

# Eardisley Group Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent.

### Services at:

Almeley:	Morning Prayer, 10:30 am
Eardisley:	Holy Communion 9:30 am
Michaelchurch:	Holy Communion 11:00 am
Whitney:	at Michaelchurch 11:00 am

### Readings

Exodus 17. 1-7	Romans 5. 1-11	John 4. 5-42
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**Mothering Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Eardisley:	Family Service	11.00 am
Almeley:	Community Service	10:30 am
Brilley	Village Praise	3:00 pm

### Thought for the week:

In this week's Gospel reading Jesus meets with a woman of Samaria at a well and asks her for drink. This is more extraordinary than it looks. The first thing to note is that Jews and Samaritans had a history of mutual hostility, secondly not only had she been married divorced and or widowed five times, the man she was with was not her husband. In pointing this out Jesus is not judging her in a negative way, (although there is a hint that the disciples are scandalized by Jesus talking to her). In her society and his, women could not divorce their husbands, only men could divorce their wives, and a divorced and widowed woman was often destitute unless she had family to look after her or another man took her as a wife. This woman has been married and either divorced or widowed five times, and we might speculate that the man she was with now 'kept' her without marrying her, and that desperation had led her to accept this scandalous (to their society) arrangement. This is maybe why she was at the well during the heat of the day; shunned by the other women who came earlier in the cool of the morning. And yet here is Jesus, a lone man, and Jew asking her for water, and subsequently offer her the water of life, the Holy Spirit.

Yet this is the person Jesus sends to bring the Good News to her neighbours, not only that, they hear her story, listen to her and respond by coming to see Jesus themselves. Everyone else had written her off, but not Jesus, Jesus chooses her to reveal him to others.

### Lent Groups

**Eardisley** Tuesday, Arboyne House, 7.30 pm Contact Sue or Mike Hawthorne 01544 327058

**Kinnersley** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the Old Rectory, 10 am, Contact Janet Greenfield, 01544 327555.

**For Midweek Services and other notices please see below.**

**Midweek Services:**

**Eardisley**

Monday,

Morning Prayer 9:15 am

**Almeley**

Tuesday

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

**Eardisley**

Wednesday,

Holy Communion 9:15 am

Thursday, Friday.

Morning Prayer 9:15 am

**Other notices:**

**THURSDAY APRIL 13th**

**7pm**

**Eardisley Church**

Recital of English Songs and other  
Chamber Music

Flute - Helen Smith

Cello - Joris Boon

Piano - Robert Green

Voice - Gary Higginson

Admission Free - Donations Welcome

