

# East Loveden Churches And Parish News MARCH 2025

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## FROM THE RECTORY

### March Reflection: A Season of Renewal and Repentance

As March unfolds, we start our journey through Lent, a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. It begins with Ash Wednesday, a solemn day that reminds us of our human frailty and need for God's grace. As we receive the cross of ashes on our foreheads, we hear the words, **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).**

This act humbles us, reminding us that our lives are fleeting, yet infinitely valuable in God's eyes.

The ashes also symbolize repentance. In Biblical times, people would wear sackcloth and sit in ashes as a sign of turning back to God. Today, as we mark our foreheads with ashes, we acknowledge our sins and our dependence on Christ's mercy. It is a call to transformation, urging us to realign our hearts with God's will.

Lent invites us into a season of spiritual discipline—fasting, prayer, and acts of charity. These practices are not meant to burden us but to free us. Fasting helps us rely more on God than on worldly comforts. Prayer deepens our relationship with Him. Giving to those in need reflects Christ's love.

As the days lengthen and spring draws near, nature itself mirrors the promise of renewal. Just as bare trees begin to bud, so too can our souls be renewed through God's grace. This season ultimately leads us to the joy of Easter, when Christ's victory over death offers us new life.

Let us embrace Lent with sincerity, allowing God to work in our hearts. Let Ash Wednesday's message stay with us—not only as a mark on our foreheads but as a call to lasting transformation. As we prepare for Easter, may we seek Him more fully, serve others more selflessly, and walk in the hope of His resurrection.

Rev Georgie

## Prayer for MARCH

Heavenly Father

This Lent, may Your presence with us become a reality. Draw alongside us in our wilderness and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, awaken us from our neglect of You to a yearning to learn more of Your love, Your forgiveness, Your peace; and so lead us to a deeper understanding of the relationship offered to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour.

Amen

## BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## AROUND THE PARISHES

### **ANCASTER**

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

### **Ancaster Coffee Morning:**

1st Friday AND 3rd every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.



# Ash Wednesday

Join us for the Ash Wednesday Service as we begin Lent with prayer, fasting, and ashes as a sign of humility and God's grace.

All are welcome to attend.

**5th March at 9:30 a.m.**  
**ST MARTIN, ANCASTER**

**Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a**

**Prayer Breakfast on:**

**Saturday 15th MARCH at 9.00am.**

Come and share croissants and cereal, tea and coffee followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT

If you would like to come, please leave a message on 01400 269940 or text Robert on 07491 711112



Prayer   
Breakfast

East Loveden Group of Parishes

**Community**

**Praise**

at The Village Hall, Ermine Street, Ancaster

Sundays at 5pm. On

23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2025

A time of Christian worship and exploring faith.

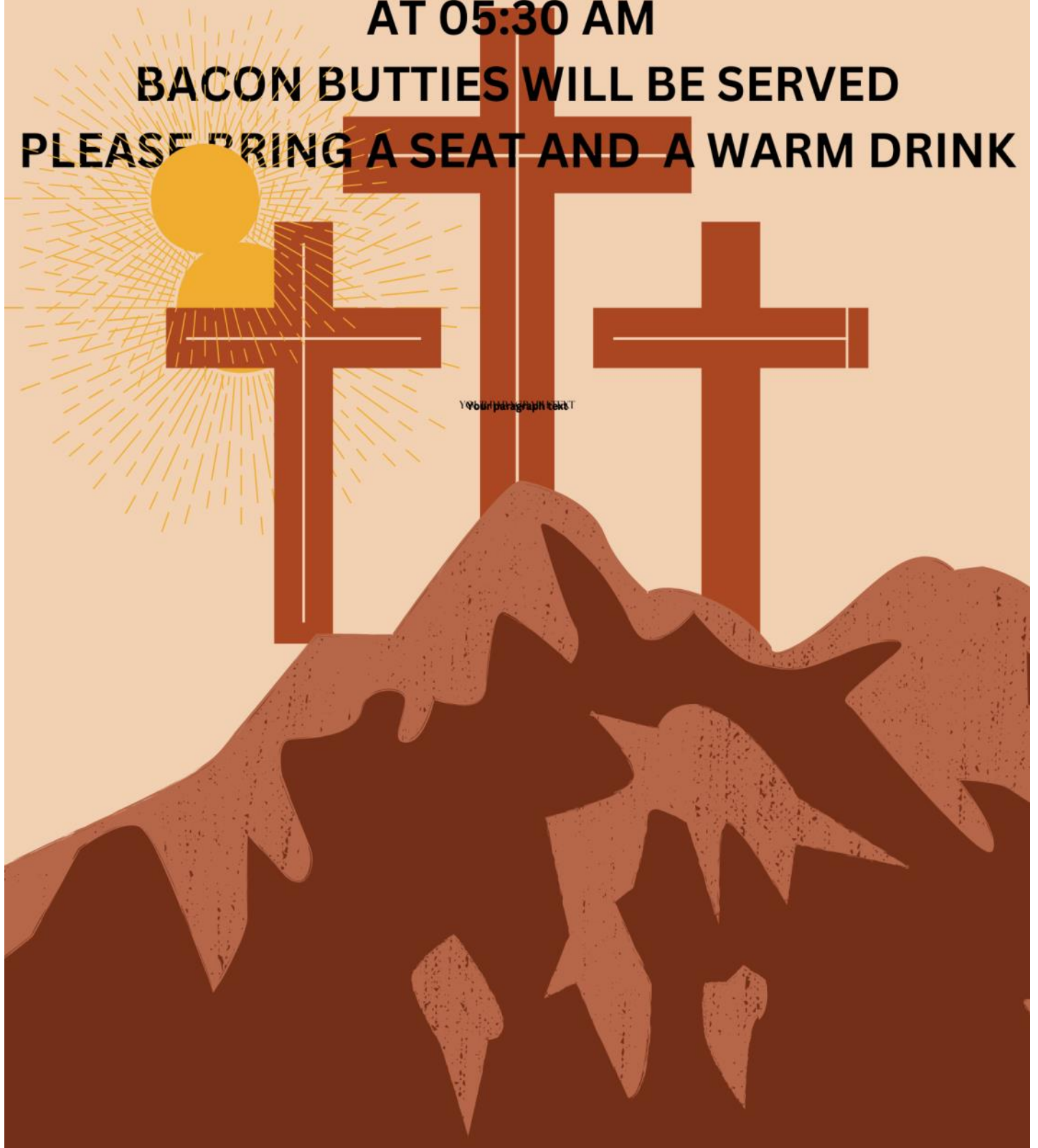
All are welcome.

If transport is required, phone 01400 269940.

**SUNDAY 20TH APRIL  
SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE**

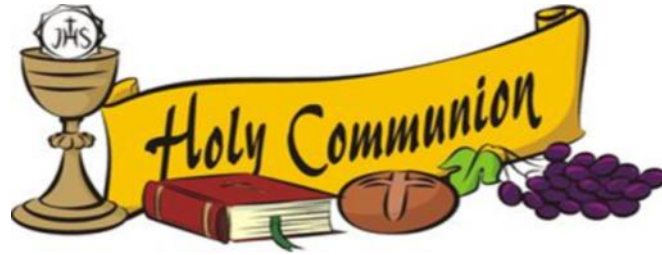
**SLATE HOUSE FARM  
HEATH LANE, WILSFORD, NG32 3PG  
AT 05:30 AM**

**BACON BUTTIES WILL BE SERVED  
PLEASE BRING A SEAT AND A WARM DRINK**



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# **EAST LOVEDEN GROUP**



## **2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH**

**10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER**

**11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION**

## **5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – ASH WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION ASHING SERVICE**

## **9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**9:00 SYSTON HOLY COMMUNION**

**11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

## **16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

## **23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

**10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION**

## **30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – GROUP SERVICE**

**10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION MOTHERING  
SUNDAY**

**ALL WELCOME**