

Teas/Coffee in Church after Mass. All are invited to stay.

**This Week ~ Divine Office ~ Psalter Week 1**

**Mon: ST. AUGUSTINE**

9.30 Mass. Int: The Pilgrimage for healing at Walsingham  
. (1 Thess 1v.1-5, 8-10; Matt 23 v.13-22)

**Tues: Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

9:30 Mass. Int: All in power  
(1 Thess 2v.1-8; Mark 6v.17-28)  
10:30 – 12:30 Teas/coffee/cake etc in Church

**Wed:** 8:00 Mass. Int: Friends of St. Mary's.  
(1 Thess 2 v.9-13; Matt 23v.27-32)

**Thurs:** 9:30 pm Mass Int: All preparing to return to school  
(1 Thess 3 v.7-13; Matt 25 v.1-13)

**Fri:** 9:30am Requiem Mass for Sept Anniversaries.  
(Ezekiel 34 v.11-12, 15-16; John 10 v.14-15, 27-30)

**Sat:** 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday  
(Readings as on Sunday)  
11:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
2:30 Tour of Churches. Stockton, Kirby Cane, Geldeston

**Next Sunday: ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> of Year A**

9.30am Parish Mass, Address  
(Jer 20 v.7-9; Rom 12 v.1-2; Matt 16 v.21-27)

**NOTICES**

1. Next Saturday is last tour of Churches for this year. Meet at 2:30 pm at Stockton.
2. The Ride & Stride Day for Churches is on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. We need people to take part & sign in visitors; see list on table. We are short of funds for our church repairs. Anne's sponsor form is on the table in Church. She would be glad of sponsorship. Half the money goes to the Suffolk Churches Trust and half to this church. She also has a justgiving page for online donations: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-gray-mendlesham> Chris is also biking and hopes to set up his page soon.
3. Next Healing Service – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:30pm.

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27th August 2023

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

**21<sup>st</sup> of Year A**

**Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass.**

**THEME:** We all have keys ~ and they are symbols of our authority, because by using them we can admit others to our property or keep them out. Today we hear how Peter received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, but only after he had acknowledged the authority of Christ our Lord.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** 331 v. 1~4

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times when through cowardice or fear we have not professed that we are Christians. Lord have mercy.

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

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times we have usurped Christ's authority by our criticisms and judgements of others. Christ have mercy.

**People:** **CHRISTE ELEISON**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us for the times when we have ignored our Lord's commands by ignoring others. Lord have mercy.

**People** **KYRIE ELEISON**

**Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness**

**GLORIA –** Dom Gregory setting (*words on yellow card*)

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that God will make us one in mind and heart. Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promise, make us one in mind and heart.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading ~ Isaiah 22 v. 19~23** Isaiah is charged to denounce the prime minister and announce Eliakim as his replacement. The new prime minister will be given the key, symbol of his power to open and close the doors of the palace.

*Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:  
I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.*

**Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 13**

Ⓜ **Your love, O Lord, is eternal. Discard not the work of your hands.**

*I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. Ⓜ*

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*I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever know of you. On the day I called, you answered; You increased the strength of my soul.* ® *The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, Discard not the work of your hands.*®

**Second Reading ~ Romans 11 v. 33~36** Paul tries to come to grips with the inability of his own Jewish people to hear the Good News of the Gospel, though pagans accepted it. We try to make our own St Paul's triumphant hymn of praise to the God whose ways are not ours.

*How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!*

**Gospel Hymn:** 331 v. 5 & 6

**Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, and He has entrusted us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

**Gospel ~ Matthew 16 v. 13~20** This passage from St Matthew is parallel to that from Isaiah, and Jesus prophesies the establishment of Peter in a position of authority corresponding to that of Eliakim, but in the new and eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.*

**NICENE CREED** p.7 of hymn book

#### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** With St Peter we acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Let us pray in confidence to the Father in his name.

**Reader:** We pray that the Church, built on the foundation of St Peter and the Apostles, may ever continue to renew itself so that it may be a source of inspiration and confidence to all Christian people.

Let us pray that those who exercise authority may do so justly. We pray for our King, the Royal Family and our government.

Let us pray for all areas of crisis, especially Ukraine and the Yemen, that the Lord will unite those who disagree into a common submission to his will for justice and peace; that the miseries of conflict and suffering and bitterness may cease.

Let us pray for all parents, especially in our own parish. May they find in our community the support and encouragement they need in witness to Christ.

Let us pray for all who suffer from deprivation, whether of love, food, or anything else which is necessary, especially in areas of famine.

We pray for the sick especially Jean Martin, Angie Wilson, Julie and Andrew Gray, Jim Wilson, all going on the Walsingham pilgrimage for healing and renewal and all prayed for here daily at shrine prayers.

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Chantal Gibbs and Jan Robinson, recently departed (pause while candles are lit) and Leonard Chambers; Andrea Robinson; James Pickup; Grace Brown; Rose Hammond; Annie Cutting, Mary Warren, Edric Tasker, Mary Clements, Marjorie Payne, Elsie Gray, Emma Tyler and Peter Clements, whose anniversaries are at this time. May they find a place in the heavenly Jerusalem.

May Mary, the Mother of the Church, pray for us ~ **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: Father, you have called your people to be your Church, the community of faith. May we faithfully share in the task of working for the coming of your kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Mass continues on page 9 of hymn book*

**Offertory Hymn:** 472 v. 1 & 2 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 472 v. 3 & 4  
**SANCTUS:** Dom Gregory setting Mystery of Faith: no.1

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail holding a hymn book.*

After Eucharistic Prayer ~ **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.**

**AGNUS DEI:** Dom Gregory setting

Hymns at Holy Communion. Please join in ~ 99 & 169

Hymn during Ablutions: 432

**Post Communion Prayer      Angelus      Notices      Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 629