

Coffee follows our Parish Mass. Please do stay.

11.15 May Procession

12.30 Shared lunch in church

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

5th May 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
SIXTH OF EASTERTIDE – MAY FIESTA

Mon: 8.00am Mass (Acts 16 v.11-15; John 15 v. 26- 16 v. 4)
Int: Christian Aid
12.00 – 5.00: Mendlesham Heritage Fair

Tues: 9.30am Mass (Acts 16 v.22-34; John 16 v. 5-11)
10.00am – 12.00 noon Teas/Coffee etc in church

Wed: **Eve of Ascension of Our Lord**
6.30pm Mass (said) (Readings as tomorrow)

Thurs: **Ascension of Our Lord (Solemnity)**
9.30am Said Mass
(Acts 1 v.1-11; Eph 1 v17-23; Mark 16 v. 15-20)
7.30pm Sung Mass
Shared refreshments after Mass

Fri: 9.30am Mass (Acts 18 v9-18; John 16 v.20-23.)
4.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday Readings as on Sunday

Next Sunday: Seventh of Eastertide
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(Acts 1v.15-17,20-26; 1John 4v.11-16; John 17v.11-19)

Notices.

1. Please support tomorrow's Heritage Fair; offers of help are still gratefully accepted. Cakes etc to Graham and Annita please.
2. Please come to Mass on Ascension Day (or the Eve); shared refreshments after sung Mass on Thursday at 7.30 pm
3. Next healing service on Monday 13th May

THEME: We often speak and think as if we chose to be Christians ourselves. Not so, says Jesus, I chose you; more than that, I chose you to be my friends. Now, as my friends, you must love one another in the same way that I love you.

Prayers for the Departed in Holy Cross Chapel **Entrance Hymn:** 365 v. 1.-5

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**

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

People: (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

GLORIA – John Allen Easter setting (words on paper)

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 on the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 10v.25,26,34,35,44-48. Before he receives his first converts into the community of faith, Peter tells them that he has come to realise an important truth: God does not have favourites; all who do what is right are acceptable to him.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97 © The Lord had shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. ©

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. ©

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

® The Lord had shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading – 1 John 4v.7-10.

The overwhelming love that God has for his creatures is the basis of Christian love. Failure to love means the failure to know the truth about God.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Acclamation 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 Hymn: 365 v 6

Gospel - John 15 v.9-17. In his last discourse to his disciples Jesus appeals to them to remain in the love that he has shared with them. God first chose them. In that choice they can bear fruit that will last.

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

ADDRESS

Renewal of marriage vows of Chris & Sarah Elstone on their 10th anniversary

CREED: Apostles' Creed (*page 8 of hymn book*).

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God asks us to love one another. Let us pray that our love for God may be more than words and may affect the way we live.

Reader: We pray for all Christians; may we help others to know God as our Father and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Let us pray for poor communities made vulnerable by natural disaster; for those living in situations of war and conflict, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel, and those who cannot access the health care they need.

At this Rogationtide we ask God's blessing on all who work on the land or at sea to

produce our food, and all who work in making it available to us.

Let us pray for Chris and Sarah celebrating 10 years of marriage, and Charlie and Chantal preparing for marriage, that their love for each other and Our Lord will grow ever deeper.

We pray for our May Queen, Hannah and her attendants Leah and Evie.

Let us pray for all who suffer in mind or body that they may know God's love for them, We pray for Angela Wilson, Taylor Birch, Marjorie Rousseau, Jean Martin, Jessica Mercer, Jan Ross and Julie Gray and all prayed for at Shrine prayers.

Let us pray for all who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially those dear to us, that the Lord will welcome them into His presence. We pray for Terry Jackson, Jim Wilson and Beverley Vincent, whose funerals took place this week (*pause while candles are lit*) and Norman Giraud-Saunders, Dulcibel Brown, Herbert Pedlar, Ruth Hamilton, Sophie Jones, Olive Footer, Fred Green, Beryl Donze, Betsy Colchester, Charlotte Woods, Rose Scott, Frederick Clark & Elsie Barker, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Let us ask Mary who had the responsibility and joy of bringing up God's Son to pray with us for all who depend on 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.**

SILENCE

Gracious God, who calls us to love one another, may we join all who speak out for a more loving world. Inspire us to use your gifts of love and friendship; and transform our offerings so that we become a part of the miracle of your love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Crowning of May Queen, Hannah and attendants Leah and Evie

Mass continues on hymn book page 9.

Offertory Hymn: 388 v. 1 & 2.

Offertory Prayers Hymn v. 3 to end.

SANCTUS & MYSTERY OF FAITH: John Allen Easter setting.

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

AGNUS DEI. John Allen Easter setting

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

Hymns at Holy Communion 401, 500

Hymn at Ablutions: 623

Post Communion prayer

Regina Coeli

Notices

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 106