

Tea/Coffee in church after Mass - All are invited to stay.
11:30: PCC meeting & lunch in Church.

30th June 2024

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL.

This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 1

- Mon:** 9.30 am Mass Int: Protection of unborn children & terminally ill people
(Amos 2 v. 6-10; Matt. 8 v.18-22)
- Tues:** 9.30 am Mass Int. All to be elected to government
(Amos 3 v. 1-8; Matt. 8 v.23-27)
10.00 – 12.00 Tea, Coffee and Cake in church
- Wed:** **ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE, MARTYR** (Feast)
8.00 am Mass Int: Our King & Royal Family
(Eph. 2 v. 19-22. John 20 v. 24-29.)
- Thurs:** **St. Elizabeth of Portugal Election Day**
9.30 am Mass Int: All to be elected today
(Amos 7 v. 10-17; Matt. 9 v.1-8)
10:00 – 11:00 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- Fri:** **Eve of Restoration of Our Lady of Walsingham**
6.30 pm Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham & Spiritual Visit to the Shrine
Int: Society of Our Lady of Walsingham
- Sat:** 10:00 am 1st Mass of Sunday Int: All elected at General Election
2:30 PM Tour of Round Towered Churches: Hemblington,
Little Plumstead & Old Catton
- Next Sunday: 14th of Year B**
9.30am Parish Mass and Address
(Ezek. 2 v. 2-5; 2 Cor. 12 v. 7-10; Mark 6 v. 1-6)

Notices

1. Our next healing service is Monday 8th July – 2.30pm
2. The Guild of All Souls Annual Mass at West Tofts will be celebrated by Bishop Norman at 6:00 pm. Refreshments after
3. Our pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on 15 July:
11:30 am 1st Visit
12:00 noon Mass in Holy House
2:30 pm Sprinkling at Well
4:30 pm Benediction & Last Visit

Please indicate on the sheet if you wish for lunch in the refectory (£13.50). Are there special dietary needs if wanting a hot meal?

THEME : Peter, leader of the church, and Paul, preacher to the nations, overcame their natural weakness and God used them in building up his church. God will use us too if we are prepared to allow him.

Entrance Hymn : 77 v. 1 - 5

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we take our faith for granted and are lukewarm in practising it. Lord have mercy.

People: (Sing) **KYRIE ELEISON** (Ukrainian setting)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for being unfaithful members of the church by not speaking out or standing up to be counted for Christ.
Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we give way to depression or despair and give up when trials come our way.

Lord have mercy. **People: KYRIE ELEISON**

Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

Gloria – St Thomas setting words and music on paper

OPENING PRAYER : *Let us pray that we may remain true to the faith of the apostles.* God our Father, today you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them your church first received the faith. Keep us true to their teaching. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading - Acts 12 v. 1-11. The story of Peter's arrest and deliverance has a miraculous note to it. A spirit of unity, support, care, concern and prayer seems to pervade the first band of Christians.

'King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33 **®The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him**

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.®

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. ®

Look towards him and be radiant; Let your faces not be abashed
This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.®

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.®

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4v.6-8,17-18. As he approaches the end of his life, Paul looks back on his ministry with a grateful heart. Thanks to him, the lives of countless millions influenced by his work will also be involved in the glory that is to come, including ourselves.

‘My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.’

Gospel Hymn: 77 v. 6 - end

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! **You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Matthew 16v.13-19 Peter identifies Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus rewards Peter by conferring on him the ministry of leadership.

‘When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’

Creed - Apostles’ Creed (p.8 of Hymn Book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant : Jesus entrusted his church to the leadership of the apostles. On this feast of Saints Peter and Paul, let us ask the risen Lord to send his Spirit on his present day apostles.

Reader: St.Peter was the rock on which Christ founded the Church. Let us pray for our Bishops - may they govern and guide God’s church in the ways of faith and for theologians, preachers who, like St Paul, have devoted their lives in a special way to spreading the faith and for all who represent the church in the mass media.

Let us pray for those countries where people are still persecuted for their faith and for any society where people are discriminated against because of their beliefs.

Let us pray for all being ordained at Petertide.

We pray we may all vote wisely in the General Election and the most suitable people may be elected to Parliament.

Let us pray for all whose bodies and minds are weak and diseased; for those who nurse and care for them; that they may be brought to wholeness. We continue to pray for Angie Wilson, Jean Martin, Anna Horsnell, Sandy Cook, baby Isaac and Jan Ross

Let us pray for those who have died, that they may soon enjoy the rewards of their struggles in this life, praying especially for: Maldwyn Williams, Colin Skilling, Ron Abbott, William Hendry, Bob Knock, Ernest Rodwell, Rose Gable, John Sawyer, Mildred Moore, Phyllis Jackaman and Len Howlett, whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be received into the joys of the resurrection.

Let us ask Mary to join us in our prayers that all Christians may share the spirit of these two pillars of the church - **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: Lord God our Father, you sent your Son to save the world through the work of your church. May the example of the steadfast Peter and Paul, who fought the good fight, inspire your people today and proclaim the faith that comes to us from the apostles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn : 300 v. 1 - 2 **Offertory Prayers** p.9: Hymn 300 v. 3 - 4

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith– St Thomas setting

At end of Eucharistic Prayer: (sing) Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament; Hosanna, hosanna hosanna in excelsis

Agnus Dei – St Thomas setting

Communicants of other Christian denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like a blessing, please bring a hymn book to the altar.

Hymns at Holy Communion. Please join in : 593, 500

Hymn at Ablutions: 166

Post Communion Prayers and Angelus (front of hymn book)

Recessional Hymn: 293 v.1-3

Prayer at Shrine of Sacred Heart –

All. Most sacred heart of Jesus, let me think of nothing, love nothing, enjoy nothing but you. Let all pain be joy to me if I suffer with you: let all rest weary me until I rest in you. Be above me to protect me, underneath me to support me, before me to guide me, behind me to forward me, within me to strengthen me, outside me to shield me. Be all things unto me, the Way, the Truth the Life.

V – Most sacred heart of Jesus R – Have mercy on us

Hymn 293 v.4