

April 2026

River Idle Churches

BAWTRY, AUSTERFIELD, MISSON,
EVERTON & MATTERSEY

What's Happening in April. . .

Good Friday Messy Church, Friday 3rd April, 10am Bawtry, 10.30am Everton and Misson
Nourish, Bawtry Church Hall, Mondays 11.30am - 1.00pm, soup, cake and chat, except Bank Holidays

Youth Group, Sunday 12th, St Nic's Church Hall, 4.00 - 6.00 pm

Carpenter's Arms Pop Up Pub Quiz, Mattersey Church Hall, Monday 13th, 7.30pm

Little Lambs, Bawtry Church Hall, Tuesday 14th, 9.30 - 11.30am, then every Tuesday during term time

Craft & Chat, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 14th, 1.30 - 3.30pm

The Bible Course, Bawtry Church Hall, weekly on a Thursday 16th – 23rd, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Little Lambs, Everton, Friday 17th, 9.30 - 11.30am, then every Friday during term time

St John's Community Café on Tour, Misson Parish Hall, Friday 17th from 9am

Misson APCM, Sunday 26th, 12.30pm

Bawtry with Austerfield APCM, St Nic's Church, Tuesday 28th, 7.30 - 9.00pm

Baptism Preparation Evening, St Nic's Church Hall, Monday 27th, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Fuel North for Y7+, St Anne's, Worksop, Thursday 30th, 6.00 – 8.30pm

Fact File: All about Easter



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April: The fifth day of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and runs up to Easter. Maundy is from the Latin word 'mandare', from which we get the word 'command'. Christians remember Jesus's command: "Love one another as I have loved you." It is the day when Christians remember Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples before his death on Good Friday.

Tenebrae Service: Is a significant part of Holy Week in our Benefice. Held on Maundy Thursday evening. It is a prelude to Easter Day and helps us to identify with the darkness and loss felt by Jesus' followers as they experienced his death. The service is characterised by the gradual extinguishing of candles and serves as a powerful, mournful experience for us.

Good Friday, 3rd April - Hour at the Cross: a solemn service of reflection on the crucifixion of Jesus, reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross. This solemnity carries throughout Saturday.

Easter Day, Sunday 5th April: And on the third day he rose again. After being crucified, Jesus' tomb was found to be empty. He had risen from the dead. Life triumphs over death.

We can have life everlasting. The joy of resurrection is possible only because Christ endured death and conquered it. A Christian celebration day of hope, renewal and new life. We can indeed wish each other a very Happy Easter.



Holy Trinity Church, Everton : Scarecrow and Flower Festival

Sat 16th / Sun 17th May : Theme is Rural Life * Dates for your Diary *

Fundraising for the Holy Trinity Church Tower Restoration Fund



Saturday Church will be open 2 - 5pm for the Flower Festival / light refreshments

Sunday Church / Village Hall will be open 10am - 4pm

Wander around the village and visit the Church / Churchyard. The Scarecrow Festival has various categories, giving villagers and organisations lots of scope. We hope organisations in the village will join in, so the village can be filled with all sorts of different scarecrows. On Sunday there will be plant sales, a craft fair and refreshments in the Village Hall, including the famous bacon butties. Further info: Sid 07745 533 216 and Ann 818993 or 07377 794 790.

EVENSONG

For many years Evensong has been on Sundays at 6 pm at St Nicholas Church.

Following discussion between those of you who regularly go to Evensong and agreement at the PCC, it had been agreed to mirror the clock changes.

From March to October 2026, Evensong will be at 6 pm, as usual.

When the clocks change in October 2026, Evensong will start at the earlier time of 4 pm.

That will continue until March 2027, when the clocks change and it will go back to the later time of 6 pm.

**** NEW ****

WOMEN'S GROUP TO START

Natasha Chadwick will be starting up a new Women's Group, probably running every four to six weeks. It will be a time to share conversation and bible study, perhaps over breakfast.

More details will be available in coming weeks. Please have a chat with Natasha when you see her in church, on Sundays, at St Nic's.

To **All our Gentlemen** – discussions are underway for a separate new Men's Group.

SoWatch this space.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

Misson, Sunday 26th, 12.30pm, St John the Baptist Church

Bawtry with Austerfield, Tuesday 28th, 7.30pm, St Nicholas' Church, Bawtry

Everton, Sunday 10th, 12.30pm, Holy Trinity

Mattersey, Wednesday 13th, 1.00 pm, All Saints Church Hall

Bible Readings from the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)



Have you tried Bible Reading Notes?

Some of us find it helpful to use daily reading notes to help understand the Bible and offer reflections for our lives. We have been using those from the Bible Reading Fellowship, but other resources are available such as on-line reading plans through apps like Lectio 365 or Youversion Bible.

You can order your own copy of Bible Reading notes and see what is available from BRF Ministries via: brfonline.org.uk/subscriptions or ring them on 01865 319700. BRF Ministries, 15 The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon OX14 3FE

If you would like to know more please ask Barbara Jaquess or e-mail barbara@bjaquess.plus.com

April 2026 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

2 nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Trinity Everton	Tenebrae Service	Various readings
3 rd	10.00am	Good Friday St Nicholas, Bawtry	Messy Easter	Various readings
	10.30am	St John the Baptist, Misson	Messy Easter	
	10.30am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Messy Easter	
3 rd	2.00pm	Good Friday All Saints, Mattersey	Hour at the Cross	Various readings
5 th	6.30am	Easter Day Holy Trinity Everton	Sunrise Service	Luke 24: 1-12
	10.30am	Easter Day St Nicholas, Bawtry	Family Communion	John 20: 1-18 Col 3: 1-4
12 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 John 20: 19-end
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
19 th	8.30am	St Helena's, Austerfield	Holy Communion	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35
	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Benefice Family Communion at Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	
26 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Acts 2: 42-end John 10: 1-10
	11.15am	St John the Baptist, Misson	Holy Communion Followed by APCM	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	

There is a service of Holy Communion every Thursday morning
at 9.30 am in St Nicholas' Church, Bawtry

Every Monday morning at 9.00 am, we meet in one of our churches across the Benefice
to pray for our communities. You are most welcome to join us

1st Monday - Mattersey 2nd Monday - Everton
3rd Monday - Bawtry 4th Monday - Misson
5th Monday - Austerfield



Nurturing Prayer

For centuries, God's people have kept the rhythm of daily prayer.
As part of our intentional focus around Nurturing Prayer, we encourage you to pause to pray
The Lord's Prayer, at noon each day. This means you will be taking part in this ancient and
shared spiritual discipline.

"Prayer does not equip up for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work"
"When you pray, you don't just ask for strength, you become it"
"Let go and let God"

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Mattersey Currently Vacant

If you're interested in becoming a Churchwarden at Mattersey or Everton, we would like to hear from you: e-mail: riveridlechurches@gmail.com

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The River Idle Benefice
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St Helena's, Austerfield

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