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### EASTER

Easter is very late this year. Have you ever wondered why it moves around so much? The name 'Easter' probably derives from Estre, a Germanic goddess of spring. After many years of dispute, the General Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., decreed that Easter Day should be the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox on March 21st. The calendar in use in 325 A.D. was the Julian calendar, named after Julius Caesar, who ordered the restructuring of the old Roman Republican calendar in 46 B.C. The old Republican calendar had been based on the lunar month of 29½ days, which added up to 355 days, and despite corrections, seasons were getting out of place. The new Julian calendar would be based on the solar year. The year 46 B.C. was the longest year on record and was known as the Year of Confusion because, in order to get the seasons in the right places as we know them today, it lasted no less than 445 days. This calendar, which was slightly altered by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 A.D., is the one in use today. However, it seems that, despite the solar calendar, the moon still comes into the calculations for Easter. This year there was a full moon on 18th March, and the next falls on Good Friday, 17th April.

G.P.Eddy

Editors' only comment - PHEW!

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## Unchanging Manifesto!

### The Rector writes...

There seems no doubt that April 9th will be a significant date for our country - with little room for complacency on the part of the present government and no clear grounds for over confidence on the opposition side; it could even be that a minority party will be in the position to trade its support in return for a serious look at proportional representation.

Ten days after that chosen for the General Election, we have a date set for an event that is significant not only for this country, but for the whole world - the resurrection of Christ. It marks an election of a very different nature from our political scene. In our democracy, we emphasise the individual's right to choose, but when it comes to our relationship with God, the boot is on the other foot! Jesus said to His disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you".

Does this mean that we have no vote on the unchanging manifesto of God's love in Christ, declared over the last 2,000 years? Rather it is that God has the initiative and we are called to respond - "we love Him because He first loved us". God's love for us has not changed nor has the manifesto of the Good news of Jesus Christ.

April 9th gives us the opportunity to make our vote count. April 19th provides us with yet another opportunity - for saying 'yes' to the Risen Lord!

### SUNDAYS THIS MONTH

#### At Ringmore

Apr. 5th 11.00am Family Service  
with Lent Lunch after  
Apr. 12th 9.00am Holy Communion  
Apr. 19th 6.0pm Festival Evensong  
EASTER DAY  
Apr. 26th 9.00am Holy Communion  
May 3rd 11.00am Family Service

#### Sundays at Bigbury & Kingston

9am Holy Communion at Kingston  
6pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury  
11am Morning Prayer & HC at Bigbury  
6pm Evening Prayer at Kingston  
9am Holy Communion at Bigbury  
11am Family Communion at Kingston  
11am Family Service at Bigbury  
6pm Evening Service at Kingston  
9am Holy Communion at Kingston  
6pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury

### Lent Course Meetings - the conclusion of the "Christian Basics"

course, at the following addresses:-

Sat. Apr. 4th - Challaborough Cottage, Ringmore  
Wed. Apr. 8th - 2 Arnolds Close, Kingston  
Thu. Apr. 9th - Strathvendon, Bigbury-on-Sea  
Sat. Apr. 11th - The Rectory, Ringmore.



### Holy Week and Easter Programme

Maundy Thurs. 16th 7.30pm Celebration of the Last Supper, with the help of the Easter Choir, at Bigbury.

Good Friday, 17th 10.30am Family Service at Kingston  
2.00pm The Passion Story in Word and Music at Ringmore

Easter Sunday - Apr. 19th - Services as above, plus, at 3.30pm., an Open Air Service at Duncombe Park, Kingsbridge.

Sunday 26th - we shall be focussing on the Church Missionary Society, when Miss Edith Elsdon tells of CMS work in Uganda.

Monday Ringmore District Church Council meets at 7.30pm.

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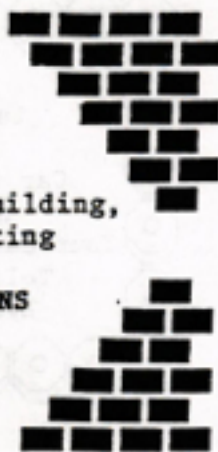
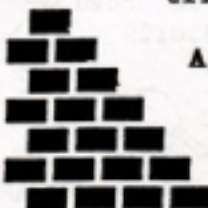
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## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Because the regular date of our meeting coincides with the date of the General Election, our meeting at 7.30p.m. on 9th April has been transferred from the W.I. Hall to the Church Hall. We are very grateful to the Rector for the loan of this hall. As announced in the March newsletter, there will be a Quiz at this meeting, conducted by Mr Colin Stephenson.

March was a very active month for the W.I. with several very enjoyable events. The highlight was the visit to 'The Dancing Years' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth. Pam Brunskill did a wonderful job - filling a coach with members and friends from Ringmore, Bigbury and even Modbury. It was such a treat to have transport direct from Ringmore Church, and the show was delightful.

### Thank you Pam.

The afternoon meeting took place at The Vein, with an unusually large attendance. We had a delicious tea and enjoyed a video made by Reg and Micky Trant during their visits to Bangkok and Tasmania.

The May meeting will be at 7.30p.m. on 14th May in the W.I. Hall. It will discuss Resolutions for the Intermediate General Meeting.

It has been decided that on Saturday, 13th June, there will be a Cream Tea, with cake and plant stalls, in the garden of Hill Cottage. This event will be in aid of the Macmillan Nurses. Offers of cakes, plants or help, from members and non-members, will be most welcome and we hope that all our friends in Ringmore and neighbouring villages will come along and support us.

Tickets £1.50 from any Committee Member.

### ANYONE FOR (AKOL) BRIDGE? - CALLING ALL LOCAL BRIDGE PLAYERS

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**PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**

Twenty members of the public turned out on Friday 3rd April to join members of the Parish Council at the Annual General Meeting. Margaret Wood, the clerk to the Parish Council, read the minutes of the last meeting, and was congratulated on her efficiency and hard work throughout the year.

Guy Eddy, the Chairman, presented his Annual Report, highlighting the main issues which had occurred during the year.

Four speakers then addressed the meeting:

Bob Bage from Haven Leisure reported that improvements continue to be made at Challaborough, and that the alternative route for caravans, avoiding Ringmore, should be available 'imminently';

Ian Kemp from the Heritage Coast described activities promoted by his service, including the development of circular walks, and the planting of trees and wild flowers;

Cllr Simon Day, our local county councillor (also leader of the County Council), described the finances and services of Devon County Council, and mentioned the recent decision not to paint double yellow lines on the approach lane to Wonwell;

Cllr Gilbert Sercombe, district councillor, concluded by describing the work of the South Hams District Council.

Significant interest was shown when the meeting was informed that the National Trust was negotiating the purchase of land at Lower Manor Farm.

If you want to find out more, come to the next meeting on Tuesday 5th May at 7p.m., when a speaker from National Trust will outline future plans.

John Tate

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Admission £3 to include coffee. Tickets on sale at Bigbury and Bigbury-on-Sea Post Offices. Ring 810223 for further details.

**DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE**  
The deadline for items for inclusion in the May newsletter is Thursday 7th May