

M ST MARY'S MENDLESHAM

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You are welcome to worship at any
of our services.

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Parish Mass &
Address

First Mass of Sunday:

Saturdays: 10.00 am;

Daily Mass: *see calendar on back
page, porch notice & bulletin*

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer
see porch notice.

**For pastoral visits, Baptism
(Christening), Marriage, Anointing
of the Sick & Holy Communion
from the Reserved Sacrament -
*contact Fr Philip***

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 7th May: 11.00 am

Saturdays 14th, 21st, 28th May: 4.00 pm

- or contact Fr Philip



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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Sunday worship also **LIVESTREAMED** every week at 9.30.

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1st May	MAY FIESTA 9.30 Parish Mass, Crowning of Our Lady, Crowning of May Queen & attendants 11.15 (approx.) May procession through Front St & Old Market St, concluding at the King's Head 12.30 (approx.) Shared lunch in church
2nd May	NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 12.00 noon: Mass in the Abbey grounds 2.30 pm: Sermon (Bishop Philip North) Procession+ Benediction
3rd May	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church 7.00 pm: Fr Philip gives a conducted tour of our beautiful church. £5 per adult (including refreshments) in aid of Friends of St Mary's. <i>(Unfortunately, due to its enclosed space, the armoury will not be included in the tour)</i>
10th May	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
15th – 21st May	Christian Aid Week. Please see separate notice
15th May	9.30: Parish Mass 2.30 pm: Tour of Norfolk Churches (see poster in church)
19th May	Guild of All Souls Day conference at Walsingham: 'When a child has died' See church website 'What's on' page for details
20th May	7.00 pm: Fr Philip gives a conducted tour of our beautiful church. £5 per adult (as on 3 rd May above)
24th May	Our Lady, Help of Christians 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church 2.30 pm: Mass (monthly healing service)
25th May	EVE OF ASCENSION DAY 7.30 pm: Mass (said)
26th May	ASCENSION DAY 9.30: Mass (said) 7.30 pm: Sung Mass & address. Shared party afterwards
31st May	9.30: Mass (said); 10.30 -12.30: Coffee & cake in church
3rd June	Platinum Jubilee Community Celebration in South Churchyard: 12.30 – 5.00. music, beer tent with draught Elizabeth Ale, wine, soft drinks, afternoon teas, hot dogs, ice cream. Church open
5th June	PENTECOST 9.30: Parish Mass 5.00 pm: HM Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service – ALL WELCOME

Fr Philip Writes...



MAY has always been a joyful month in nature and among people. In medieval England May Day was a public holiday and people were up at dawn to go 'a-maying'. Branches of trees and flowers were carried back in triumph to towns and villages and the centre of the procession was occupied by the maypole, decorated with ribbons

and wreaths. This month has long been dedicated to Our Lady, since people felt all this joy was connected to the joy of her motherhood. But all the glory that nature gives to God cannot compare with the glory reflected in



Mary. She proclaimed the glory of the Lord above all created things, as she gave birth to the Lord of nature. Mary is important because she is a model of faith, trust and obedience. She was the first Christian, the first to accept Jesus Christ into her life and into her body as she carried him in her womb for the salvation of the world.

The angel Gabriel tells Mary 5 things about the Son she is about to conceive:



1. His Name:

He is to be called Jesus, which means 'God Saves'.

2. He will be great:

No other human being has ever or will ever be born who is greater than this child.

3. **His status:** He will be Son of the Most High – that is, Son of God. He is Emmanuel – God made Flesh.
4. **He will sit on David’s throne:** He is therefore the Messiah, the one promised to Israel to free them from oppression and lead them out of slavery into a new freedom with God.
5. **His kingdom will never end:** He is permanent.

On hearing this, Mary asks, **“How can this happen? I am a virgin.”**



Virgins don’t have babies. The Saviour would be born of Mary through the Holy Spirit overshadowing her – and that divine sonship of Jesus rests and depends on the virgin conception. Man and Divinity are brought together to save us from sin.

We sing at Christmas: **‘Peace on earth and mercy mild: God and sinners reconciled.’** That reconciliation takes root first in the Love of God and the Obedience of Mary. **No wonder the month of May is dedicated to her!**

DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

- You can give **directly online** via www.dec.org.uk
- There is a **churn** just inside the porch door at **St Mary’s church** where you can put **cash or cheques** **Except during Christian Aid Week, when it will be for donations for the work of that charity.** It is being emptied each week
- **Cheques** should be made payable to: **DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.**

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Burial

4th April:

James Bristow Baker, aged 96 (cremated remains)