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Holy Week Liturgy: Passiontide and Holy Week

Holy Week, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Day, is the week in the Christian year that has the greatest significance for Christians. Apart from the giving and receiving of Easter Eggs, non Christians do not engage with Easter in the same way as they do at Christmas. Indeed some Christians are not always committed to the idea of a whole week of services and arrive on Easter Sunday for the celebration without having 'travelled the road to Jerusalem'. Perhaps in part the reason for this is that people do not know or understand what the services are about and therefore stay away rather then 'taste and see'.

It is not known at what point in our Christian history that Christians began to make an annual memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. Initially there was only one service, a night-long vigil followed by a celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow. Over time this service developed into a week long structure starting on Palm Sunday symbolising Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem through to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. During the course of the week the great themes of suffering, death, resurrection and redemption are represented in scripture reading, singing, prayer, reflection and silence.

Through being present and engaged in the services each of us can share in Christ's own journey.

Maundy Thursday:

This day has three quite distinct acts of worship.

1) The first, which has fallen into disuse as you might be glad to know, is the public reconciliation of penitents prior to their readmission to communion at Eastertide. Briefly, Christians who had denied their faith during times of persecution could be readmitted following a penitential process.

2) The second is known as the Chrism Eucharist during which oils are blessed by the bishop in his cathedral for subsequent use in baptism, confirmation, ordination and anointing the sick. Clergy and Readers from within the diocese gather together for this Eucharist celebrated by the bishop and follow a corporate renewal of vows.

A small group from Holy Trinity will be attending this Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Richard of London, at St Paul's on Maundy Thursday and we will collect our three small separate containers of oil. These oils are kept in the Lady Chapel and if you wish to see them, please ask one of the ministry team and we would be happy to show them to you.

3) The third act of worship is the evening service when we give thanks for the very first time when Jesus was at supper with his friends and he took bread and wine and told them and us that we should do this in remembrance of him (known as the Institution).

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Two special ceremonies usually take place during this service:

i)The first of these is the washing of feet, not something that is culturally recognised by us. This is a symbolic and sacramental cleansing act expressing the humility of Christ, the 'master' washing the feet of the 'servant'. Today if we were hosts at a dinner party and we offered to wash our guests' feet I know that we would be considered very odd and probably our guests would leave before the meal was even started! However, we do wash our hands before eating a meal and hand washing rather than foot washing becomes our act of humility. This symbolic act will take place before we share a special meal together on Maundy Thursday.

ii)The second of the special ceremonies has two parts; the transfer of bread and wine (the Sacrament) that remains after the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday to a special place and the symbolic remembering of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane. The two are combined and so the 'Sacrament' is carried to an 'Altar of Repose'.

This will take place this year with the altar in the Lady Chapel being used for the placing of the sacrament, the 'Altar of Repose'. The altar will be decorated with some greenery and some flowers to symbolise the Garden of Gethsemane. The vigil that follows until 10pm will be a time for people to sit and reflect. There will be a selection of readings, prayers and reflections for you to use as you sit or kneel in response to Jesus' charge to his disciples "sit here while I pray" and then "could you not keep awake one hour?"

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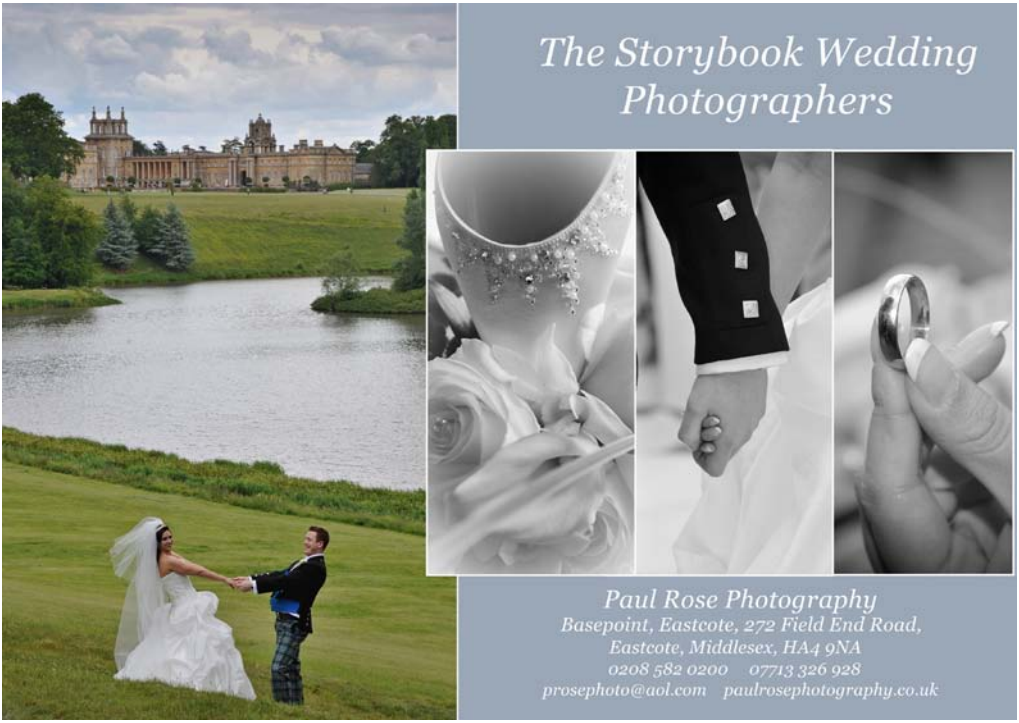
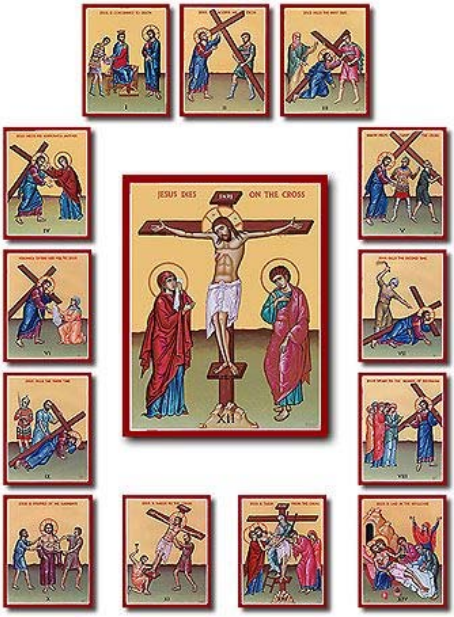


Good Friday:

Following the liturgy of the Day for the first hour of the three hour devotion from 12 noon – 3pm, the Stations of the Cross is the second hour and this enables us to engage actively with the path of suffering walked by Jesus. The practice originated when early Christians visited Jerusalem and wanted to follow literally in the footsteps of Jesus, tracing the path from Pilates' house to Calvary pausing at various points along the way for prayer and reflection. The tradition was brought home by the pilgrims and today forms one part of our Good Friday worship.



There are usually fourteen stations comprising nine of gospel scenes and five from popular tradition. A number of years ago when I went on a Holy Land tour we spent one day walking the 'Via Delarosa', the 'Way of the Cross'. When this is done in Church it is usually very quiet and reflective and quite sombre but in complete contrast the way in Jerusalem is a very narrow way and is usually filled with people coming and going in both directions and is quite chaotic.

My memory is of chaos and noise and in a way I guess that is probably how it was on that first 'Good Friday'. I am sure that people would have carried on their every day business of buying and selling as well as thronging together to go and witness the crucifixion of Jesus. Having said all that, our devotion on Good Friday will be one of quiet and reflection and I would like people to feel able to walk 'the way' around the church. There will be pictures depicting the fourteen stations around the church as well pictures being shown on a screen so you can choose to walk or sit or do some of each.

The story of that first 'Easter' told in the Gospels make it clear that there was no coincidence in the fact that the passion and victory of Jesus took place at the season of the Jewish Passover. The Jewish Passover was a joyful celebration and thanksgiving for the deliverance from Egypt but in Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection, he accomplished a new deliverance for us from sin and death.

Holy Week and Easter Day are very important and we need to engage in ways that will be meaningful for us so that on Easter day when we celebrate the risen Christ, we can say with joy "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed".

Rev Ann Clarridge
Assistant Priest

Ref: *J.G. Davies (ed) 1986 A new dictionary of Liturgy and Worship SCM Press Ltd, The Archbishops' Council Common Worship: Times and Seasons. 2006 Church House Publishing*

holy trinity golf day

Golf Afternoon & Dinner

If there is enough interest, there will be a Golf Competition on Friday May 11th at Moor Park Golf Club starting at 2pm. Those not playing in the golf are also very welcome to come and join us for the meal in the evening. Those who played last time will be sent the details.

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Morning Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15 am on Tuesday and Friday.
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Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the Green Lounge.

Sunday 1 April	**Palm Sunday**
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) followed by refreshments
9.50 am	Process from Holy Trinity School to
10.00 am	Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café and Parish Communion in the Church
11.30 am	Palm Sunday Procession from Church with a pony to the Gravel Pits, Copse Wood Way.
6.00 pm	Evensong
7.00 - 8.30 pm	Shape
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 2, 3 and 4 April	
10.30 am	Holy Communion
8.00 pm	Compline and Meditation
Thursday 5 April	**Maundy Thursday**
7.00 pm	Maundy Supper followed by stripping of the altars and vigil in church
Friday 6 April	**Good Friday**
10.00 am	Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns
12 noon - 1.00 pm	Liturgy of the Day - Common Worship
1.00 - 2.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Fauré's Requiem
Saturday 7 April	**Easter Eve**
8.00 pm	Service of Light & First Communion of Easter followed by seasonal refreshments
Sunday 8 April	**Easter Day**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Family Communion in Church followed by Easter Egg Hunt**
6.00 pm	Easter Carols
Saturday 14 April	Northwood Live at Home Musical Evening

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Sunday 15 April	**2nd Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders
11.45 am	Healing Service
6.00 pm	Evensong
Saturday 21 April	Roving Supper
Sunday 22 April	**3rd Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Matins in the Church
10.00 am	Encounter Communion Service in the Hall
6.00 pm	Taizé Style Worship
Tuesday 24 April	
8.00 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Hall
Thursday 26 April	
2.45 pm	Pre-School Toddler Service
Sunday 29 April	**4th Sunday of Easter**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Easter Labyrinth in the Church Hall
Monday 30 April	
8.30 pm	Bible Study in the Parish Rooms

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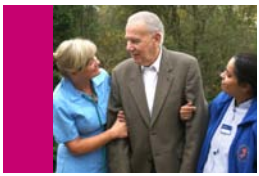

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April Quiz *"Building Work"*

1. What is now the tallest building in Europe?
2. For whom or what were the following buildings constructed :
   (a) The Grange; (b) The Dower House; (c) a charnel house ?
3. Name the only non-royal, non-ecclesiastical residence in England styled a Palace?
4. Where is the largest inhabited castle in the world situated?
5. Who lived at
   (a) No. 1 London (b) 30 Windsor Gardens (c) 23 Railway Cuttings, East Cheam
   (d) 742 Evergreen Terrace, Springfield (e) 5 Cwmdonkin Drive, Swansea?
6. According to 'Proverbs 9 : 1", who hath buildeth her house, and hewn out her seven pillars'?
7. What was the Taj Mahal originally built as?
8. 28,000 of these were built throughout Britain in 1941 for defence, as small gun emplacements. What were they called and after what were they named?
9. 'The dog that worried the cat that killed the rat that ate the malt'. Where did this all occur?
10. Who wrote 'The Building of Jalna' (1944) and seven other 'Jalna' novels?
11. Which building situated within the HA6 postal district contains the largest number of bricks in Europe in its construction?

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April Quiz Answers

1. In December 2011 The Shard (32 London Bridge) surpassed Europe's tallest building, Frankfurt's Commerzbank Tower (850ft) to attain 1017ft in May 2012.

2. (a) Storage of grain (b) a house intended for the widow of an estate owner (c) for the storage or deposit of bones or dead bodies.

3. Blenheim Palace, home of the Marlborough family for 300 years.

4. Windsor, one of the Queen's country residences.

5. (a) The Duke of Wellington. So called because originally it was the first house encountered after passing through the Knightsbridge Tollgate into London. (b) Paddington Bear (c) Tony Hancock (d) The Simpsons (e) Dylan Thomas.

6. 'Wisdom'. Compare T.E.Lawrence's book title, 'The Seven Pillars of Wisdom'.

7. A memorial to Shah Jahan's third wife Mumtaz Mahal who died in childbirth.

8. 'Pill Boxes' after the shape of the military pill box hat known as a Kilmarnock, worn by the Gurkhas and the Roman soldiers before them (Latin : the pilleus).

9. 'In the House that Jack Built'.

10. The Canadian writer Mazo De La Roche (1879-1961).

11. Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood; 1932 Neo-Georgian/Swedish Style.

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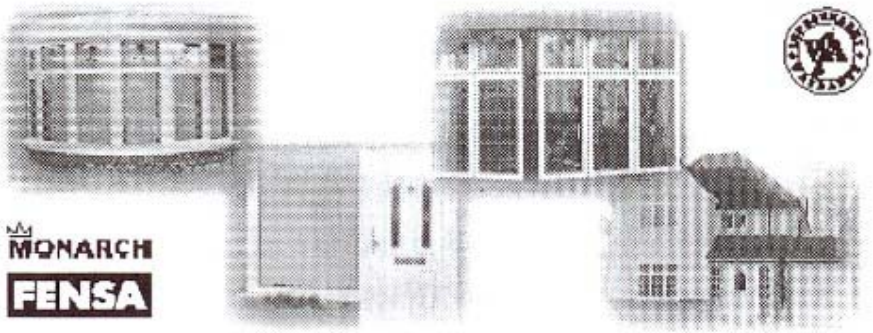

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Holy Trinity CE Primary School

2011-12 marks the 150th anniversary of Holy Trinity School. On 29th February 2012 a special service was held in Holy Trinity Church to commemorate 150 years of living and learning in the family of God. Attending were all the pupils and staff, parents, governors, ex-pupils, representatives from the London Diocesan Board for Schools, leaders of other faiths and friends of the school.

Those at the service enjoyed hearing our new school anthem composed and directed for the occasion by Paul Ayres of the Walbrook Singers. The anthem sets the Holy Trinity Prayer to music. We were delighted that the author of the words, Rev David Knight, was able to attend the service. The School Choir also performed two different versions of Psalm 150 and a specially composed piece of music based on the old "30 days hath September" rhyme. Augmenting the School Choir was our Community Choir, consisting of staff, parents and governors. It was a great pleasure to be able to welcome back Mrs. Senga Hornal, our ex-musical director, to take part in the service.

Some historical characters, ably portrayed by Year 6 children, played a part in the proceedings to help everyone understand the signigicance of the major events of the last 150 years. Lord Ebury and Queen Victoria made an appearance, as did Winston Churchill and Mr. Taylor, headteacher of the school during both World Wars.

We were delighted to have the presence of Bishop Pete Broadbent who blessed the new school standard designed by Matthew Kerse in Year 5 and funded by the Moor Park Decorative and Fine Arts Society. On

the same day we also officially opened the school's new library and ICT suite that have formed part of the wider school refurbishment project.

A DVD was commissioned to commemorate this special occasion. It features a guided tour of the school, written and narrated by Year 6 children, the opening of the Library and the Anniversary Service. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact the School Office.

We look forward to the next 150 years!

Mair Henton
Deputy Headteacher

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Prizes will vary from large to small - suggestions include: keyrings, pens/pencil sets, books, jigsaws, cuddly toys, games, novelty toys, small packs of sweets (must be in date), toiletries etc etc

If you have anything that you think may be suitable – perhaps unwanted gifts – sitting around in a cupboard, I would be delighted to put them to good use! I'm happy to take "good-as-new" items too – eg. cuddly toys that are clean but need a new home. I hope to get as many as 300 items in total so please have a good look through your cupboards!

Many thanks

Caroline Coates

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NOTICE

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Brian Steed

Some thoughts from a choir member.

As Richard stated in his address at Brian's funeral service and reported in last month's Holy Trinity News, Brian joined the choir in 1968 and immediately became an invaluable addition to the tenor line.

At that time the choir was almost entirely male dominated. With the arrival of Pat Salisbury as choir master, ladies were at last allowed in and Jean soon joined and was another valuable addition to the soprano line. Brian and I have sung together on the decani side of the choir for 44 years which is a very long time and I can honestly say that during that time there were no cross words or disagreements, which must be some kind of record. He was always ready to carry the cross in the absence of the crucifer and being tall probably made a better job of it!

In 1975 he was one of the chosen seven from the choir to sing at the Remembrance Day event at the Royal Albert Hall, which was a very exhausting affair for everyone.

But Brian entered into it all with great enthusiasm and calm composure as always.

He was happier in the traditional side of the choir repertoire, but always managed to cope with the more modern items that we occasionally have to sing.

To be a member of a church choir you need to be able to sing in tune, also to sight read, and above all be prepared to attend regularly both practices and services, and Brian fulfilled all these. The words "He will be sorely missed", are very apt at this time.

Brian Marks

Tomorrow's Burden

Don't pick up tomorrow's burden while it's still today.
Hour by hour we're given strength our part in life to play
Light sufficient to illume the path that we must tread
Not enough to pierce the darkness of the miles ahead...

We in some mysterious way are helped when things go wrong
Shoulders stoop beneath the strain - and yet we get along
Finding that we have the power to meet each fresh demand
If we reach out in the dark and hold the unseen Hand.

Never look for storms approaching when the skies you scan.
Don't anticipate the future; it's not ours to plan.
Do not strain your eyes to see the turnings in the road.
Why take on before you must another extra load?

Don't go searching down the byways for the things you fear.
There's no need to fight the next day's battle till you hear
The summons of the trumpet and the beating of the drums.
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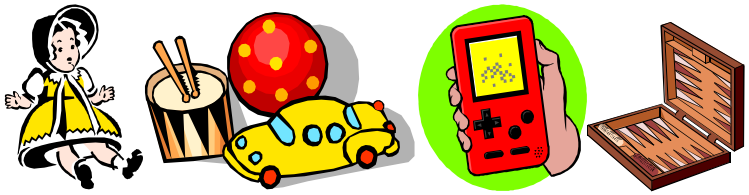

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Chris Chiu at the movies

The Christianisation of Thor

Marvel finally releases The Avengers on April 26 after years of build up with Iron Man, The Incredible Hulk, Iron Man 2, Thor and Captain America: The First Avenger. In the film, Thor returns to aid Captain America, Iron Man, the Hulk and SHIELD to prevent his brother Loki from conquering Earth. I've chosen this opportunity to talk about Marvel's Thor and its place in the history of Christianising Norse mythology.

What little is known about Norse mythology was written by monks, so it is difficult to know how much of it was the beliefs of the pre-Christian peoples. Odin the All-Father, the messaic Baldr, the evil Loki and the apocalyptic events of Ragnarok all recall the Bible. Icelandic historian Snorri Sturluson proposed in the Prose Edda that the Norse gods were not gods, but kings and leaders who became venerated long after they left. It is unsurprising that Marvel's versions of Norse mythological characters and other pagan religions are depicted as aliens, with Asgard located on an asteroid, and its denizens flying in vessels resembling Viking longboats.

Key to Marvel's success was artist Jack Kirby, who created Captain America in the 1941 with Joe Simon, and then the Fantastic Four, the Incredible Hulk, the Mighty Thor and Iron Man in the 1960s with Stan Lee. Kirby was Jewish and had a lifelong interest in religion that had a profound impact on his work. During the 1970s, Kirby took this to next level by christening his new set of characters he created for DC Comics the "New Gods".

When Christianity ingrained itself in Europe, it became popular to depict Jesus as tall, white, blonde, blue-eyed and muscular, as opposed to the short, stout and dark Jewish man he would've been. By the time Kirby drew Thor, he transformed the ginger bearded god into a longhaired, blonde youth. In his human guise Donald Blake, Thor was a doctor, and until recently had no memory of his life as a Norse god. Kirby depicted Odin like Michelangelo's God as opposed to the one-eyed wizard he was usually portrayed as, and designed Loki with a satanically horned helmet.

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Last year's Thor movie eschewed the narrative of a doctor discovering he was the son of Odin, opting for a redemption/fish out of water narrative with Thor trapped on Earth after his father deemed him a "greedy, cruel, vain boy". Thor finally proved himself worthy of his powers by dying to defend his friends, and so the Norse god became Christianised in a completely different way when his hammer returned and revived him for his heroic sacrifice.

Note: The Avengers is being promoted in the UK as Avengers Assemble, presumably due to copyright issues regarding the British Avengers. Regardless, I've chosen to refer to the Marvel film by its true title.

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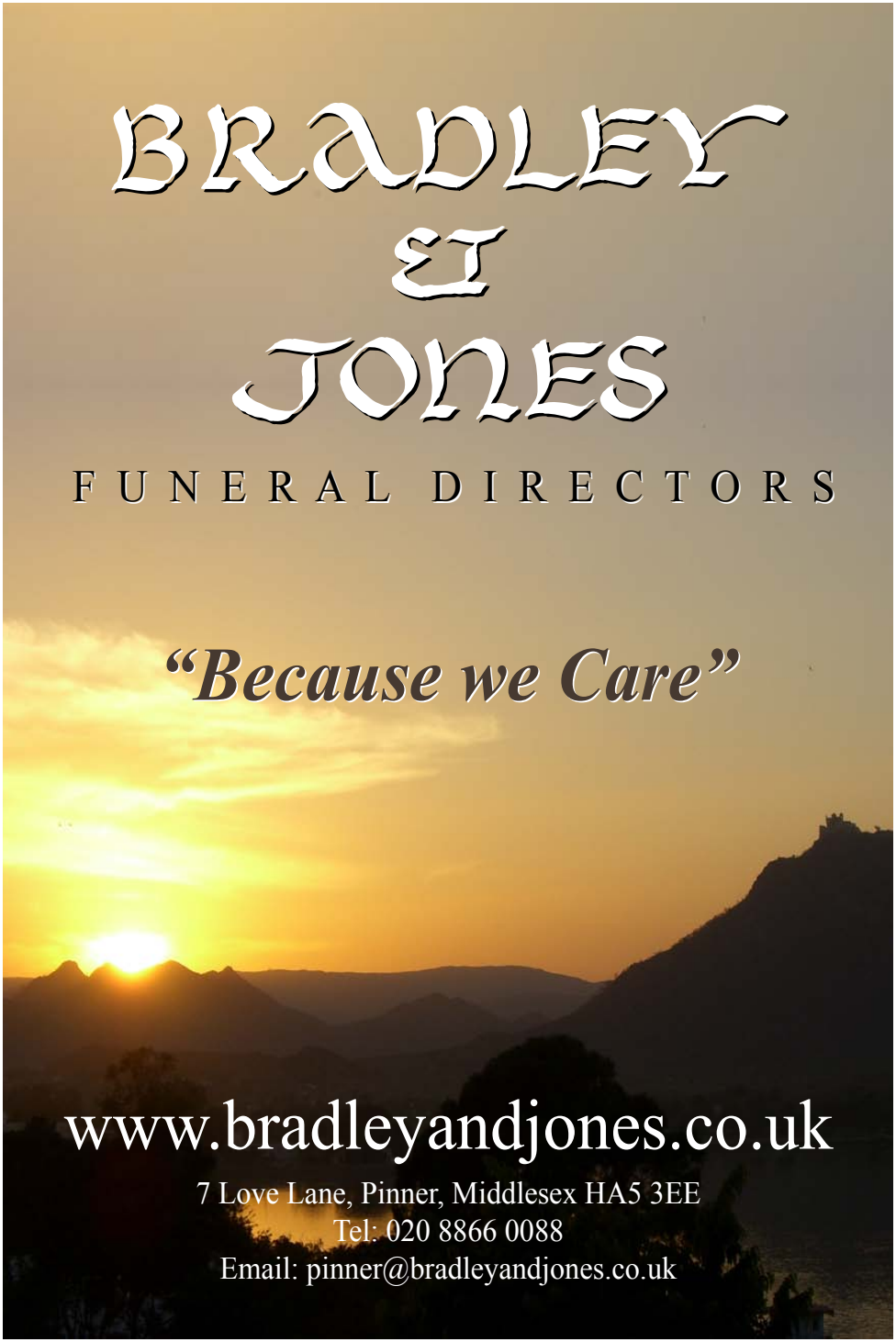
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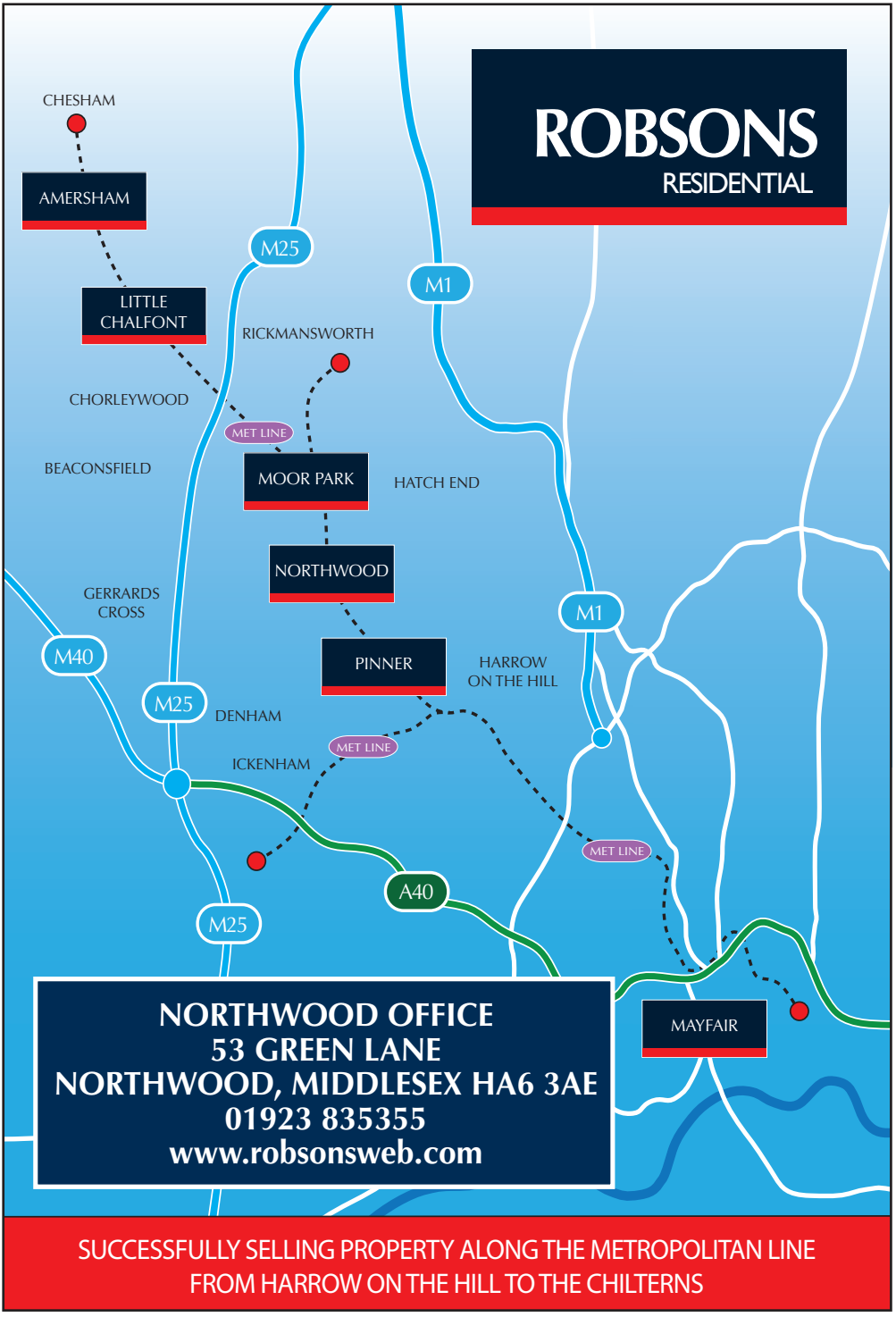
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