



# The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 30th April 2023  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Staying in Contact

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## Forthcoming Services

## Hymns

587

309 (*v1-5*)

502

*Mine eyes have seen*

## Gospel Acclamation

*I am the good shepherd, says  
the Lord. I know my own sheep,  
and my sheep know me.*

### **St Mary's, Bocking**

Sunday 30th April	8am	Said Mass
Sunday 30th April	10am	Sung Mass
Wednesday 3rd May	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday 7th May	8am	Said Mass
Sunday 7th May	10am	Sung Mass

### **Panfield Church**

Sunday 30th April	11am	BCP Holy Communion
Tuesday 2nd May	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday 7th May	11am	Morning Worship

## NOTICES

**Coronation Weekend** – Next weekend we are hoping for a full church on Sunday May 7th at 10am for our own Coronation service. Then on Monday May 8th, we will be hosting a picnic in the Church Grounds with a Cream Tea. All welcome, bring your own food and drinks for plenty of good fun and maybe some singing. Please arrive from 1.30pm onwards. If you would like a Cream Tea, cost £5 these need to be ordered in advance and can be collected on the day from 2pm. Sign up sheet at the back!

**Stepping Stones** - This is a new 5 week course beginning on Tuesday May 23rd at 7pm. Across the sessions we will be looking at 'God and the Trinity', 'The Church', 'The Creed', 'The Bible' and 'The Sacraments'. Each session will be accessible with some initial input and then a chance for questions and further discussion. The course is open to everyone whether you are taking some initial steps in your journey of faith, maybe heading towards Confirmation, or those who have already walked quite some way, but would value the opportunity to learn more. 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 on Sunday May 14th at 3pm. All very welcome.

**Warm Place** - Our Warm Space has been an incredible success and after 20 consecutive weeks has now finished. The outreach and support for this initiative has been fantastic and Fr Rod would like to say a huge thank you to all involved. I am thrilled to say that this regular community lunch space will re-launch on May 12th as the *Friendly Friday Café* from 12-3pm and will run until July 21st.

**Save the Date** - On Sunday June 11th at 4pm, we are thrilled to be welcoming back 'Rock Choir' who will be performing another fabulous concert. We are hoping, weather permitting, to hold this outside, but we shall see! More details and tickets will follow after May Day.

**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 Richardson, Jean Thomas, Eileen Newall, William Marr, George Playle, Penny Berry, Violet Radley, Elsie Sims, Jessie Roots, Philip Brewer, Gordon Strong, Sally Thomas and Thomas Fenner.

### The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### ***Epistle Reading - Acts 2:42-47***

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### ***Gospel Reading - John 10:1-10***

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.