

Tea/coffee after Mass. Please stay if you can.

We welcome Matt to address us on Christian Aid after Mass; please let's bring our coffee and drink while we listen. The children and those who are in a hurry to leave can then do so, but this will ensure as many as possible can hear what Matt has to say.

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 3 Christian Aid Week

Mon: Our Lady Of Fatima

1.30 - 2.25 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer  
2.30 Mass & Healing (rev 21 v 1-5 Luke 11 v 27-28)

Tues: St Matthias, Apostle

9.30 Mass (Acts 1 v. 15-17, 20-26: John 15 v.9-17)  
Int: Christian Aid Week  
10.30-12.00 Tea, Coffee, Cake etc in church

Wed

8.00 Mass (Acts 20 v. 28-38: John 17. V. 11 – 19)  
Int: Hungry & Homeless

Thurs:

Guild of All Souls Conference at Walsingham  
Fr Philip saying Mass at Shrine - NO Services at Mendlesham  
Mass readings (Acts 22 v30,23 v 6-11; John 17 v 20-26)

Fri:

9.30 Mass (Acts 25 v13-21;John 21v 15 -19)  
(Requiem David Jones) - Hazel's brother- please support  
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat

10.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday Readings as on Sunday  
(Renewal of our Confirmation Promises)

Next Sunday:

PENTECOST/WHITSUN. End of Eastertide.  
9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
(Acts 2 v.1-11;1 Cor. 12 v. 3-7, 12-13; John 20 v. 19-23)

### NOTICES

1. Please support tomorrow's healing service.
2. Please support Christian Aid week; the churn is by the main door if you do not have an envelope delivered or collected.
3. Thank you to the many (54) who helped at Monday's Heritage Fair – and to several more who weren't at the event but helped before or after. It was a real community event and though it's still too soon to give a total amount we are very pleased with how the day went.

Please keep silence from 9.25 to prepare for Mass

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

### SEVENTH OF EASTERTIDE(B)

**THEME:** There is an air of summing up in today's reading as one thing is coming to an end - but only so that something else may happen. Jesus is preparing to leave, but ensuring that his life and work will go on. Through the Holy Spirit he will continue to live in each one of his people so that they can love and be his witnesses.

**Prayers for the departed in the Holy Cross Chapel. Entrance Hymn : 56 v 1-4**

### PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to see and do your will.  
Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

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

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord when we find the way of Jesus too difficult.  
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 recognize the presence of Christ in our midst.* Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 1 v. 15-17, 20-26. This reading shows the trust of the first Christians in the guiding power of the Holy Spirit.

*One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office'*

*We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptizing until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'*

*Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.*

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102 © **The Lord has set his sway in heaven**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. ®

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. ®

The Lord has set his sway in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. © **The Lord has set his sway in heaven**

**Second Reading – 1 John 4 v.11-16.** This beautiful reading shows us that by sharing in the spirit, we share in Christ's life and his love.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

**Gospel hymn:** 56 v 5

**Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord, I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**Gospel - John 17 v.11-19.** In His priestly prayer, Jesus asks His disciples remain true to His name. As His father sent His son into the world, so Jesus sends His followers, praying they will be consecrated in the truth.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Blessing of Carrie-Anne and her unborn child.

**Address Creed- Nicene** (page 7 of hymn book)

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** In the resurrection of Christ all things are made new, so Eastertide is a time of renewal, hope and joy in Christ's message. In this last week of Easter let us renew our promises to Christ.

#### **Reader:**

Let us pray that members of the Church, as the Body of Christ, may always value and appreciate the many gifts and talents possessed by each other.

Let us pray for all Christians who have strayed from the path of Christ's truth and who live in darkness of prejudice and bigotry, that God will make us open to receive

a greater share of His Spirit, so we may be consecrated in the truth.

Let us pray for unity within our community-may we all be one in mind and heart, in our work for the spread of God's kingdom and experience the joy of the Lord's presence among us.

At the start of Christian Aid Week let us pray for all the disadvantaged people in the world who are helped by this charity; for its full-time workers and all who volunteer; we pray for a spirit of generous giving in this church and parish.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick; that through our prayers, laying on of hands and anointing they may be made whole. We pray for Jan Ross, Jean Martin, Angie Wilson, Taylor Birch, Penny Sugden, all who will be anointed at tomorrow's healing service and all prayed for at Shrine Prayers.

Grant to the dead the glorious freedom of God's son and the completion of bodily redemption. We pray for Jean Cook, who was buried this week (*pause while a candle is lit*) and Barry Warren; Massoud Ghorbanzadeh; Evelyn Collins; William McAvilley; Mary Brown; Dorothy Mills; John Scuffins; Alice Huggins, Francis Collins, Gwendoline Stringer, Bob Sanders and Bunny Palmer, whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the church to add her prayers to ours.

**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: God our Father, we pray that we may be instruments of your love in the world. May we receive in full what we ask for in prayer, which we make our through Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Mass continues on hymn book page 9.*

**Offertory Hymn:** 270 v 1      **Offertory Prayers**      **Hymn** 270 v 2-4

**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 during Holy Communion: 129, As the deer pants for the water...

Hymn at Ablutions: 308

**Post Communion Prayer**      **Regina Caeli** (*front of hymn book*)      Notices

### **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: (*in honour of Our Lady in Mary's month of May*) **609**