



Jam Club News

HAPPY EASTER

April 2007

Dear **Jam Club** members

Easter holidays are almost here!

But why do we have a holiday?

We have time off from our normal working lives so that we can celebrate together the story of Jesus, remembering how he died on the cross and then after three days buried in a grave, with a huge stone covering it, He was alive again on Easter morning. It is call the **Day of Resurrection!** What a shock for Jesus' disciples when they went in tears to look at His grave and remember Him, when they found the stone had been rolled away, Jesus was alive—not dead!! His friends were happy....**How happy we should be too!**

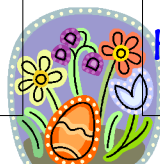


That is why we have a holiday, so that we can have a good time celebrating with our family and friends at church and at home, because Jesus says that when we die (as sadly we all must do one day) we will be made alive again to live with God in Heaven. When someone we love dies, yes we are sad because we see them no longer, but as Christians we know that we shall be with them one day in Heaven—that is what Jesus promises us, and we know His promises are true!

How do we celebrate Easter?

The week before Easter Day is called **Holy Week**. During this time the church has special services each day. If you look at the back of this newsletter you will see all the services for this year in our Benefice.

Services you might be interested



especially in coming along to with you family are **Palm Sunday** at Lidgate church when we gather for the start of the service outside of the church and are given a palm cross. We wave our palms and sing as we process into the church remembering how Jesus went into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowd waved their palm leaves and shouted "Hosanna!"

On **Good Friday** (10am –11am) we have our walk from the **United Reformed church** in Wickhambrook up the hill to the **Methodist church**. A big cross to carry, songs to sing, the story of Jesus on Good Friday to tell. **Hot Cross Buns** to eat at the end!

Then on **Easter Day** there is a special family service at **Stradishall church**. From 2pm there will, be an **Easter egg hunt** around the church grounds.



At 3pm there will be a short service of Easter hymns, poems and prayer for about 40minutes. Then refreshments. It will be good, and you will enjoy it whatever your age.

Let your parents know about these special events and come along to any of them if you can!

No Hot Cross Bun Club this year as **Father Ian and Angela** have to get ready to move to **Haverhill**. They must use this time to do lots of the jobs needed when moving house!

But there are still all these things to go to at Church to celebrate this lovely time of the year.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!

Next **Jam Club** meeting will be on Sunday 6th May, as usual 9.15am—10.45am in the Benefice Hall at Wickhambrook.

See you soon.

Father Ian

