



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 14th May 2023
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

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| Sunday 14th May | 8am/10am | Said Mass/Sung Mass |
| Wednesday 17th May | 9.30am | Said Mass |
| Sunday 21st May | 8am/10am | Said Mass/Sung Mass |

407

370

131

Great is thy faithfulness

Panfield Church

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| Sunday 14th May | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 16th May | 5pm | Evening Prayer/Office Hour |
| Sunday 21st May | 6pm | BCP Evensong |

Gospel Acclamation

*And God saw everything
that He had made
and behold it was very good.*

NOTICES

Thank you - All the monies from the Flower Festival and May Day have now been counted, and I am pleased to say that over £6,700 profit has been made, our 2nd best result ever! Thank you to you all!

Stepping Stones - This is a new 5 week course beginning on Tuesday May 23rd at 7pm. Each session will be accessible with some initial input and then a chance for questions and further discussion. The course is open to everyone. See Fr Rod for more details.

Light a Candle - We are pleased to be hosting this special service once again. Janet C. Davies', 'Light a Candle' memorial service will be TODAY at 3pm. All very welcome.

Fellowship - The next meeting is Thursday May 18th in the Church Hall. We start at 12.30pm with a light lunch followed by our speaker, the cost only £5, don't miss it.

Rock Choir - Following popular demand, and after their successful concert last November we are thrilled that the Rock Choir will be back at St Mary's on Sunday June 11th at 4pm. We hope the concert will be outdoors with fabulous Summer weather for us to enjoy! If not, which seems a good possibility, we will be in church. Tickets on sale next Sunday. Adults £10, concessions £8 and children attend free.

Hymns - We would love you to choose your favourite hymns for us all to enjoy over the Summer months. The slips are at the back of the church and need to be returned by Sunday June 4th.

Friendly Friday Cafe - Following the success of Warm Space, our new regular community lunch space has re-launched in the Church Hall from 12-3pm and will run until July 21st.

Friends of St Mary's - The Friends have arranged a Barn Dance at Bocking Village Hall for **Friday July 14th at 7pm**. More information will follow in due course, but for the moment we wanted you to have the date, so that you can get it in your diaries now.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Peter Hopkins, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Peter, Jo, June Blackwood, Tony & Ann, and Margaret Everitt. We remember our care homes Millard House, Fern Lodge, Aspen Grange, Larchwood, The New Deanery & St Mary's Court. In our Years Mind, we pray for the families of Jack George (Priest), Caroline Tyler, Keith Benzies (Bishop), Karl Miller, Ronald Elliot, John Darby, Gwendoline Mayes, Alice Geddes, Harold Joyce, John Cox and Jill Archer.

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Gospel Reading - John 14:15-21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.