; b. Early English; c. Decorated; d. Perpendicular.
4. Ruth married Boaz. How was their son Obed related to David? a. Father; b. Grandfather; c. Uncle; d. Great-grandfather.

5. Which of these biblical characters was one of Job's friends or 'comforters'? a. Eleazar; b. Eliakim; c. Elidad; d. Eliphaz.
6. What was the name of the Roman soldier from Caesarea who sought out the apostle Paul at Joppa and became the first Gentile convert to Christianity? a. Titus; b. Theophrastus; c. Cornelius; d. Theophilus.
7. When an angel released Peter from prison he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark. What was the name of the maid who answered his knocking at the gate? a. Abigail; b. Rebekah; c. Rachel; d. Rhoda.
8. Which French saint (c11163-1184) was responsible for building a bridge over the River Rhône near Avignon? a. Louis; b. Bénézet; c. Michel; d. Jacques.
9. Which famous writer died on his birthday? a. Dante; b. Goethe; c. Molière; d. Shakespeare.
10. In chess valuation, a queen is worth how many pawns? a. 3; b. 5; c. 7; d. 9.

WORDS OF WIT & WISDOM

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The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5, 22-3

To be humble to superiors is duty; to equals, courtesy; to inferiors, nobility. Anon

It's not big deeds, but small acts of kindness that make us great as God counts greatness. UCB Word for Today, Friday 4th November 2016

Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs. Proverbs, 19.11

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-82): *A Psalm of Life* (1838)

The Wisdom of Solomon:

Scene: A court of law:

Defence counsel, Ivan Alibi, QC: Before he passes sentence, I hope his lordship will consider the mitigating circumstances of my client, ‘Bruiser’ Bates, whose conduct has provided, through his acts of aggression, a welcome boost to the British wheelchair manufacturers, and that his lordship will be thinking in terms of moths rather than years.

His Honour Judge Solomon Chasuble: I am glad to be able to oblige my learned friend, and I sentence his client, ‘Bruiser’ Bates, to forty-eight months in prison.

Occasionally walk through old cemeteries and read the gravestones. When reading self-help books, include the Bible. Write your pastor a note and tell him how much he means to you.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr: *Life’s Little Instruction Book*

All things work together for good for those who love God.

Romans 8, 28

FOUR FASCINATING FACTS

During the construction of the iconic Forth Rail Bridge, which opened in 1890, more than 70 men died.

In attendance at the funeral of Queen Victoria were the Kaiser, the Kings of Greece and Portugal, five crown princes, fourteen princes, two grand dukes, one archduke, five dukes and most of their consorts. Victoria had reigned for so long that nobody under the age of 70 could remember the time before she occupied the throne.

In the 1870s Sir Charles Dilke unexpectedly met Lord Derby in a Sussex country lane and at first mistook him for a tramp.

The swift, a bird with streamlined body shape and long, narrow wings, is much more at home in the air than on land. Common swifts can remain airborne for up to ten months at a time, and three birds with tracking tags travelled from northern Europe to central Africa and back without touching down. In the air, swifts live off insects, and ride hot air currents to conserve energy.

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	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer CW
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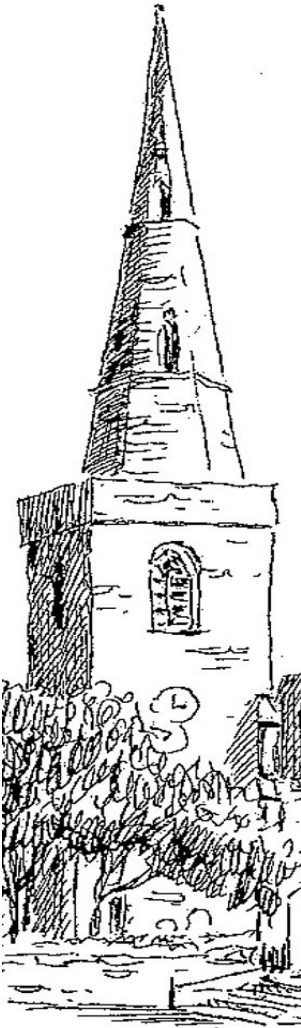
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	9.00 am	1st Sunday	Morning Prayer BCP
	11.00 am	1st Sunday	Holy Communion CW
	11.00 am	2nd Sunday	Family Service CW
	11.00 am	3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer & Communion CW
	11.00 am	4th Sunday	Morning Prayer CW
	11.00 am	1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays	Junior Church
	6.00 pm	1st Sunday (not January)	Storytime
	6.30 pm	2nd Sunday	Sung Eucharist BCP
	6.30 pm	3rd & 4th Sundays	Evensong BCP
	7.00 pm	1st Sunday (not January)	Compline
		5th Sundays – Joint Parishes Service	

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between 7.30 and 8.30 pm.

Astbury Church bellringers meet to practise on the last Wednesday
of each month between 8.00 and 9.30 pm.

ASTBURY ROTAS

		8.00 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
March	26th	W. Ball	J. Hulse C. Tickner	P. Powell
April	2nd	J. Nadin	B. Cook A. Bailey	T. Gresty
	9th	W. Ball	J. Hulse G. Dale	P. Snape
	16th	C. Goodwin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Powell
	23rd	W. Ball	J. Hulse G. Dale	T. Gresty
	30th	Fifth Sunday Joint Service		
May	7th	J. Nadin	B. Cook A. Bailey	P. Snape

CLEANING ROTA

March	31st	J. Moore
April	7th	J. Nadin, C Holford
	14th	D. Cotton, S. Naden, B. Sutton
	21st	M. Pennington, C. Brooks, K. Wainwright
	28th	M. Follett, C. Garside
May	5th	D. Barnett, S. Stuffins
	12th	J. Moore
	19th	J. Nadin, C Holford
	26th	D. Cotton, S. Naden, B. Sutton

BRASS ROTA

April	11th	C. Brooks, K. Wainwright
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Answers to Sartor's Quiz (page 10)

1 – d; 2 – d; 3 – a; 4 – b; 5 – d; 6 – c; 7 – d; 8 – b; 9 – d; 10 – d.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Service Attendances

		8.00	9.00	11.00	6.30
February	26th	13	-	33 + 5	21
March	5th	13	4	34 + 10	14 + 16 at 6. 13 + 1 at 7
	12th	12	-	35 + 6	23
	19th	15	-	40 + 6	20

Gift Aid

Collections

February	26th	£ 421.00	£ 94.65
March	5th	£ 344.00	£ 82.93
	12th	£ 251.26	£ 76.01
	19th	£ 1,365.50	£ 248.62

Burial of the Dead

March	2nd	Harold Delaney	86 (ashes)
March	22nd	Walter Lionel Hewitt	66

JOINT PARISHES CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEKS

MARCH

Sun 26th LENT IV – Mothering Sunday

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		8.00am Astbury	Holy Communion
		9.30am Smallwood	Morning Prayer
		11.00am Astbury	Morning Prayer
		6.30pm Astbury	Evensong
Mon	27th	7.30pm Astbury	New PCC First Meeting
Wed	29th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
		7.30pm Astbury	Bellingring Practice
Fri	31st	12.30pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony
		2.30pm Astbury	School End of Term Service in Church

Joint Parishes Calendar – continued

APRIL

Sun 2nd LENT V

8.00am Astbury Holy Communion
9.00am Astbury Morning Prayer
9.30am Smallwood Holy Communion
11.00am Astbury Holy Communion
6.00pm Astbury Story Time
7.00pm Astbury Compline

Wed 5th 11.45am Astbury Holy Communion in Village Hall
7.30pm Astbury Women's Institute

Fri 7th 3.00pm Astbury Tea at **Astbury Mere Care Home**
7.00pm Astbury Grand National Evening in VH

Sat 8th 11.00am Astbury Holy Matrimony
1.00pm Astbury Holy Matrimony

Sun 9th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER – Palm Sunday

8.00am Astbury Holy Communion
9.30am Smallwood Family Service
11.00am Astbury Family Service
6.30pm Astbury Evensong

HOLY WEEK

Mon 10th 9.00pm Astbury Compline

Tue 11th 9.00pm Astbury Compline

Wed 12th 11.45am Astbury Holy Communion in VH
9.00pm Astbury Compline

Thu 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Astbury Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar

Fri 14th GOOD FRIDAY

2.30pm Astbury An hour before the Cross
7.30pm Astbury Meditating on the Passion, with hymns,
choir pieces and Bible readings

Sat 15th 12.30pm Astbury Holy Matrimony

Sun 16th EASTER DAY

8.00am Astbury Holy Communion
9.30am Smallwood Morning Prayer & Communion
11.00am Astbury Morning Prayer & Communion
12.noon Astbury Church open till 6.00 pm
2.30pm Somerford Easter Communion
6.30pm Astbury Sung Eucharist

Mon 17th 12.noon Astbury Church open till 6.00 pm

Joint Parishes Calendar – continued

APRIL

Wed	19th	11.45am Astbury 7.30pm Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall Ladies' Fellowship
Fri	21st		May <i>Parish News</i> deadline
Sat	22nd	12.noon Astbury 2.00pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony Holy Matrimony

Sun 23rd EASTER I

		8.00am Astbury 9.30am Smallwood 11.00am Astbury 6.30pm Astbury	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Evensong
Mon	24th	7.30pm Astbury	Discussion on Services
Wed	26th	11.45am Astbury 7.30pm Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall Bellringing Practice
Thu	27th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group
Sat	29th	1.30pm Smallwood 4.30pm Astbury	Holy Matrimony Holy Matrimony

Sun 30th EASTER II

Fifth Sunday, Joint Special Service

12.noon Astbury Church open till 6.00 pm

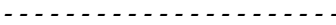
MAY

Mon	1st	12.noon Astbury	Church open till 6.00 pm
Wed	3rd	11.45am Astbury 7.30pm Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall Women's Institute
Fri	5th	3.00pm Astbury	Tea in the Village Hall

Sun 7th EASTER III

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		8.00am Astbury 9.00am Astbury 9.30am Smallwood 11.00am Astbury 2.30pm Somerford 6.00pm Astbury 7.00pm Astbury	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong Story Time Compline
Mon	8th	7.30pm Astbury	PCC Standing Committee
Wed	10th	11.45am Astbury	Holy Communion in Village Hall
Thu	11th	8.00pm Astbury	Prayer Group



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