

Tea/Coffee after Mass. Please stay.

**Today** Tour of Norfolk Churches 2.30 Tacolneston, Bunwell, Carleton Rode, Old Buckenham

**This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 3**

**Mon.** 9.30am Mass (1 Kings 21 v.1-16, Matt 5 v.38-42)  
Int: Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

**Tues.** 9.30am Mass (1 Kings 21 v.17-29; Matt 5 v. 43-48)  
Int: Those we find difficult to love.  
10.00-12.00 Tea/Coffee in Church

**Wed.** 8.00am Mass (2 Kings 2 v.1, 6-14.; Matt 6 v. 1-6, 16-18)  
Int: For generosity in giving.

**Thurs. St Alban Martyr**  
9.30am Mass. (2 Tim. 2 v. 8-13, 3 v. 10-12, John 12 v. 24-36)  
Int: Deeping of our spiritual lives

**Fri. St. Aloysius**  
9.30am Mass (2 Kings 11 v. 1-4 ,9, 18-20, Matt. 6 v. 19-23)  
Int: Those suffering aids and HIV

**Sat. SS. John Fisher and Thomas More** (Feast)  
10.00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday.  
(Job 38 v 1,8-11; 2 Cor 5 v 14-17; Mark 4 v 35-41)  
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**NEXT SUNDAY: 12th Year B**

9.30am .Parish Mass and Address  
(Job 38 v 1,8 -11; 2 Cor 5 v 14-17; Mark 4 v 35-41)

1. The P,C,C, will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 including a shared lunch.
2. The Friends of St. Mary's will be having a strawberry tea in the churchyard on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. They would be grateful for prizes for the tombola.
3. There is a list on the table for proposed pilgrimage to Walsingham on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.
4. We do ask for support for our coffee mornings on Tuesday 10.00 until 12.00.

**Our Christian Giving:** We express our Christian discipleship, in part, through our financial support of our Church family. The life, work and ministry of our parish costs over £1400 every week. If you value the witness we offer, please help us generously to maintain it. Many of you have already signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme to give regularly by direct debit. If you haven't and would like to, there are forms by the door. If you wish to make a one-off donation you can use the card machine, also by the door. If you wish to give cash or a cheque and pay tax, please use a pink Gift Aid envelope which increases your donation at no extra cost to you.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**

**11<sup>th</sup> of Year B**

**THEME:** Sometimes we are tempted to think of the Church and God's Kingdom as the total number of Christ's committed followers; yet today's readings show the Church is more mysterious. God is in control – he causes it to grow even when we are asleep. He has planted it and is alive in the Church, watering and feeding it until it is time for harvest.

**Entrance Hymn:** 60 v 1-3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

*Celebrant:* Forgive us, Lord, when we do not show your love. Lord have mercy.

*People:* (sing) **KYRIE ELEISON** (*Ukrainian setting*)

*Celebrant:* Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to be your Church. Christ have mercy.

*People:* **CHRISTE ELEISON**

*Celebrant:* Forgive us, Lord, when we are so full of doubt. Lord have mercy.

*People:* **KYRIE ELEISON**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

**GLORIA:** Sanctus Setting (words on laminated card)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray for the grace to follow Christ more closely.* Almighty God, our hope and our strength, without you we falter. Help us to follow Christ and to live according to your will.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17 v 22-24. The message Ezekiel gives is of hope to a people in exile. As the cedar tree grows from a small shoot, so God will make a new people from the remnant of Israel.

*The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 91 @ **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
To make music to your name, O Most High,  
To proclaim your love in the morning  
And your truth in the watches of the night.®

The just will flourish like the palm-tree And grow like a Lebanon cedar. ®

Planted in the house of the Lord They will flourish in the courts of our God,  
Still bearing fruit when they are old, Still full of sap, still green,  
To proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong ®

**2nd Reading:** Corinthians 5 v. 6 – 10. Convinced he is on a homeward journey to meet the Lord, Paul's unique concern is to please the Lord at all times.

*We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 60 v 4 & 5

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 4 v. 26 – 34. The parables of the Seed Growing and the Mustard Seed emphasise that although there is human co-operation in the growth of the Kingdom of God, yet the power to establish and confirm the Kingdom belongs to God alone.

*Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'*

*He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'*

*Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.*

**Naming and Blessing: Henry James José Ince**

**ADDRESS CREED.** Nicene (pg 7 of hymn book)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** The Kingdom of God is like a seed that sprouts and grows; how, we do not know. Together let us pray that the Kingdom may grow and that there will be a rich harvest.

**Reader:** Father we pray for the tree of your Kingdom on earth: may it truly preach Christ and offer your call to those who shelter in its branches and that each of us may play our part, however small, in making the world a better place to live in.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who plant the seed of your love in the young; for nursery and school teachers, parents and Godparents.

Let us pray for all who are discouraged because of lack of results, and that the Good News of the Kingdom may never be clouded over or warped by cynicism or dissent.

Let us pray for all fathers especially those who are caring for their families on their own, that they may be given strength in the demands of life.

We pray for Henry Ince, named and blessed today and his parents Nikita and James, May we all welcome them into God's family.

Let us pray for Charlie and Chantal who were married yesterday, that their love for each other may be so true and solid that their marriage will stand firm for the whole of their lives.

Let us pray for those whose lives have been threatened or shattered by crippling illness or injury; may they find new doors opening, new hope appearing and new meaning transforming their outlook.

Let us pray for the Church ministering to the sick – for all anointed at last Monday's healing service and for Jean Martin, Taylor Birch, Jan Ross, Penny Sugden, Anna Horsnell, Sandy Cook and baby Isaac

Let us pray for those who have died, especially; Edith Pelham; Kenneth Gray; Peter Williamson; Peter Gowlett; Hugh Cutting, Eddie Derrick, Russell Pipe, Eva Baker; Cecily Garrard; Margaret Stannard; Katherine Fletcher, Jean Taylor, Jean Davey, Frederick Aldridge, Ernest Abbott, Maud Rogers, Leslie Clark, Eileen Gray, Arthur Clements, Christopher Wilson, Elsie Smith, John Howard, Monica Kellner and Bill Donze, whose anniversaries occur this week. May they experience the joy of their homecoming to their Lord and share in the happiness of the resurrection.

Let us pray with Mary; that the Kingdom of her Son may grow and flourish. **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

**All: God our Father, we praise you for the Word you have sown in our hearts. Hear the words that we make to you this day in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Mass continues on pg 9 of the hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn:** 260 v. 1 & 2 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 260 v 3 to end

**Sanctus & Mystery of Faith:** Sanctus setting

*At end of Eucharistic Prayer: (sing) Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis.*

**Agnus Dei:** Sanctus setting

*Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like a blessing, please bring a hymn book to the altar.*

**Hymns at Holy Communion:** As the Deer pants for the water & 477. Please join in.

**Hymn at Ablutions:** 294

**Post Communion Prayer** **Angelus** Notices **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** 248 v 1-4 - **Prayer at the shrine of Sacred Heart**

**Father, we honour the heart of your Son, broken by man's cruelty, yet symbol of love's triumph, pledge of all that man is called to be. Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch, to offer him living worship by love-filled service to our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**V.** Most sacred heart of Jesus **R.** Have mercy on us. Hymn 248 v 5 & 6