

Coffee/Tea in Church after Mass. Please stay if you can

Approx.. 11.15am May Procession. Front Street and Old Market Street, concluding at the Kings Head.

Approx. 12.15pm Shared lunch in church

This week - Divine Office - Week 1 of Psalter

Monday	ENGLISH MARTYRS (feast) 9.30am	Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass
	10.00am	Teas / Coffees & cake in church
Wednesday	8.00am	Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am 4.00pm	Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday	10.00am	1 st Mass of Sunday

Next Sunday: SIXTH OF EASTERTIDE - ROGATION SUNDAY
9.30am Parish Mass & Address

Notices

1. Thursday – 14th May is ASCENSION DAY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
9.30am Said Mass
6.30pm Sung Mass followed by bring and share refreshments
2. Christian Aid week is from 10th to 16th May. There will be opportunities to give cash or a cheque using the official envelope either via the churn in church or to your collector. If you want to give online the address is:

www.justgiving.com/page/christianaidweekmendlesham

Parish Church of St. Mary The Virgin, Mendlesham

5th SUNDAY of EASTER: MAY FIESTA

THEME: As we praise and thank God, we ask him to lighten all darkness within us with his forgiveness.

Hymn: 365 v. 1; **Prayers for the Deceased** Hymn 365 v. 2-5

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we find the way of Jesus too difficult to follow. Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison** (=Lord have mercy -Ukrainian setting)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we are afraid to commit ourselves too deeply. Christ have mercy. **People:** **Christe Eleison** (=Christ have mercy)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to be joyful Christian people. Lord have mercy. **People:** **Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA: John Allen Walsingham setting – (on sheet)

OPENING PRAYER - Let us pray that we may enjoy true freedom. **God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 6 v. 1-7 To address tension in the early Church, the twelve Apostles invite the disciples to choose seven men as Deacons to deal with the conflict between those of Greek and Hebrew traditions.

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 32 @ May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.®

2.The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.®

3.Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ®

Second Reading 1 Peter 2 v. 4-9. *The new Christian community is encouraged to become living stones built on Christ, the cornerstone. Together they make up a royal priesthood and consecrated nation.*

'The Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Hymn: 365 v 6

Gospel – John 14 v. 1-12 *In his last discourse to his close followers, Jesus tells them not to be troubled, as he will return for them. He himself is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

(Sit) **ADDRESS**

(stand) **CREED – Nicene –** *(Profession of faith; pg 7 hymn book)*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: We are a royal priesthood and consecrated nation. Let us exercise our priesthood together as we pray that the work of the Father will continue to flourish in the Church and in the world.

Reader: We pray for our people in our country and the commonwealth, that we may live by the Christian principles of love, peace and justice.

As we give thanks for peace in this country, we continue to pray for peace in our troubled world, especially the Middle East and Ukraine. Reconcile us to one another, heal our wounds and help us grow beyond the differences that divide us.

We pray for all who are worried or in distress and for those who once believed but have now lost faith and feel alone. May Christ's words in today's Gospel, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me," will console and encourage them in their darkest moments.

Let us pray for all who are sick or suffering in mind or body, for George Taylor, Jean Abbott, Marcel Rousseau, David Horsnell and Anna Horsnell. and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

Let us pray for the dead: that they may live forever in peace in the kingdom Jesus has prepared for them, especially Stephen Crysell, Norman Giraud-Saunders, Dulcibel Brown, Ruth Hamilton, Sophie Jones, Olive Footer, Fred Green, Beryl Donze and Betsy Colchester whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

We pray with great confidence that Mary's prayers will be with us, 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: Hear our prayers, Father, as we place our hope in you. In your unfailing goodness grant that in prosperity we will not lose our zeal, and in adversity have faith and endurance. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Crowning of our May Queen, Leah and attendants Khalia and Daisy

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Offertory Hymn: 388 v. 1 & 2.

Offertory Prayers Hymn: 388 v.3 - end

SANCTUS & MYSTERY OF FAITH: John Allen Walsingham setting.

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most holy sacrament, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.

(kneel or sit) **Agnus Dei.** John Allen Walsingham setting

If you receive Holy Communion in your church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding your hymn book.

Hymns at Holy Communion: 401, 500 *(please join in)*

(Remain kneeling or sitting): **Hymn at Ablutions:** 281

(stand) **Post Communion prayer**

Regina Coeli

(sit) Notices

(stand) **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 328