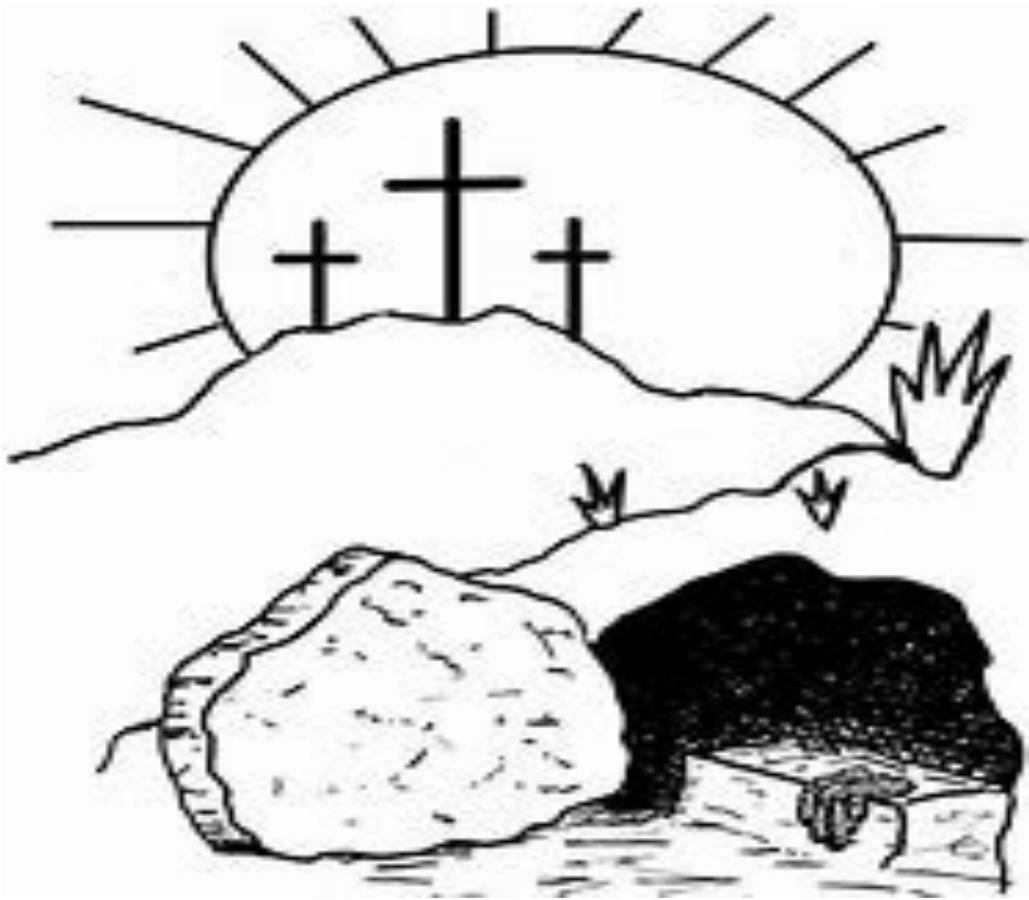


# WOLDMARSH PARISH NEWS



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## A Word from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

We live in strange times. As I write this, and cast my eye forward over the month ahead, I see only question marks. As the nation tries to get to grips with the Coronavirus outbreak, each day brings new advice and guidance as to how to behave and as to what should and should not be done.

Despite the obvious worry that surrounds us, I did manage a smile this morning when saying my prayers. The reading for the day was a classic text for Lent, Isaiah 1.16-17: 'Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean.' Even the Bible is telling us to wash our hands!

I must inform you that we have been instructed to **stop all acts of public worship**. This takes immediate effect. **All meetings and church groups and events will also be suspended.**

As far as I am aware weddings, funerals and baptisms will continue, although I suspect in a modified form. This may yet change of course.

As your priest it remains my duty to daily offer up worship, prayers and the Eucharist on behalf of you all and the nation and world. Whilst these will not be open to the public I want you to know that they will be happening and you will be held in my prayers.

Crucially churches that are currently kept open will remain so. People are welcome to come in and pray, although are advised to keep a distance from one another.

I am most concerned that nobody gets isolated or neglected in the coming weeks and months. I will be staying in touch with people by telephone and will put in place any

### **KEEPING SAFE**

The PCCs of Legbourne Woldmarsh are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of the vulnerable within our church community, and also to encouraging an environment where all people and especially those who may be vulnerable are able to worship and pursue their faith journey in a safe way.

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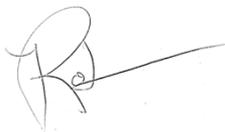
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practical measures that I can where necessary . **If you are anxious about your own personal arrangements or about those of somebody else in the parish please do let me know.**

As you will appreciate, this is completely unprecedented and the situation is constantly changing. I will do my best to keep you informed (do check our website). There is so much we cannot control. This makes it all the more important that we do what we can, namely to follow the advice given and to look out for one another, especially the most vulnerable in our midst. It is only through collective action and commitment to the common good that we can overcome the crisis.

As well as looking to your neighbour, I urge you to look to Christ. We need now more than ever to seek him, through reading the Scriptures, through giving yourselves moments of stillness and calm, and through prayer. As you will have often heard me say before, we rejoice that we never pray alone but are joined by the saints and angels. While we may have to keep some distance from one another for the time being, there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Whatever we find ourselves doing come Easter, Christ will still have risen. Whatever lies ahead for us, we too, as individuals and as a wider family, we rise again as well.

With assurance of my prayers,



Fr James

*From the Editors.*

*All church events have been suspended due to Covid 19. I have therefore tried to remove all information about them. My apologies to those who sent the information in good time for publication.*

*I would like to echo Fr. James reassurance that we will do all we can to help. If you need help or comfort please contact Fr. James or myself. Our phone numbers are at the front of the magazine.*

*Please help support each other. Normally, the advice is to call on a neighbour. If 'social distancing' or 'self isolation of the most vulnerable' is advised it would be better to phone your neighbour. Now would be a good time to make sure you know their number!*

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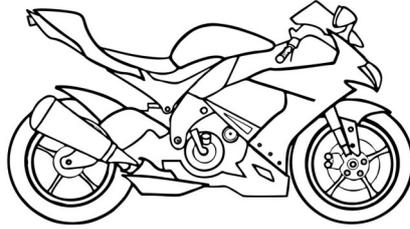
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## Withcall News and Views

As we emerge from our state of winter hibernation and what seems like a very wet, cold, and yet hard frost and snow free winter, the council must be happy to have saved so much on winter road maintenance, and hopefully, the Environment agency will have learnt many lessons while dealing with the terrible flooding, which so many people have had to endure.

Yes, winters and seasons certainly are changing and so, must we also, accept change. Life is not about years and numbers, they only record when and what we have done, and achieved, in our lifetimes.

So, to be able to look out of the kitchen window and watch, and hear the bird's songs in the early morn, who are now like the rest of us looking towards a new spring season, which has been for the world's population, darkened by the outbreak of the coronavirus which so quickly sets the world in turmoil and shows how very vulnerable we all are in this modern, now small and highly populated planet. Again, is nature showing us our failings, and we thank the Lord for being allowed to live in relative obscurity, here in our little forgotten hamlet.

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## 'Highways and Byways'

By  
Stuart Reder

I wonder sometimes how much money these adverts think we have coming in? £10 for a 'Post Code Lottery' each month you will probably never win (I was in the Air Ambulance Lottery for a year and never got a penny) so much for 'Broad band', for Sky channels, Films, a new car, phone etc and so it goes on. It's no wonder some people get in debt trying to keep up with everything! I've only got my pension coming in which just about covers my everyday needs so long as I turn the heating off overnight. My savings are all but gone now with the poor interest rate but, at least I still have a roof over my head and basic food to eat which I'm thankful for compared with some poor souls.

Talking of food, I ended up eating 4 Pancakes on 'Pancake Day' (Shrove Tuesday) in Mablethorpe after treating myself, due to a mistake in the kitchen. The young waitress brought 2 plates to my table with 2 pancakes on each. "I'm sorry" I said "but I only ordered one" "but, when she went to take the other one away (I hate seeing food wasted) I offered to pay for it and eat all 4. "No", She said, "it's their mistake so you don't need to pay for 2," "Call it your Lucky Day" and walked away laughing so, I guess I'm guilty of the sin of "Gluttony"! I did insist on Lemon juice and a sprinkle of sugar the way our mother always served them up. I'm not into the American way of 'Maple Syrup' or jam or, Paul Hudson's gravy! Better to have a 'Yorkshire Pudding' if you're putting gravy on it.?

Now and again I treat myself to 'Beans on Toast' at a Sea - Front Cafe looking out across the sea and have to smile at the funny things people do as they walk along the seafront and, the antics of the various breeds of dogs that some are walking. Some are pulling their owners along, others not taking a blind bit of notice at their owners plea for calm, some trotting along enjoying every moment well behaved and, some 'special' breeds who seem to be looking 'Aloof' down their noses at the scruffy little mongrels who dare to 'sniff' or bark' at them.?

I used to go to 'The Linkage' but, due to cutbacks, they close early before I get down there now. The wild primroses are out in the old churchyard at Trusthorpe as are other flowers in the garden, hedgerows and, grass verges that shouldn't be yet, in fact we haven't been without flowers with the 'Red Champion' flowering all winter over my wall and in my garden. I leave it rough for birds and wildlife on the field side and wondered what it was one day as something moved around in it as I fed the Ducks and 2 geese who call out and fly up from the far end of the field when they see me, from, amongst all the others. It turned out to be some female pheasants well camouflaged and under cover. The 'Cock Bird' comes up for the corn in the field, calling out, but they eat theirs out of sight! A 'Jogger' who lives up past my sister and, although retired, even goes

to 'New York' in America on marathon runs, gives a crow some bits that comes hopping up to him as he jogs along the beach. It's amazing how wild animals and birds etc take to some people especially where scraps are concerned?

My sister is making a good job of her garden which I help her with, when she lets me, and has created some winding gravel paths on liners on liners edged with some of the thicker logs heaped up from the pruned trees which look very effective and natural. The bulbs and plants etc. I planted are beginning to show new growth, so I hope a late winter won't arrive and knock them back. She gave me a card, when I lost 'Millie', with Tiny 'Forget me not' flowers that she had dried and stuck in it. As you may have guessed, I am writing this on yet another wet day with another storm due for the weekend, and, high winds, but, I must be careful what I say or that 'Trump' feller will be calling me a "Prophet of Doom"! I can't even begin to think what poor David Attenborough must be feeling like or that young 'GRETA' who 'TRUMP' told to "Control your anger and go and see a Movie with a friend"?

With leaders like that in control we might as well forget 'Green Energy' and recycling 'and call it a day.? Apart from people losing all their belongings and farmers land underwater, I dread to think what loss of wildlife there will be from animals and creatures that live underground plus, hibernating hedgehogs etc and, 'stray cats, marooned with nowhere to go or, food! A 17-year-old dog is missing around our way after the storms blew their fence down. It's deaf and, with all the dykes full of water it doesn't look good as dogs don't seem so clever at looking after themselves as cats, regarding finding food and shelter.

I thanked 'Simba's owner, who gave me a lift to Trusthorpe, after he said he pulled up and asked a woman leaning on my gate looking into my garden, what she wanted. As he said, an innocent looking woman could be eyeing up the place and passing information on to 'nere do wells', but it turned out she was looking for the missing dog. He told her, I do a lot of walking and would certainly let them know if I saw it.

Thanks to everyone for 'Millie's' cards. They were much appreciated. It's taken nearly three weeks for Simba to realize she isn't around to jump out on him. She would take notice of all the places inside where he slept and would be in them when he came in, making him find somewhere else, saving her energy chasing him off. He is now going back to them all. It's certainly hard this time getting over her loss.

A lady I know, you may remember ... The Heron stood at the bus stop at the side of her, told me that she now has a goose in her garden which wandered over and stood watching a man cleaning his car.! It flew off that night. She thinks she might be a Bird Lady!!

Cheers, all the best, Stuart

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Hannah G, aged 10, said that her favorite sea creature was the Lion-Fish because it looked so unusual with all its fins.

She said: "I learnt a lot, such as the fact that turtles eat jellyfish. I had no idea!"



She also told us that the workshop influenced her to take action on plastic rubbish, as she and her family went picking up litter on their street and posted it live online, to spread the word.

Everyone who went then used what they had learnt at the aquarium in their English lessons as they wrote reports about marine pollution.

Written by Darcy B-Y

## Saint Vedast

Our parish has one of the few churches dedicated to St Vedast, but who was he?

He was a Bishop in the Frankish area and as such, his influence spread. He was known by different versions of his name in different language areas. Thus St Vaast, St Waast, St Vedastus, St Gaston and St Foster are all the same person! The London church of St Vedast is in Foster Lane,

Vedast left his own country in the west of France and went to lead a holy life at Toul. The Bishop noticed him and ordained him a priest.

Clovis, king of the Franks, having defeated the Alemanni, was on his way to Reims to receive baptism. Presumably he had offered to do so if he won! At the Abbey of Toul, he asked for a priest to instruct him on the way. Vedast was assigned the task. On the journey they encountered a blind beggar who asked for help. Vedast was inspired to pray and the beggar was healed. As far as Clovis was concerned this was the most effective instruction and he fully embraced his wife's Christianity, and also made Vedast a trusted advisor

Another story of Vedast says that, after spending a day instructing a nobleman, he was about to leave. The nobleman ordered his steward to fetch a glass of wine to see Vedast on his way. The steward returned to report that the barrel was empty. Vedast told the steward to bring 'whatever is in the barrel.' When the steward went back to the barrel, he found it was overflowing with wine.

In AD 499 Vedast was made the first bishop of Arras by Remigius, Bishop of Reims; his diocese having become so big with the addition of the Franks, following Clovis' conversion. In AD 510 Cambrai was added to Vedast's duties.

He died on February 6, 539 at Arras; that night the locals saw a luminous cloud ascend from his house, apparently carrying away Vedast's soul. The Abbey of St. Vaast was later founded in his honour in Arras.

Helen

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## A Peaceful Resting Place

Forty years ago, Authorpe still had a church – just! St Margaret's was in existence in the C14th and the registers date from 1558. It was largely rebuilt in 1848, possibly not too well since it was re-roofed and restored in 1884. It was declared redundant in July 1980 and demolished later that decade.



Sadly, I have no memory of the building at all. It was a mix of brick and stone, small and plain and the only photos I have found show it wreathed in ivy

and with holes in the slate roof. Naomi Field (archaeologist) in company with Paul Everson (mediaeval historian) and Sam Scorer (architect) visited in 1984. She has generously allowed her photos to be shared on-line through the Society for

Lincolnshire History & Archaeology.



There was still a wall monument, an engraved alabaster tablet which was transcribed as: In Memory of / Frances ye Wife of Mr / Geo White Son of / Mr Rich'd White Re [ctor] / of this Parish. She Died / 7th Oct 1738 Aged XX / Her two Children Ann / and Eliza are Interred / With her. I have no idea of its present whereabouts. However, a visit to the churchyard last April was a heartening exercise. It is beautifully cared for and I found headstones for two friends: Doreen and Ray Dexter. Ray was a very good artist and his drawing of Belleau church hangs on our landing. He was an enthusiastic contributor to Tathwell Art Exhibition and I particularly recall his visit one year. I was on duty in the church when he came in and said, "If I didn't know better, Jean, I

would swear that I've just been served coffee by the singer Barbara Dixon!" "Well, you have," I replied. "She lives in Tathwell and she's on refreshment duty this morning."

Ray and Doreen were a delightful couple. She developed Alzheimer's and Ray cared for her. It was lovely to find their headstones in sunshine surrounded by spring flowers.

Jean Howard

## PORK PIES

By Jack Bob Lincolnshire Lad

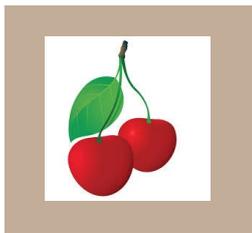
(A poem in Lincolnshire dialect)

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Fare ode meks me mowuth watter, thinkin uv them pies  
It ny on meks teeyers o joy, cum in t mi eyes  
Pork pies wi jelly in, un peppery tayustin pork  
A little bit uv evvun, angin on yer fork  
A just luv the tayust ov, a Lincisheer pork pie  
They es the best we ivver tayustid, us yellor bellies cry  
Nooer pie en thes ere country, cun beeyut a Lincisheer pork pie  
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Ev just wun tayust uv these ere, Lincisheer pork pies  
Yoo will ear yer tayust buds singin, et ull b a gret surprise  
Sooer wen yerv ed a pork pie in Lincisheer todaayer  
I nooer wot we are orlus now, gooin t ear yer saayer  
Pork pie fer brekfust, pork pie fer tea  
Eny ode tiyum es a gud tiyum to ev a pork pie fer me

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(Thank You to Dot Webb for sending this in.)

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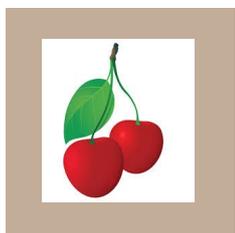


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Not every morning finds me bright and breezy. When Russell and I visited Hereford Cathedral last year I spotted a ring-bound perpetual calendar called "Make Someone Smile Today" and it was one of my Christmas presents. It's been doing a good job cheering me on my way. The compiler has found a wonderful selection of quotations and it has been interesting to find the source of some of these.

The text for 13<sup>th</sup> March is:

Little deeds of kindness,  
little words of love,  
Help to make earth happy,  
like the heaven above.

These words are written by Julia Fletcher Carney 1823-1908. She was an American educator, poet, author, and editor and this quote is from her poem "Little Things".

You may know better the first verse:

Little drops of water,  
little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean  
and the pleasant land

Many of her poems were set to music and published in school textbooks, and used in church hymn-books for more than half a century. She died November 1, 1908, in Galesburg, Illinois.

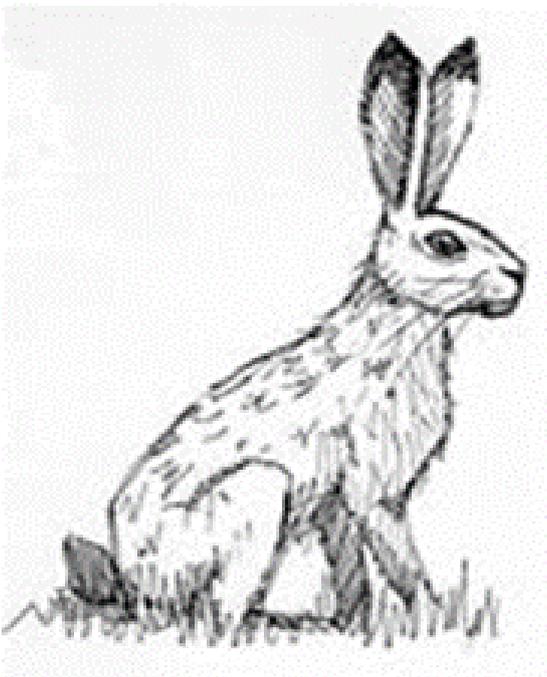
Jean Howard

Easter Bunny...or was it a hare?

The Easter Bunny was almost certainly a hare! The hare is associated with Eostre, a pagan goddess of spring. However, hares were also popular in Medieval church decoration as a link with Mary, Mother of Christ. This was because ancient writers such as Pliny the Elder and Aelian believed that hares were hermaphrodite and could reproduce without a partner.

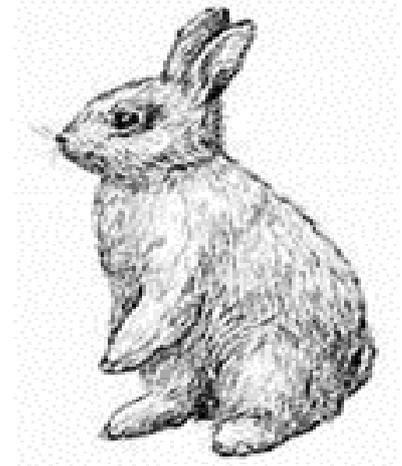
If you come across medieval church art see if you can find a hare in the picture!

When we see hares 'boxing' at this time of year, it is not two males fighting for a female. It is a female hare telling an amorous suitor that she does not value his attention!



Can you see the differences between the hare and the rabbit

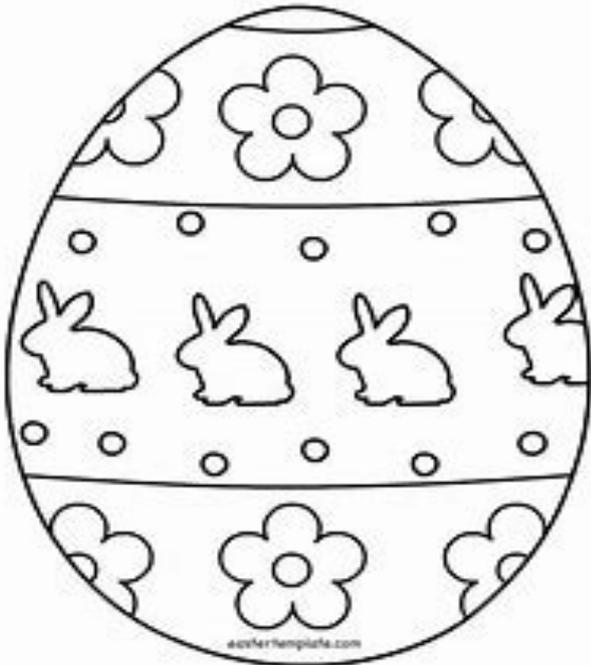
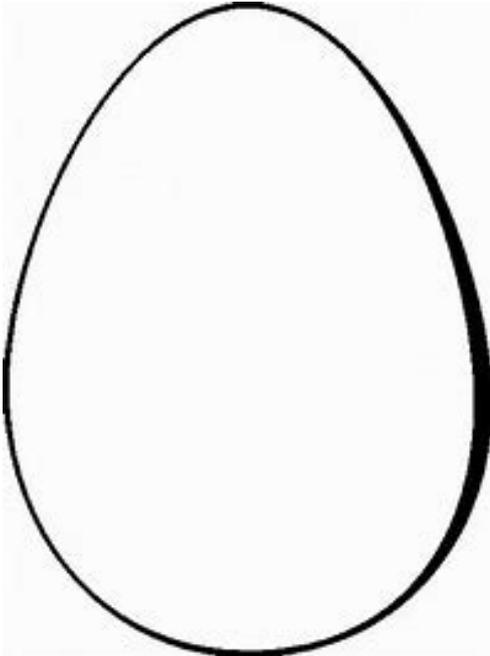
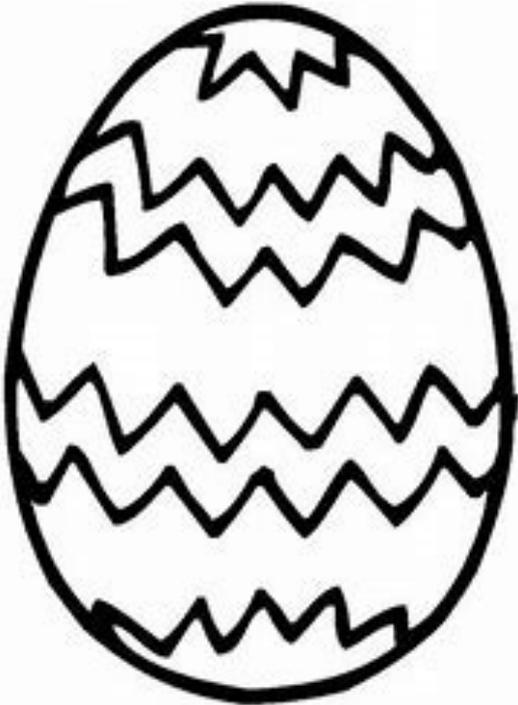
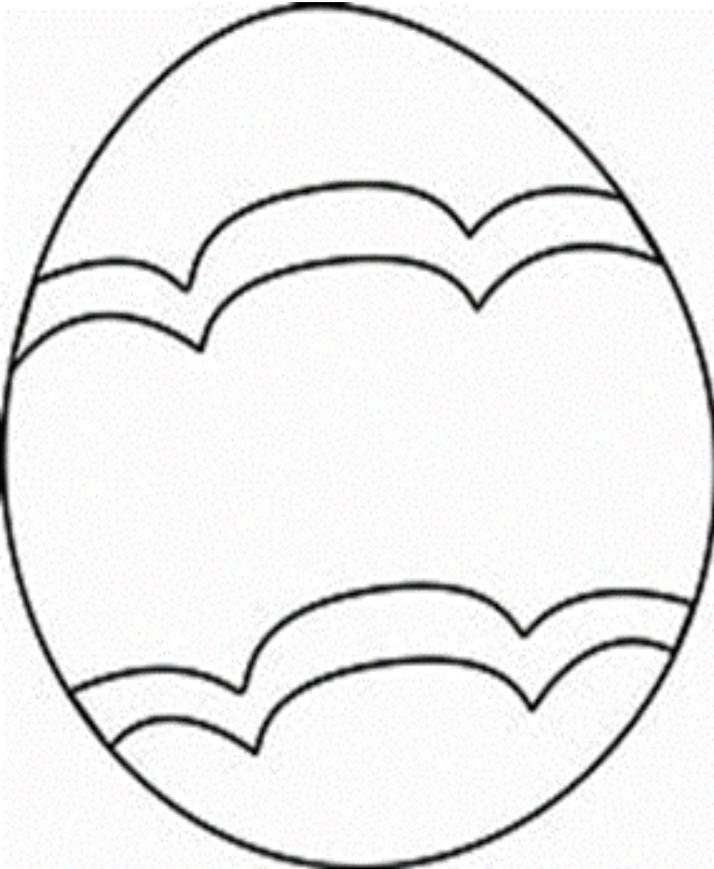
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Answers; Last month there were 13 mice

- This months answers.
- 1) The Hare has bigger ears. 2) the hare has black tips on its ears
  - 3) The rabbit can sit upright, 4) The hare has longer legs so it sits with all its feet touching the ground
  - 5) The hare runs, but the rabbit hops.

Some Easter eggs for you to colour



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Can I thank those who have submitted articles. The fillers were most useful...but I have now used them up! Any articles, recipes, ideas would be welcome. Send them by email to 'hrmarsden2019@outlook.com' It is easier for me if they come as an attachment.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR MEDITATION THIS MONTH

'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*Mark 10.45*

Please do contact Fr James If you would like to be prayed for/with or just need a chat or if you are unwell and would appreciate a visit, which could involve anointing for healing and/or the sharing of Holy Communion.

Please note Fr James' day off is Friday.

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+ BENEFICE PRAYER +

All members of our churches are invited to pause and say this prayer every Saturday for our work and future flourishing

**Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN**