

Tea/coffee in Church after Mass. Please stay. PCC at 11.30 in church.

14th May 2023

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: 9.30a.m. Requiem Mass - May anniversaries (Readings to be decided)

Tues:
9:30 a.m. Mass (Acts 16 v 22-34; John 16 v5-11) Int: All in prison
10.30-12.30 Teas/Coffee in Church

Wed: EVE OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
7.30 pm Sung Mass & Address - shared refreshments after
Int: The parish
(Acts 1 v 1-11; Eph 1 v 17-23; Matt 28 v16-20)

Thurs: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
1.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2.30pm Mass, Laying on of Hands for healing and anointing
(Acts 1 v1-11 Eph 1 v 17-23; Matt 28 v16-20) Int: The sick

Fri: 9:30 a.m. Mass (Acts 18 v 9-18; John 16 v 20-23)
Int: Mission of the Church.

Sat: 10.00 a.m First Mass of Sunday. Int: Guild of All Souls
4.00 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday – 7th of Easter Year A

9.30 a.m. Mass and Address
(Acts 1 v12-14;1 Peter 4 v 13-16; John 17 v 1-11)
2.30pm Tour of Norfolk Churches Wolferton; West Newton; Hillington;
Gt Bircham

Notices:

1. Please observe Ascension Day - either Eve or Day
2. Have all Lent savings now been returned??
3. National Pilgrimage to Walsingham is Mon 29th May
4. Please respond to Christian Aid appeal this week.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM
6th SUNDAY of EASTER (ROGATION)

THEME Today we look forward to the coming of God's Spirit of Truth. It is that same Holy Spirit who encourages us and keeps us faithfully 'living a good life in Christ', bringing us forgiveness and new life.

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES FOR THE DEAD. Entrance Hymn: 346 v. 1 & 2

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fear to be changed if we open our hearts to you. **Lord have mercy. People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison** (Ukrainian setting)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for being so blind to the Holy Spirit working in us.
Christ have mercy. People: Christe Eleison

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we think your love asks too much of us. **Lord have mercy. People: Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant pronounces God's forgiveness

GLORIA: John Allen Easter setting

OPENING PRAYER - *Let us pray that we may practise in our lives the faith we profess. Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 8 v. 5-8; 14-17 *Philip proclaims the Gospel to the Samaritans and they receive the message with joy. Their faith is then confirmed as Peter and John invoke the Spirit.*

'Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 65 ® Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! ®

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God
tremendous his deeds among men. ®

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **© Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3 v. 15-18. *The example of Jesus' suffering is given to the early Christian community as encouragement in the midst of persecution. They should be able to answer anyone who asks about the hope that is in them.*

'Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.'

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.'

Gospel Hymn: 346 v. 3

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

Gospel – John 14 v. 15-21 *Jesus promises his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so they will not be left abandoned but will be able to live by the Spirit of Truth.*

'Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.'

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

ADDRESS CREED – Apostles' Creed (pg 8 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: It is through the gift of the Holy Spirit that we gather as a community of love to celebrate this Mass. This gift brings us to share in the very life of God. Let this be a source of joy for us

Reader: On this Rogation Sunday, let us pray for all farmers, farm workers, fishermen and all who work to provide food from land and sea. May they feel joy in sharing in God's creation.

Let us pray for all preparing for Confirmation. May their strengthened faith always be a source of joy to them and guide their actions for the rest of their lives.

We pray for those in the world who do not have enough food, and for the work of the Stowmarket Foodbank.

Let us pray for all agencies that promote the growth of food and its fair distribution throughout the world. We pray for all who are researching new and better ways to harvest the earth so the hungry may be fed – especially Christian Aid. We pray for a good response to Christian Aid Week.

Let us pray to the Lord for all who suffer from disease of body, mind or spirit; that God will sustain them in pain and bring wholeness and peace – especially for Eric Baully, Angie Wilson, Erica Page, Marjorie Rousseau and Jim Wilson.

Let us pray for all who have died, that the Lord will bring them to the peace of his kingdom, especially for James Cowderoy, recently departed (*pause while a candle is lit*) and Alice Huggins, Francis Collins, Gwendoline Stringer, Bob Sanders, Bunny Palmer, Phyllis Wenden, Charles Gray, George Huggins, Harry Hayward, Janet Knock, Edith Clements, Thomas Roberts and Arthur Euston, whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Mary welcomed God's word. We pray it may take a deeper root in the hearts of Christians and that we may put into practice the saving word that we hear, as we say - **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.**

SILENCE

All: Heavenly Father, your love for us is beyond our understanding. Help us to love everyone as you love them so that your word may be proclaimed throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn:1 (special hymn booklet) v.1 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn v.2 & 3

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith: John Allen Easter Setting

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most holy Sacrament.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis.

Lord's Prayer **Agnus Dei** – John Allen Easter Setting

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

Hymns at Holy Communion – please join in: 508, 'S'8

Hymn at Ablutions: 608

Post-Communion Prayer. **Regina Caeli** Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 67