

This Week is EASTER DAY

- EASTER MONDAY:** 9.30: Mass. (Acts 2 v. 14, 22-23; Matt. 28 v. 8-15)
Int: All who are Bereaved
- EASTER TUESDAY:** 9:30: Mass (Acts 2 v. 36-41; John 20 v. 11-18)
Int: All recently Baptised
10:00 – 12:00: Coffee & cake in Church
- EASTER WEDNESDAY:** 8.00: Mass (Acts 3 v. 1-10; Luke 24 v. 13-35).
Int: our Communicants
- EASTER THURSDAY:** 9:30: Mass (Acts 3 v. 11-26; Luke 24 v. 35-48).
Int: All who doubt the Resurrection
- EASTER FRIDAY:** 9:30: Mass. (Acts 4 v. 1-12; John 21 v. 1-14)
Int: The mission of the Church
- EASTER SATURDAY:** 10:00: First Mass of Sunday *readings as on Sunday*
Int: All imprisoned by fear and anxiety
4:00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.30 pm: Friends of St Mary's Quiz in Mendlesham School.

Next Sunday -**SECOND OF EASTER (B)**

(Acts 4 v. 32-35; 1 John 5 v. 1-6, John 20 v. 19-31)
9.30: Parish Mass & Baptism (Isaac Lomax)

NOTICES

1. Thank you to all who have decorated the church for Easter
2. Friends of St. Mary's are running an Easter Egg Draw to be drawn at coffee after Mass. Tickets still available from Hazel.
3. Friends of St Mary's Quiz Evening in Mendlesham School – Saturday 6th April 7:30 pm. £5 per person – maximum 6 people per team. You can turn up on the day, but if you're able to let Graham Baker know earlier, please do.
4. Mendlesham Heritage Fair– Monday 6th May 12.00 -18.00: We need as many as possible to volunteer to help, please. Meeting next Sunday after coffee for all who are involved or would like to be.
5. Next Healing Service: Mon 15th April at 2.30pm
6. Christian Aid Week: 12th-18th May: Message from Val Arnold: More volunteers for the house-to-house collection are needed. If you can help, please see Val Arnold or Anne Gray.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
EASTER DAY

THEME : Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ our Lord. It is a day of new dawn, a day for a new beginning. Let our joy overflow as we renew our faith and love. We celebrate the Lord's victory over sin and death. Let us make that victory our own.
(*Order of service starts on pg 3 of Hymn book*)

Blessing of candles in memory of departed loved ones.

Entrance Hymn: 363 v 1-4

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we have not turned away from all that is evil.
Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, when we have not lived resurrection lives.
Christ have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant : Forgive us, Lord, for our weaknesses, our apathy and our joylessness.
Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA: Sanctus setting

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that the risen Christ will raise us up and renew our lives.* God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the spirit that is within us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 10 v. 34, 37 – 43. We hear Peter preaching in the house of Cornelius and giving a summary of Jesus' life and death which opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the spirit that is within us.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

PSALM 117 ® **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." ®

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. ®

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. ®

Second Reading – Colossians 3 v. 1 – 4. Paul tells the church in Colossus that their new life in Christ should fill their minds and hearts so that they can live in faith until the day Christ is revealed in glory.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence - ALL

Christians to the Pascal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the lamb; and Christ the undefiled, Hath sinners to His Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! the angels there attesting: Shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious King, thy mercy show! Amen.

Gospel Hymn: 363 v. 5 & 6

Acclamation (All) Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20 v. 1-9. On the first day of the week, the Christian day of worship, three disciples see the empty tomb of Jesus and conclude in faith that he is risen from the dead as the scriptures foretold.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

ADDRESS

CREED - Nicene Creed – pg 7 of Hymn book

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: We look forward to our own resurrection and we pray to our Father for all the things we need as we wait for the second coming of his Son.

Reader: Let us pray for all those whose lives are overshadowed by the darkness of grief, loneliness, pain and despair, that Christ may bring them light – especially all those suffering because of the conflicts in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel.

Let us pray for those who have no faith in an after life: that the joy and hope of this great day may be dawn for them too. We pray for ourselves that we may be able to overcome our fear of death, since Christ both underwent it and overcame it for us.

Let us pray for those who are sick in mind and body. May they feel the healing strength of Christ uniting them in mind and body, for the glory of God and good of his people. We pray for Taylor Birch, Angie Wilson, Julie & Andrew Gray, Jean Martin, Penny Sugden, Jim Wilson and all prayed for at Shrine prayers.

We pray for all those who are involved in caring for the suffering in the world: for healthcare and relief workers, that they they be encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for all those who have died. May they experience the life of Easter and the peace of dwelling forever in the presence of the Lord, especially all those commemorated by Easter candles and Lucy Muskett, Dorothy Baker, Edith Howell, Brian Tree, Peggy Huddleby, Judy Muskett, Don Fraser, Fr Len Mepstead, Joyce King, Judith Rabsey, Harry Jacks, Percy Hammond and Suzanne Dorsett, whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us pray with Mary, who was filled with joy at her son being raised from the dead. **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, in the name of the risen Jesus, we ask you to bring the hope, healing and joy of the resurrection to all those people for whom we pray. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 622 v. 1 **Offertory Prayers** Hymn 622 v. 2 & 3

Sanctus, Mystery of Faith & Great Amen: Sanctus setting
After Eucharistic Prayer: Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most holy Sacrament. Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosanna in excelsis!

Lord's Prayer **Agnus Dei:** Sanctus setting

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

Hymns at Holy Communion – please join in: 395, 131, 259

Hymn at Ablutions: **302**

Post Communion Prayer **Crowning of Our Lady & Regina Coeli** Notices

Blessing of Easter eggs for children **Blessing** **Recessional Hymn** 153