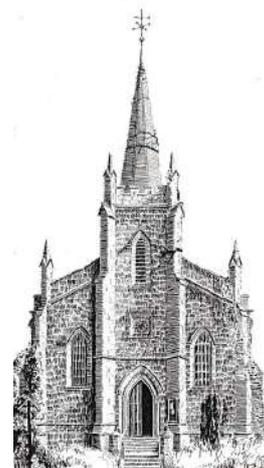


St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green



Sunday 18th April 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Collect for the third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24.36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

From the pen of the vicar

Dear all,

Between Easter and Pentecost one of our Bible readings each week will come from the Book of Acts. I am often struck as I read about the early church of the way in which Peter and Paul talk about Jesus and the many situations, they do this in. All of this comes from Jesus' great commission to the disciples to "Go and make disciples of all nations." The disciples were sent by Jesus to be witnesses of all that they had seen. Those first disciples were faithful and carried on passing on the Good News.

This Sunday sees our Annual Church Meeting where we reflect and give thanks to God for where he has been at work over the last year. I am mindful however, that God has been at work in this church for many, many years. Each of us will have been part of St Marys for a different amount of time but can probably be a witness to where they have seen God at work over the time they have been here and the many people who have been a part of making that happen.

As we look forward from our Annual Church meeting today, let us be prepared like those first disciples to carry on passing on the Good News to those around us. Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us in serving this parish and let us look to where God is calling us next.

Andy

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Events this week:

Sunday

8:00 BCP Said Holy Communion

Church only

9:30 Morning Prayer

This is taking place in church and will be live streamed on zoom. You do not need to book for this service.

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

6:30 Team Evensong by Zoom at 6:30pm (open from 6:15pm)

Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200

Monday

9:45am Bible Study Group – Please contact Daphne for more information.

Tuesday

There are no Team Prayers this week.

Wednesday

8:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Thursday

11:00am Coffee Morning (zoom)

Please contact Daphne for the log in details.

Other Notices

Church Keys

From time to time, we are required to check who is in possession of church keys against the list that we hold. If you hold any church keys, please could you contact Alison or Rachel, our church wardens and let them know the keys that you hold. We also have a number of people requiring church keys at the moment. If you have a key and think that you no longer require it then please have a conversation with either Rachel or Alison.

Garden of Remembrance

Now spring has sprung our gardens are full of new life, flowers, the promise of even more flowers and WEEDS. This is the same for the Garden of Remembrance. We are looking for volunteers who would like to spend an hour or so in this very tranquil environment whilst doing a spot of light weeding. This is as a one off to set the garden up after the winter but if you would like to help on a regular basis do please say! If you would like more information or feel that you can help in any way please contact Margaret Curtis on 07804 941749. Thank you!

Compline – Your help required

Our compline service continues to meet weekly on Zoom. Over the coming months I would like to give more people the opportunity to read or to lead the Compline service. The words for the service will be provided (you do not need to make it up!). Please contact Andy or Daphne if you would be happy to lead or read at this service.

Sides people

Each week our services a team of Sides people help with the smooth running of our services at 8am and 9:30. At present we could do with one or two more people to help with services. If you could help one Sunday a month it would help share the duties between more people. Please contact Andy if you think you would be able to help with this.

Team Evensong by Zoom this Sunday at 6:30pm (open from 6:15pm)

(Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394; Passcode: 168200)

Team Prayers by Zoom takes place fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

(Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021; Passcode: 218012)

Your prayers are asked for: Cheryl Davies and, Judy Borrowman,

In Memoriam —

Loaves and Fishes Margaret Holman would like to thank everyone for the massive support which they have been giving to this worthy cause Sadly there is probably an even greater need for this service during these very difficult times for us all. If you are shopping for food etc if you can pop something extra into your basket I am sure it would be greatly appreciated. Margaret Holman at 2 Cranmer Road has a basket in her porch into which goods can be placed and she will undertake to deliver them to St John's Items particularly requested at present are:- Chicken in White Sauce, Tuna, Tinned Ham, Custard, and Tinned Fruit

Note from Anne Blakeley

Dear All

In two weeks I have walked 60km (only 40km to go) to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange in April. (EVEN BETTER THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE DOUBLING ALL DONATIONS) There is a fundraising page on Facebook via this link:

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Or sponsorship commitments can be emailed to me anne@straight.eclipse.co.uk

Or put through my door. There is still plenty of time for people to sponsor me

Thanks

Anne

Exciting news. There will be a short informal concert on zoom at 5pm on Sunday 9th May featuring talented members of the congregation. Please put the date in your diaries as it promises to be very enjoyable. Further details next week.

Opening Hymn: Love's redeeming work is done

Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won;
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

2nd Hymn: All heaven declares

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be
the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain
to reconcile us all to God.
For ever you will be
the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
and worship you alone.

Final Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness!
(Repeat the chorus the final time)