

A LETTER FROM REV RONA

April is a month of deep contrast and great hope. We walk through Holy Week, from the quiet intimacy of the Last Supper, through the sorrow of the cross, and into the joy of Easter morning. It is a story of love that is given freely, and life that is shared for the sake of others.



Here in our Milborne Benefice, we are discovering something of that same spirit. Over recent months, our eight churches have come together in new and encouraging ways. Friendships are forming, support is growing, and there is a real sense that we are stronger together than we ever were apart.

Our churches are here for everyone in our villages—whether or not you come on a Sunday. We celebrate life's great moments through christenings, weddings and funerals. We offer spaces of welcome through toddler groups, lunch clubs, Foodshare, dementia support, concerts, and community events throughout the year. These are not extras; they are part of who we are.

What is less well known is that **we receive no regular funding** from the national Church towards the running of our buildings. The care of these beautiful, ancient places—so central to our communities—rests with us all.

If you value having a church in your village, there are many simple ways to support it: a one-off gift, a regular donation, or even a small legacy in your will. You can give in cash in our churches, via QR codes, or by card in Milborne Port. We are so grateful for every penny given to support this vital part of our community.

This Easter season, as we celebrate new life, perhaps we might also consider how we can help sustain these places of welcome and hope for generations to come.

With every blessing this Easter,

Rev Rona