



# Becket Keys Church of England School

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**Mr Scott-Evans writes:**

### A CALL TO PRAYER

Next week is Holy Week, the most important week of the Christian Calendar. Please join us in prayer as we enter this special time. There will be the usual weekly prayer meetings in my office on Tuesday at 11:15am and Wednesday at 7:50am. You will be most welcome to attend. Similarly, you could attend our Eucharists on Maundy Thursday at 11am, either in school with Year 8 and 12 or at St Thomas' church with all the other year groups.

Christians around the world will use next week to reflect on the Passion of Christ and the week building up to his death. I will take time re-read my favourite Gospel account in St Mark (starting at Chapter 11). Mark's account gives

a first-person eyewitness style version of the events that I find compelling. I will also watch the latter parts of 'The Bible' Miniseries DVD and 'The Passion of the Christ' to help me to imagine with clarity the events and the drama.

The events of Easter are both mysterious and incredible. As the head teacher of a Christian school, part of my challenge is to know how to best use this special week with the students.

Mr Hughes has presented Collective Worship brilliantly this week. He has talked about his faith and his passion for science. He has explained how the two complement each other to answer the questions that fascinate him most.

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I am also a keen scientist and the science of Holy Week, specifically the possibility of someone coming back to life, is a fascinating one. The evidence for the resurrection is impressive and compelling; the scientists among you may want to read about this. 'The Case for Christ' by Lee Strobel is one of the more famous accounts written by an atheist who set about to disprove the claims of Christians and ended up convincing himself that it must have happened. It was also made into a film last year. Should I tell the students about this next week? I know a lot of them would be interested.

These matters of religion will always require faith. It would be churlish to suggest that students should make a judgment about Easter purely on the science of it. Mr Hughes made this point this week by challenging students to attempt to judge works of art through the utilisation of scientific apparatus. It was impossible to do so. You cannot properly decide about art using science, no matter how complex the equipment provided!

The Easter story means so much more than facts and figures alone. Next week, I will have various opportunities to attempt to share what Easter means with our students. Please join me in prayer, in school (if you can), at home/work/church (if you cannot), and let us all pray that the Holy Spirit will use our activities of next week to once

again allow us all to draw a step closer to the mystery of our faith: "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again".

Best Regards

**Andy Scott-Evans**  
Head Teacher

## SUGARLOAF USA SKI TRIP 2019



Sugarloaf 2019 is a ski trip for students in Y10 & Y12 next year, so current Y9 & Y11.

Parents of students in Y9 & Y11 have been emailed with more information.

Reply slips should have been returned to the school today. Details of the meeting will be sent out soon.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

## CoderDojo

Becket Keys are pleased to be able to confirm two CoderDojo mornings – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. 9.00am – 12.00pm. Industry experts will be leading these sessions.

Who is it aimed at?

Those who have a genuine interest in coding, building websites, creating apps and working in IT when they are older. Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12.

Speak to Mr Fenn to register your interest. There are limited spaces available, be quick!

## Year 8 Madrid Trip Parent Meeting



**DATE FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**17:00-17:30.**

**MAIN HALL**

## Friends Of Becket Keys

### Quiz Night

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Last Friday, parents and staff gathered in the main school hall for the ever popular Annual Quiz Night, which promised to be as challenging as ever. As usual it was a great evening, presided over by Quizmaster James Savage. Teams battled it out over a British themed contest that flexed their trivia muscles on the subject of our national identity, culture, history, sport and music. It became clear as the evening progressed that, even if you have lived in Britain all your life, you were bound to learn something during the course of the quiz.

At the finish the scoreboard revealed that "*The Real James Savage Fan Club*" were champions, followed by "*The Stiff Upper Lippers*" (only 2 points behind) and "*The original James Savage Fan Club*" taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place, although there was stiff competition from the other tables.

Thank you for everyone who came along to support this event, and special thanks to James and Chris Savage for hosting and organiser Penny Richardson from FoBK. The evening raised over £500 which will go towards the Playground Appeal.

**Alison Butler**

## SAVE THE DATE!

FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS ANNUAL BALL

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

To launch this year's Ball we are holding a draw with the prize of

A PAIR OF TICKETS TO THE AUTUMN BALL!!

Draw to take place after EASTER BREAK.

£2 a ticket or 3 tickets for £5

Contact us via Facebook Friends of Becket Keys or email us on [FOBK@becketkeys.org](mailto:FOBK@becketkeys.org)

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE QUIZ NIGHT AND ALSO AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE





## BIBLICAL PAUSES



### THE DRAMA BEGINS.....

#### The Triumphal Entry

*The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:*

*"Hosanna!*

*'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'*

*The King of Israel!"*

*Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:*

*"Fear not, daughter of Zion;*

*Behold, your King is coming,*

*Sitting on a donkey's colt."*

*His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.*

*Therefore, the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason, the people also met*

*Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"*

#### John 12:12-19

This Sunday is known as the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. We remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Saviour and King. The story, which begins on Palm Sunday, is a human drama; it is our drama. In many churches, the story will be re-enacted this weekend. Indeed, a number of our students will be taking part in the Passion story at St Thomas of Canterbury Church this weekend. As Jesus enters into his final week, he takes humanity with him and continues to do so every Easter. We are not just remembering an historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We celebrate and taking part in the life, death and

resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us and for us.

His entry into the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, 'Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'.

Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closest friends. They desert him. He is left all alone.

As we read the liturgy of Holy Week, it is important not to lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and part of at this special time. As well as celebrating this great



John 12:12-19

Mrs E. Sharp  
Deputy Headteacher

week with dignity and reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to each of us. Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday, plays out over Holy Week and climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? When, like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who help Jesus in his time of need? Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. As we journey with Jesus to the cross, we can decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be. As we begin this most holy of weeks may Jesus be our constant companion. May we enter into the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

Let us pray:

**Lord God,  
I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.  
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,**

***This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,***

***And I am distracted by many things.***

***Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name,  
The one who opens the gates of righteousness,  
The one who answers when we call.***

***I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.***

***To walk the road we walk.  
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,***

***And may praise him with a pure heart,***

***And may walk in the way of his suffering,***

***And share in his resurrection.***

***Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God  
forever and ever.***

***Amen.***

## Easter Services

Please find attached a list of local church services for Holy Week and the Easter weekend.

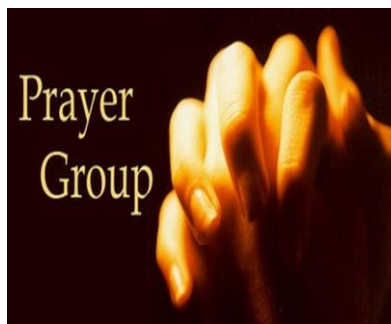


## Maths Challenge Club

Interested in logic puzzles and mathematical challenges?

Want to compete in national maths competitions?  
Come to J26 on Monday lunchtimes (second half)

Open to Years 7-10!



There is time for parent/carers and the wider school community to come and pray with Mr. Scott-Evans Tuesdays 11:15am and Wednesdays 7:50am.

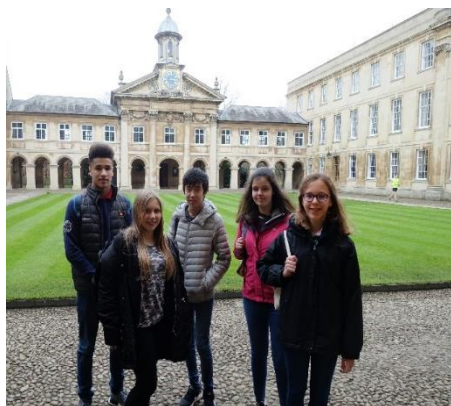
A warm welcome to all!

## Year 10 Cambridge Initiative

### 2018 Programme

### Palmer's College & Emmanuel College, Cambridge University

On 14th and 15th March, Millie Double, Lola Webb, Louise White, Louis Stephen and Jason Yeh (Year 10) participated in the 2018 Palmer's College Cambridge Initiative Programme, visiting Palmer's College and the University of Cambridge.



This is a collaborative project which offers the opportunity to gain an understanding of the Cambridge University application process, together with a high quality educational experience based on active learning, team work and problem solving.



Palmer's  
COLLEGE



#### Report from Lola Webb, Year 10

My favourite part of the day at Palmer's was making a creative pitch with our group: we had to design a new dating game show! We then presented our pitch and came in third place. Other groups had tasks including making a new magazine and organising a radio station for young adults.

I really enjoyed the day in Cambridge as it was extremely informative and exciting. After getting out of the coach, we had to walk through the middle of the city to get to Emmanuel College, where we spent the day. The buildings were very old and it was good to get a sense of life at Cambridge. When we arrived we had a useful talk about how Cambridge works and the benefits of applying to a Russell Group university. I learnt a lot about application to universities and the different courses: did you know there are 50,000 courses available to study all over the UK? Another engaging part of the day was a sample lecture on bio anthropology, which was about how people in the ancient Assyrian Empire controlled such a large area and so many people. It was fascinating to see what a lecture at a university would involve, as it was completely different to a school lesson.

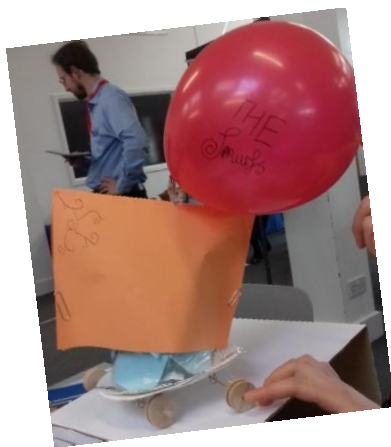
Overall, I thought the two days were really enjoyable and enlightening as to what Higher Education will be like.

#### Report from Millie Double, Year 10

Last Wednesday, we visited Palmer's College, where we did several activities. One of these was "The Great Egg Race"; we had to make a car to see who could transport an egg the furthest. In our teams, we assembled the vehicles from elastic bands, card, wheels and balloons, and were judged on how far they travelled, what they looked like and how well we worked as a team. I really enjoyed this activity as we had to think outside the box and work together.







*"Overall, it was a wonderful two day interactive experience that will not be forgotten."*

**Jason Yeh, Year 10**



On Thursday, we visited Emmanuel College, one of the colleges at Cambridge University. We listened to a talk about our options for higher education.

We also had a tour of the college, and saw many of their facilities, including a swimming pool and the chapel. I liked how peaceful it was in the college, even though it was close to the bus station.

I found the trip interesting and exciting, and would recommend it to anyone who gets the chance to go!

Jess Martin in Year 10 is performing with Chelmsford Young Generation in West Side Story at the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford in April.

Tickets available online from the box office.

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres)

Chelmsford Young Generation presents

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**The Civic Theatre, Chelmsford**  
Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st April, 2018  
Evenings at 7.30pm plus Saturday Matinee at 3.00pm  
Box Office 01245 606505

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## Mathematics Department

### Primary Maths Challenge



On Monday, Becket Keys welcomed eight local primary schools to take part in a Mathematics competition. Each school was allowed to send a team of four students to our event that consisted of three challenges- a speed round, a cross number and a logic puzzle. After an early setback, St Helen's scored full marks in the final round to take home the winners medals! St Thomas of Canterbury Junior School finished second, while the three person team from Larchwood Primary came an admirable third. St Peter's gets a special mention for finishing fourth despite only having two people on their team! Shenfield St Mary's, Doddinghurst Junior School, Long Ridings and Bentley St Paul's all competed well and were all unlucky to miss out on a top four finish.

In the lead up to the competition, Mr Tyson led two masterclass sessions which the majority of the children attended. In these sessions, the children became

familiar with how the competition worked as well as learning mathematical concepts such as BIDMAS, ratio and how to walk through a piece of A4 paper!

Mr Tyson would like to thank all the staff and students who helped in the organisation of the competition, and to all the children who came and made it such a memorable event. We are hoping to run it again next year and see if St Helen's can defend their crown!



### Upcoming Events:

#### BAE systems, RAF & Royal Navy

On the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, BAE systems in conjunction with the RAF and Royal Navy are going to be running a roadshow at school for Year 7 during period 6.

#### Junior Maths Team Challenge

Also on 19<sup>th</sup> April, Mr Tyson will be taking four students from Year 8 and 9 for a competition at the Centre for Mathematical Science, Cambridge University.

Check next week to see who has been selected to represent the school.

#### Junior Maths Challenge

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April is the junior round of the UKMT Maths challenge.

If you are in set 1 in Year 7 or 8, Mr Tyson will be getting in contact soon on Show My Homework to give you more information and some practice resources.

### Numeracy Challenge

Another code to crack:

I asked my friend Joshua who his favourite football team is, he replied:

7:4:21:12

Which team is it?

Send your solution to Mr. Tyson on Twitter  
@BKS\_MATHS





## **- Becket Keys Music- Spring Concert 2018**



Becket Keys Music Department are thrilled to announce that this year's Spring Concert will be held in the Main Hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a **7.00pm concert** which will feature a broad variety of solo and ensemble performances from across our extensive extra-curricular Music programme.

Featured ensembles will include the Orchestra, Stage Band, Ukulele Club, Choir and Chamber Choir. The concert will also allow an opportunity for our A Level Music students to perform their coursework repertoire.

**Tickets: £4.00 each** available for purchase via SCOPay. *Please enter the total value for the number of tickets you require e.g. £12.00 for three tickets.*



## Sports News

### Year 7 Netball



Becket Keys Year 7 netball team worked very hard on a very cold evening against Sandon School. The team did not have all their players so really tried their best playing in a team that had not had a chance to train together. All the girls tried their best throughout the game and did not ever give up. It was a great learning experience and the girls have made plans and adaptations to help with the next game. We look forward to our next opponents, Plume where we hope to implement these tactics. Ella Bunce worked very hard in defence, she was up against a very experienced club player and managed to prevent many goals being scored.

Full Team:  
Ella Bunce  
Rebecca Lyle  
Phillipa Burrell  
Lily Johnson  
Hannah Davis

Caitlin Murphy  
Isabella Price

Final Score	
Sandon	13
Becket Keys	3

Miss North

### Cross Country



Maddie and Grace competed at the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Leeds last Saturday, travelling up by coach the day before with the Essex team.

It was a very challenging race, on a muddy and undulating course, run in bitterly cold conditions with freezing winds and occasional snow showers. However, they were very proud to be part of an amazing team, with the junior girls' team winning overall and becoming English Schools Champions!

Congratulations Ladies!!

### Upcoming Sports Fixtures

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 10 Netball v CVHS (a)

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Football v Anglo (h)

Well done to all the teams who have competed over the past term.

We look forward to hearing about your fixtures again after Easter!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SPRING CONCERT

7.00PM TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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### FULL SCHOOL EUCHARIST

11.15AM MAUNDY THURSDAY

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH

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### EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL –

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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### INSET DAY

MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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### PARENT INTRODUCTION MEETING

### NEW YEAR 7 COHORT FOR SEPT 2018

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

7.00PM – 8.00PM

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### MADRID MEETING

5.00PM FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



### FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS

### LAST CHANCE FOR THE EASTER RAFFLE

Friends of Becket Keys are holding an Easter raffle for this fantastic selection of eggs. There are also single eggs available for second and third prize.

Tickets are available from Reception for £1 each.

All proceeds go towards the Playground Appeal.

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