



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church

Sunday 14th April 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter
Staying in Contact



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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday April 14th	8am	Said Mass
Sunday April 14th	10am	Sung Mass with Baptisms
Wednesday April 17th	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday April 21st	8am	Said Mass
Sunday April 21st	10am	Sung Mass

See
*Special
booklet*

Panfield Church

Sunday April 14th	11am	Morning Worship
Tuesday April 16th	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday April 21st	6pm	BCP Evensong

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, explain to us the
scriptures, and make our
hearts burn within us.

NOTICES

Charity of the Month - In April, the monies given at Tea & Coffee after the main service at St Mary's will go to Roundwood. The total raised for Essex Air Ambulance last month was £135, thank you!

Funeral - Agnes' funeral will take place on Wednesday 24th April 10.30am at Three Counties Crematorium, with the wake following in the Church Hall. The family warmly invite friends to join them for the service. There will be a number of us leaving from St Mary's at 10am if you would like a lift.

Friendly Friday Cafe - The Café had paused for an Easter break, but we are pleased to say that it will return THIS FRIDAY, April 19th and then run each week until the middle of July.

Freewill envelopes scheme - A number of you use the Freewill envelope scheme, this year the envelopes have been yellow. Sadly, the cost to print a new set is getting on for £200, so we are discontinuing using them going forward. Fr Rod will be writing to all on the scheme with a range of ways to continue supporting the church financially. If there are any questions please do speak to Fr Rod.

Electoral Roll - If you have joined St Mary's recently it is likely you are not on our Electoral Roll. Indeed there may be others who have been meaning to do so, but not taken up the chance. Ahead of the APCM on May 19th, we are inviting you to join now. A short form is at the back, which is easy to fill in.

Fellowship - The next meeting is THIS THURSDAY April 18th at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Our speaker this month is The Revd Mark Payne, who will be talking about his recent trip to the Holy Land.

Monday May 6th - May Day helpers needed! Please save the date and help us make this the most successful year yet. The more volunteers we have, the more stalls/games we can run.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Brenda Dunstone, Barry and Janice Goody, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo Meech, and Tony & Ann. We remember our care homes Millard House, Larchwood, Fern Lodge, Aspen Grange, Braintree Mews, St Mary's Court and The New Deanery, and the following, whose anniversary of their passing falls this Phyllis Want, Elsie Woodley, Glynis Conway-Lee, Rita Hopkins, Ronald Warburton, Ruth Darby, Elsie Sams, William Hedger and Victor Jenner.

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Epistle Reading - Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Gospel Reading - Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.