

Coffee and tea in church after Mass. All are welcome.

8th May 2022

This week – Divine Office Psalter - Week 4

Mon: 9.30am Mass Int: Additional Curates Society
(Acts 11v 1-18; John 10v 1-10)

Tues: 9:30am Mass. (Acts 11 v 19-26; John 10 v 22-30)
Int: All searching for faith
10.30 - 12.30 Coffee in Church

Wed: No services in church today. Fr. Philip away
(Acts 12 v 24-13v.5; John 12 v 44-50)
Int: Newly baptised

Thurs: 9.30am Mass Int: Christian Unity
(Acts 13v.13-25. John 13v,16-20)

Fri: 9.30am Mass. (Acts 13 v26-33; John 14 v1-6) Int: Forward in Faith
Mass of St Matthias, Apostle, Martyr.

Sat: 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday **St. Matthias.**
Int: Hungry & Homeless Readings as tomorrow
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday – FIFTH OF EASTER (C) Christian Aid Week

9.30pm Parish Mass & Address

(Acts 14v.21-27; Rev. 21v.1-5; John 13v.31-35)

2.30pm Tour of Norfolk Churches. Meet at Thurning, then on to Guestwick,
Hindolveston, Melton Constable.

NOTICES

1. Thank you to all who made last week's May Fiesta such a joyful occasion.
2. The May magazine is available on the bier near the vestry.
3. The churn for donations to the DEC appeal for Ukraine will temporarily halt on Sunday 15th May, as it will then be for Christian Aid Week donations. There will be more about this next week. Thanks to Val for setting up a JustGiving page for Christian Aid: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caw1

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide (C)

THEME: The tenderness of the shepherd who looks after his sheep is that of Christ, who promises today to protect each member of his flock – the Church. If any should stray or be lost, it will not be due to the shepherd. In this Mass, Christ offers us the warmth and protection of his love.

Entrance Hymn: 311 v. 1. Prayers for the Departed – Holy Cross Chapel. v.2-4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we punish others through our thoughtlessness. Lord have Mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not accepted others as they are. Christ have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Christe Eleison**

PEOPLE: CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we do not always show friendliness and generosity towards others. Lord have Mercy

People: (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA: Sanctus setting (words on laminated card)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that Christ, our shepherd, will lead us through the difficulties of this life. Almighty and ever-living God, give us new strength from the courage of Christ our shepherd and lead us to join the saints in heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Acts 13 v.14, 43-52: In Antioch Paul and Barnabas preached the Good News of Jesus' resurrection to the Jews in their synagogue. They would not accept the message, so the apostles took the message to the non-Jews.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their

feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 99® We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
Serve the Lord with gladness. He made us, we belong to him,
Come before him, singing for joy ® We are his people, the sheep of
his flock®

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.®

2nd Reading: Revelation 7 v. 9, 14-17: Here we are presented with a vision of the End of Time, and life with God. Jesus is here again presented as a shepherd. I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Hymn: 311 v. 5 & 6

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10 v. 27-30: Jesus speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd, not a weak and placid person, but a vigorous shepherd who has to ensure that his sheep are not lost or stolen.

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

Address Creed. Page 7 of the Hymn Book (Nicene)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us pray to Christ, our Good Shepherd that he may touch our hearts of stone and change them into hearts of flesh and blood, capable of loving as he loves.

Reader: Let us pray for all Bishops and priests; that they may faithfully and lovingly watch over the flock of Christ.

Let us pray for all those in positions of authority, and especially doctors and nurses; that the Lord may fill them with a strong and unselfish love to work for the good of all people, but especially the weak and the wounded.

Let us pray for those who have no love in their lives, and who feel they are not important or precious to anyone. We pray for all suffering in Ukraine, for those who are hungry and homeless and for the work of Christian Aid.

Let us pray for all who have a ministry here in our community. We pray that each of us, wherever we are and no matter what our state of life, may strive to be people who love and care for others.

Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; that the Lord may inspire men and women to devote their lives to caring for his flock.

We pray for the additional Curates Society and all who support its aims and objectives.

Let us pray for George and Lucy whose banns of marriage are called today. That the Lord may keep them true and faithful to one another.

Let us pray for those contemplating Church ministry: that they may always be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for all of us gathered here; that we may be faithful to our Baptismal Promises.

May the Lord, who made the blind see, the lame walk and the deaf hear be with us in our prayers for the sick, especially all prayed for at Shrine Prayers and Julie Gray, Jan Robinson, Jan Ross and Lucy Muskett

Let us pray for the dead, especially Betsy Colchester, Lottie Woods, Eliza King, Rose Scott, Frederick Clark, Elsie Barker, Barry Warren, Massoud Gorbanzadeh, Evelyn Collins, Fr Alan Rowe, William McAvilley, Mary Brown, Dorothy Mills, John Scuffins and Alice Huggins, whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us ask Mary, the mother of the Good Shepherd, to 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 sent your son to be the Good Shepherd for us. Hear these petitions of his flock; enable us to unite all together in his sheepfold of love and truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Offertory Hymn: 312 v. 1 - 3

Offertory Prayers v. 4 & 5

Sanctus - Sanctus setting

Mystery of Faith: No. 2

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament.
Hosannah, Hosannah, Hosannah in excelsis!**

Agnus Dei - Sanctus setting

Hymns at Holy Communion 500 & 231. Please join in.

Hymn during Ablutions: 187

Post Communion Prayer **Regina Coeli** – (Front of hymn Book)

Recessional Hymn: 6 (Supplementary Hymn Book)