



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church

Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

Staying in Contact



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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Easter Sunday - March 31st	6am	Dawn Easter Service
Easter Sunday - March 31st	8am	Said Mass
Easter Sunday - March 31st	10am	Sung Mass for Easter
Wednesday April 3rd	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday April 7th	8am	Said Mass
Sunday April 7th	10am	Sung Mass

See
*special
booklet*

Panfield Church

Easter Sunday - March 31st	11am	Holy Communion
Tuesday April 2nd	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday April 7th	11am	Holy Communion

Gospel Acclamation

*Christ, our Passover has been
sacrificed for us,
therefore let us
keep the feast.*

NOTICES

Charity of the Month - In March, the monies given at Tea & Coffee after the main service at St Mary's will go to Essex Air Ambulance. The total raised for Farleigh Hospice last month was £97.

Friendly Friday Cafe - The Café has paused now for an Easter break, but will return on April 19th. Thank you to all those who work so hard to run the sessions, and of course all who support it.

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.

Coffee Morning - The last coffee morning to raise funds towards the flowers for this year's Flower Festival will be on Friday April 5th at 10.30am in the Church Hall.

Honorary Canon - Fr Rod has recently heard that the Diocesan Bishop has invited him to be an Honorary non-residential Canon at Chelmsford Cathedral. A service of Choral Evensong will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday April 28th 3.30pm where all the new Canons will be installed. All welcome.

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.

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 Prudence Radley, Daisy Clarke, Julie Whillock, Cecil Jeffrey, Margery Smith and Betty Button.

The Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.