

Village Events:

:: **St James Church, Spaldwick: Services** - Sunday 5th & 19th March. See page 2 for more details.

:: **Easter Activities, run by "The Common Ground" group** - Saturday 25th March, 1-4pm, St James Church, Spaldwick.

:: **Playtimes Easter Holiday Club** - Runs Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April (inclusive).

March 2023

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NEWS

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Coronation Celebrations Sunday 7th May

Exciting plans are underway for Spaldwick to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

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**25th March
13:00 – 16:00
St James Church, Spaldwick**

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St James Church News - March

- Sunday 5th March, 9.30am - with Jill Dighton. From 10.15am we will be serving Jimmy's breakfasts (bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew). Due to rising costs in 2023 we will be raising our suggested donation for your butty and cuppa to £3 - still great value.
- Sunday 19th March, 9.30am - Mothering Sunday service with Rev Philip. All are welcome.

Easter Activities - Sunday 25th March, 1-4pm: A fun filled afternoon of (early) Easter activities together with the Common Ground team. All are welcome to join the egg painting, basket making, and Easter egg hunting. As ever the highlight will be teddy bears parachuting from the church tower. Bring your own teddy with your homemade parachute or make one on the afternoon - paper, string and sticky tape supplied! Free entry!

Coronation Celebration Weekend: We look forward to arranging a family picnic on Sunday 7th May with our friends on the Parish Council, Fundraisers and Common Ground, and offering some community volunteering opportunities around the village on Monday 8th May.

Getting Involved: We'd love to hear from anyone who goes to church and would like to get more involved by considering joining the PCC (Parochial Church Council). This is a friendly small group of us, who meet a few times a year to agree what happens in the church and to arrange fundraising activities like the Carol Party to keep it running.

Regular Giving: Thank you to all those who donate via our parish giving scheme. These regular standing orders which can start as low as you like, help us to keep the church running in these difficult times of rising costs. If you would like to support the church, you can via this simple, secure and confidential scheme. The church will not know how much you choose to donate as the scheme is administered by Ely and we just get a payment representing all regular giving donations.

For more information, email stjamesspaldwick@aol.com or visit the Parish website: www.kymchurch.org.uk

Bus Services in Spaldwick



County & District Councillor Ian Gardener recently addressed a meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council, including the importance of bus services in the village.

He explained how a consultation into Sustainable Travel in Cambridgeshire has now closed, with the County Council voting on proposals in March.

Cllr Gardener said: "I have asked that they look at providing an extension to the improved bus service to villages such as Spaldwick, as none of the villages west of the A1 are included within the Sustainable Travel Zone proposed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

They are also proposing to increase the number of buses providing the Ting Service in West Huntingdonshire."



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Easter Holiday Club

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	Morning activity	Afternoon activity
Mon 3rd April	Planting Seeds	Butterfly Printing
Tue 4th April	Footprint Chick Cards	Easter Egg Cookies
Wed 5th April	Invisible Ink	Puffy Slime
Thurs 6th April	Chocolate Nests	Easter Baskets
Good Friday	Closed	Closed
Easter Monday	Closed	Closed
Tue 11th April	Paper Daffodils and Tulips	Nature Walk
Wed 12th April	Ink Rainbows	Homemade Carrot Cakes
Thurs 13th April	Forest School Leaf Art	Forest School Bug Hunt
Fri 14th April	Lava Lamps	Homemade Hot Cross Buns

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Blue	7th Mar	21st Mar	4th Apr	18th Apr
Green	9th Mar	23rd Mar	6th Apr	20th Apr

The Mobile Library visits Spaldwick and Stow Longa on the 2nd Wednesday in the month (Round H10)

Spaldwick : High Street 10.45am to 11.05am
Stow Longa : The Green 11.15am to 11.45am

Sustainable Allotments - by Lucy Frain, Spaldwick Community Allotment Association

Spaldwick Community Allotment Association (SCAA) held their very first social evening in the Community Room on 20th February, with members and residents from the village. Their guest speaker for the evening was Mick Matthews, Chairperson of Cambridgeshire Self Sufficiency Group, who has been growing vegetables since he was a young lad, aged 8, to help his Dad feed their family.

Mick's talk was so interesting and he shared his journey of growing veg sustainably without using chemicals or 'man-made' products and how he lets nature do what nature does best! The evening was spent discussing soil, worms, how to make your own compost, and how to grow potatoes and other vegetables without all the back-breaking hard work you thought was needed!



Mick brought along some trusted tools that help with the jobs that need doing too - especially as the growing season has just started.

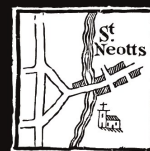
There was a strong thread throughout the evening on allotments having a strong community ethos which is something to consider for crop-rotation purposes and sharing produce.



It was an enjoyable evening and a chance to purchase some potato seeds and onion sets at bargain prices! A big thank you to all those who contributed, attended, baked and washed up to make the evening informative, sociable and interesting.

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