



# Welcome to the Lordsbridge Team Monthly Newsletter March 2026

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually  
(1 Chronicles 16:11 NRSV)

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## Worship with us across the Team

All our Services for March can be found at:

<https://lordsbridge.org/home/services/>

Our Weekly Worship at Home Resources:

<https://lordsbridge.org/2025/06/16/worship-at-home/>

Our Sunday Zoom Church meets every week at 11.00am at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82311473640>.

The service sheet is available on the website, via the link above.

Everyone is welcome.

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## News

### Team Rector Announcement

We are delighted to announce that Revd Clare Coates, Team Vicar, has been appointed as the new Team Rector of the Lordsbridge Team. As well as her parish responsibilities, Clare will have oversight of ministry across the Team.

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of The  
Lordsbridge Team

Barton, Caldecote with Childerley, Coton, Comberton, Dry  
Drayton, Great Eversden, Little Eversden, Hardwick,  
Haslingfield, Harlton, and Toft

have great pleasure in inviting  
Our Parishioners, and all other friends of the Team

to the Institution of  
The Revd. Clare Gye Coates  
as Team Rector of the Lordsbridge Team Benefice  
by the **Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter, Bishop Suffragan of  
Huntingdon**

and the Induction by the **Venerable Dr Alex Hughes,  
Archdeacon of Cambridge**

In All Saints' Church, Church Way, Haslingfield  
on 19th March 2026 at 7 pm

A Reception will follow after in the Church

RSVP by 12th March to [thelordsbridgeteam@gmail.com](mailto:thelordsbridgeteam@gmail.com)

Clergy are invited to robe – Please indicate on your  
acceptance if robing

There is limited disabled parking at the Church, parking is  
available in the surrounding streets, please be considerate  
of our neighbours. Postcode of the Church: CB23 1JF

## **Installation Choir Invitation**

Sarah Rittman is organising a choir for the installation of our new Team Rector, Revd Clare Coates, at All Saints' Haslingfield at 7pm on Thursday 19th March. The choir will be singing Rutter's Gaelic Blessing and also some hymns. There will be a rehearsal beforehand and at another time TBC as soon as possible.

Please let her know asap if you are free and would like to sing, then she will add you to her list and let you know about the rehearsal date as soon as they know.

Contact: [sarahrittman.allsaints@gmail.com](mailto:sarahrittman.allsaints@gmail.com)

## **Team Vicar Recruitment update**

The new post for Comberton and Toft will be half-time, based in Comberton, and lead minister for Comberton and Toft. We are hoping to get a new advertisement out and begin the process as soon as possible.

## **Team Administrator Update**

Due to health concerns, Emily will be stepping down as the Team Administrator at the end of March. An advert will go out shortly. If you are interested in the administrator role, please contact [thelordsbridgeteam@gmail.com](mailto:thelordsbridgeteam@gmail.com) for more information

## Events

### **Toft:**

Warm Hub - Mondays 10 am - 12 pm through  
March at Toft People's Hall

### **Comberton:**

Oasis Teas:

For seniors 14:30 26th February  
at Comberton Village Hall - 'Inspirational  
Christian Women'

St Mary's Music Cafe:

Saturday 28th March 2 - 4 pm  
at St Mary's - music, coffee and cake

### **Haslingfield:**

Lenten Evensong

Monday 16th March 5.30pm

Monday 23rd March 5.30pm



# Lent Courses

## **Toft:**

Lent Course - "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

4 weeks: March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

10.30 am - 12 pm

Contact Revd Barnabas for more details

## **Barton:**

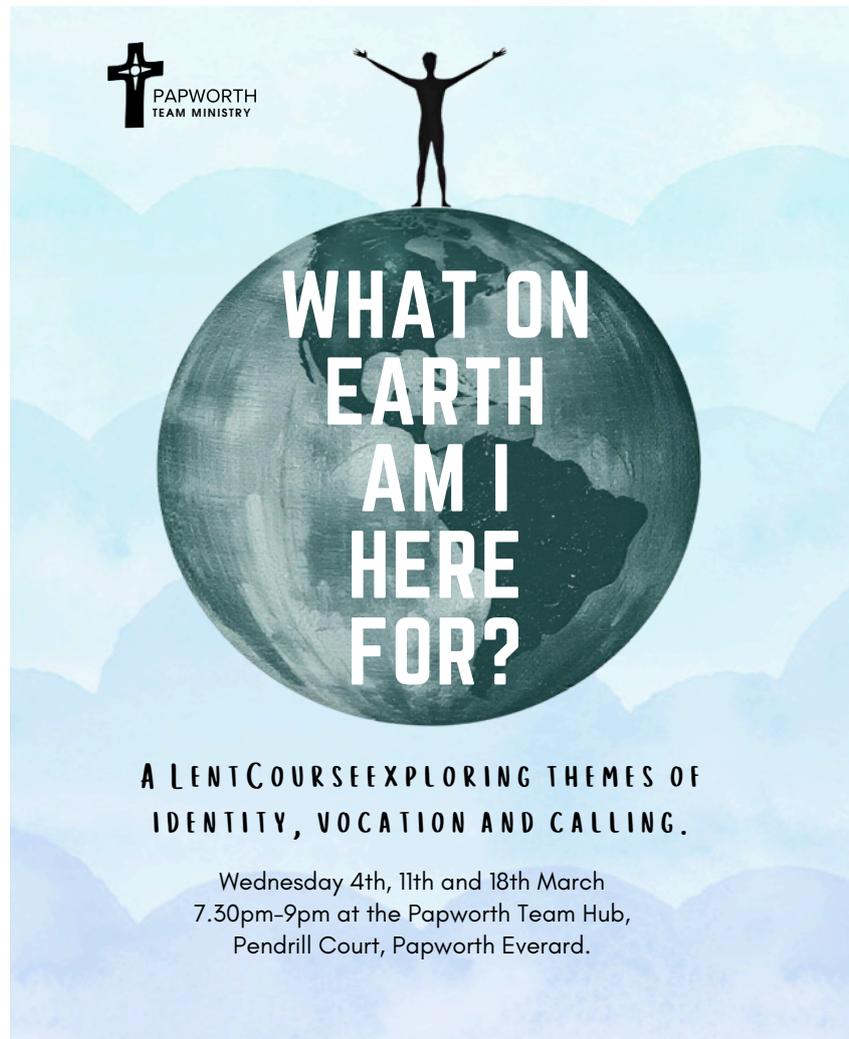
Ecumenical Lent Group at Barton Baptist Church

5 Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Starting on Wednesday Feb 25th

Studying Paula Gooder's Lentwise

It is okay to just come to some sessions.



St Radegund's Voices

# Brumel: Lamentations



Sunday, March 1st 4pm

The Church of the Assumption,  
Harlton

Free admission; retiring collection

# 'Singing for Joy' The Orsino Singers

Music in praise & celebration

*Mozart Mass in Honour of the Most Holy Trinity*  
*Brahms How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*  
*Bach Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring*  
*Handel Hallelujah Chorus and Zadok The Priest*

**Saturday 28 March at 6 pm**

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Dry Drayton

Doors open and refreshments available from 5:30 pm

Music Director: James Dougal

Piano & organ: Victoria Ayano Royce

Tickets £10

(£5 under-18s & students)

Book via TicketSource:



# ALM for Worship Leaders in Rural Contexts

## Introduction

The ALM (Authorised Local Ministry) in Worship Leading in Rural Contexts is a local diocesan training pathway for lay people who are called not only to lead worship, but to help shape worship that reaches out, invites in, and supports the mission of the Church within rural communities. This pathway recognises the distinctive opportunities and challenges of rural contexts, where worship often sits at the heart of village life. Participants will explore how worship can become a place of welcome, belonging, and encounter, strengthening connections between church, community, and everyday life.

## How will the training be delivered?

Training will begin in April 2026 and will be delivered locally within the Bourn Deanery at the Papworth Team Hub, Pendrill Court and the The Cabin, Hardwick. The course will consist of ten monthly evening study sessions, normally on the first Wednesday of the month between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. The first session will be on **May 4th 2026** at the Papworth Team Hub. Each session will involve learning together through discussion, shared reflection, practical exploration, and mutual encouragement.

## Who is the course for?

Lay people from across Bourn Deanery who are already involved in worship, mission and pastoral care or who sense a call to help their church lead missionally through worship in rural contexts. No previous formal training is required – just openness, commitment, and a heart for local mission. Those who complete the pathway may be recommended for Authorisation as an ALM in Worship Leading, serving their local parish and community with the support of clergy and PCC.

## How do I express an interest?

For an informal conversation or to express an interest in signing up to the course, please contact Matt Phillips, Team Rector of the Papworth Team: [matt@papworth.team](mailto:matt@papworth.team) or call 01954 604889



# **Services Spotlight**

## **Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Services across the Team including:  
Barton: 9:30 am Mothering Sunday  
at the Baptist Church

## **Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March (no 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Team Service)**

Services across the Team including:  
Coton: 3pm Procession and outside service

## **Wild / Forest Church**

Haslingfield: Forest Church 15<sup>th</sup> Mar at 3 pm  
Hardwick: Wild Church 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar at 3 pm

## **Team Choral Evensong**

Dry Drayton: 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 5.30 pm

**More information about all our services, as well as updated information about Easter and Holy Week services will be available on our website**

# EASTER - Holy Week



**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Barton 7:30 pm Holy Communion

Comberton 7:30 pm Holy Communion  
Foot washing and stripping of Altar

Hardwick 6:00pm Hand Washing

## Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Barton: 11 am Reflections at the cross

Caldecote with Childerley: 3 pm Reflections at the cross

Comberton: 9:30 am Reflections at the cross

Coton: 11 am Stations of the cross

Dry Drayton: 12 noon Reflections at the cross

Harlton: 3 pm Reflections at the cross

Haslingfield: 2 pm walk from Haslingfield to Harlton with the cross



# EASTER - Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Barton: 9:30 am Holy Communion  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)

Caldecote with Childerley: 11 am Holy Communion

Comberton: 9:30 am Holy Communion

Coton: 11 am Holy Communion

Dry Drayton: 5:30 pm Easter Evensong

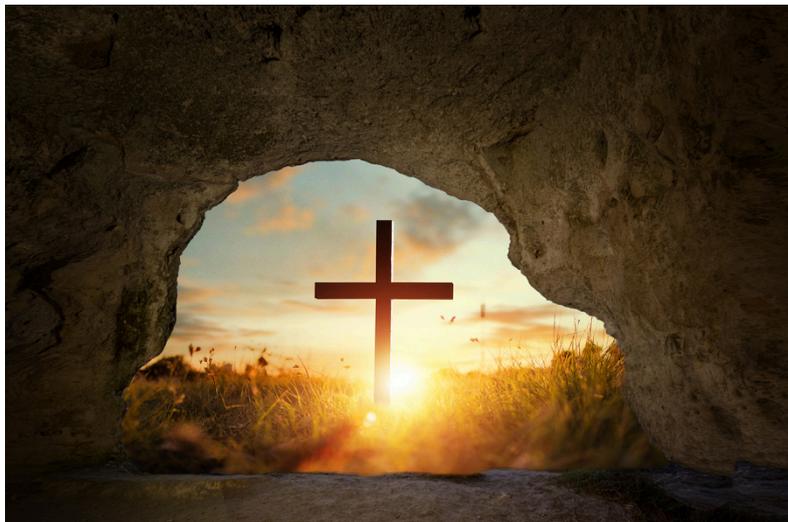
Great Eversden: 11 am Holy Communion  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)

Hardwick: 9:30 am Holy Communion  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)

Harlton: 11 am Holy Communion

Haslingfield: 9:30 am Holy Communion  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)

Toft: 6 am Sunrise Service  
8:30 am BCP Holy Communion  
11 am Holy Communion



# Lordsbridge Spotlight: Core Team

Over the next few months we will be putting the spotlight on different teams within the Lordsbridge community. If there is a group you would like to know more about, feel free to get in touch.

The Core Team meet every Tuesday to pray together, support one another and work collaboratively. They share accountability, raise parish and team wide issues, as well as any administrative needs, such as weddings and rotas. It is here that conversations about everything from DBS checks, to marriage preparation are discussed, each individual bringing a different perspective and expertise.

The Core Team comprises members who have Team wide responsibilities and deployment: the Team Rector, Team Vicars, Team Curate, Team Administrator and Team Support Minister. We represent and are the 'voice' of our parishes.

# Music Across the Team

For information on historic listed instruments, choirs, Evensong, other musical services, and concerts please go to :

<https://lordsbridge.org/2025/09/30/music-across-the-team/>

If you have any musical items you would like to share, please let the Team Administrator know.

For Music at Dry Drayton specifically see

<https://musicatdrydrayton.uk/>

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## Contact Us

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