

## Westfield Parish Community Fibre Project!!

*(Press control and click to access the additional information)*

Do you want to be part of a community project to get fibre gigabit (that's really super fast) broadband to your house? If so, you can help make Westfield an even more desirable and prosperous 21st century village to live in. To achieve this it requires physically putting down fibre enabled cables from the Westfield Parish exchange unit into properties. We have secured nearly £950,000 in government backed gigabit vouchers but we need everyone who wants faster broadband to [pledge your voucher!](#) to match this target. If we achieve the target the cost to the community for installing the fibre to 1111 properties within the Parish will be £0.

**STOP PRESS:AN EXTENSION HAS BEEN GRANTED AND WE HAVE REACHED OVER £700,000 IN PLEDGES SO THERE IS STILL TIME TO GIVE YOUR SUPPORT**

[Click here for the full list of benefits of having high-speed broadband](#) (including increase in property values!). [The community will benefit the more SME businesses and sole traders within the Parish that sign up. Business vouchers are worth £2,000 more per property. If you run a business from home or a property in the Parish of Westfield please click here to see if you're eligible.](#)

- **What do you as a resident have to commit to?**
- PLEDGE!!! PLEDGE!!!! PLEDGE !!!!! PLEDGE !!!!!!! It is most
- important we get residents to pledge their vouchers on the pledge page so [click here to pledge](#).
- Signing up to a broadband fibre service for 12 months within 28 days of being connected.
- Conditions of pledging [can be found here](#).

Anything you are unsure about please contact Jane Clarke on [clerk@westfieldcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@westfieldcouncil.org.uk) or call 01424 575266 during business hours.

[Click here to pledge your voucher!](#)

## THE BENEFICE OF WESTFIELD AND GUESTLING

**A letter from Rev Joy 4 April 2021**

Looking back to a year ago I noticed that I had written the Easter Newsletter on Holy Saturday and here I am again doing exactly the same. In one way I can't believe a whole year has gone by but in another way it feels like a much longer period of time has passed. Perhaps it's because we have been living more slowly and deeply for much of it that our perception of time is different.

I'm glad that this year we can worship together on Easter Day although I must warn Westfield church members to wrap up warmly as the heating has faltered and will need some professional attention after the holiday weekend. Hopefully the really cold spell will wait until Bank Holiday Monday, in line with English seaside tradition!

There were 9 of us at the Wednesday Communion last week which was very encouraging. The first of the 8.30am BCP Communions will be next Sunday and we'll see how it goes as a new normal. For Easter tomorrow morning we will stick with 8am. I've now got a Baptism booked for Westfield in May on a Saturday morning which is an encouraging sign of new life.

Hetty 's problem seems to be improving although the medication makes her feel a bit tired and emotional but she still enjoys her food and walks. She loves to be warm as do all whippets and we watch our two shifting position on the window-seat or sofa to ensure the sunbeams reach them!

I'm very fond of the Celtic tradition in Christian liturgy (see page 5 for more) and I found this fragment of Easter praise to share with you:

*Praise to you O Holy Gardener  
 For whar was sowed in tears is now reaped in joy.  
 By forsythia and primrose, you break out in newness  
 By swallow and swift, your happy return.  
 Praise to you  
 This comes with my love and prayers as always, Joy*

**Easter Sunrise Praise Service Sunday 4th April @ 6.15am**  
**This will be in the Remembrance Garden as usual**  
**As we will be outside and socially distanced we are**  
**permitted to sing! It will be weather permitting, so if in**  
**doubt phone Dawn on 01424 255423.**  
**We will not be taking Communion at this service this year.**

**Westfield Church Services**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
Note change of time: <b>6.15am</b>		<b>Sunrise Praise (outdoors)</b>
	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th April</b>	
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10am-11.30	Private Prayer

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th April</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
Note new time	8.30am	BCP Communion
	10am	Morning Praise

**Guestling Church Services**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
	11am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th April</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>
	11am	Holy Communion

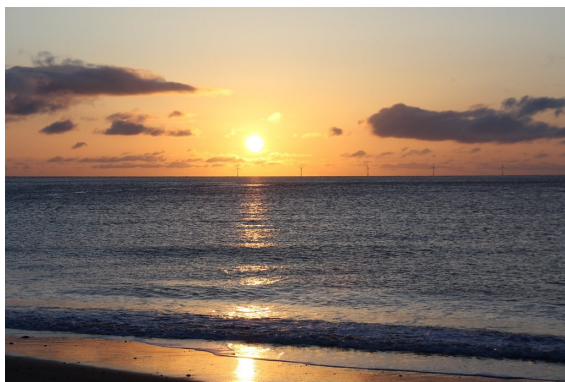


Wishing you all a  
 happy and peaceful Eastertide



## **Easter Dawn by Malcolm Guite**

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,  
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply



'They took my love  
away, my day is  
night'  
And then she hears  
her name, she hears  
Love say  
The Word that turns  
her night, and ours,  
to Day.

### **Contact information**

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## **Easter Day 4 April 2021**

### **Collect**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
Amen

### **Westfield and Guestling**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8

#### **BCP Readings Easter Day**

Colossians 3:1-7 John 20:1-10

**Online services:** <http://www.westfieldchurch.co.uk/online-services-for-westfield-church/>

**Guestling** <https://www.westfieldchurch.co.uk/online-services-for-guestling-church/>

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



## LUNCH BOX - EASTER BISCUITS *(in case you missed this last week!)*

**Makes about 10. Costs £1.70 (17p each)**

This recipe comes from our great aunt's kitchen. Simple but delicious.

**350g plain flour**

**250g butter**

**100g caster sugar + a tablespoon for dusting**

**5 glacé cherries (optional)**

Warm butter, add sugar and beat to a fluffy cream. Sieve over the flour and knead in.

On a floured board, roll to 1 cm thickness. Cut into rounds 2 cm in diameter. Place on greased baking sheet – well apart as they tend to spread. Press ½ a cherry into the centre of each.

Bake at 170C for 20-25 minutes. WATCH carefully, the biscuits should not brown.

Cool slightly; toss in caster sugar (biscuits must be warm for adhesion). Arrange on a rack until cold.

*The Dinnerladies*



## **Easter Blessings by John O'Donohue, Irish Poet and Priest**

On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry – old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling – and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realize all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. May the spirit and light of this Easter morning bless us all, watch over us and protect us on our journey, open us from the darkness into the light of peace and hope and transfiguration.

### **Last Spring we shared this poem by John O'Donohue**

#### ***This Is the Time to Be Slow***

This is the time to be slow	If you remain generous,
Lie low to the wall	Time will come good;
Until the bitter weather	And you will find your feet
passes	Again on fresh pastures of promise,
	Where the air will be kind
	And blushed with beginning.
Try, as best you can,	
not to let	
The wire brush of doubt-	
Scrape from your heart	
All sense of yourself	
And your hesitant light.	

