

Tea/Coffee after Mass. All welcome.
Today. Last tour of Norfolk churches.
2.30 Shouldham Thorpe. Shouldham, Wormegay, Pentney.

This week – Divine Office – Psalter week 3

- Mon:** 9.30am Mass (Ex. 1 v. 8-14,22; Matt 10 v. 34 11 v. 1))
Int. All divided families
- Tues:** 10.30 – 12.30 Teas/coffee & cake etc.
1-30-2.25 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2.30pm. Mass, Laying on of hands and anointing.
(Ex 2 v.1-15; Matt 11 v. 20-24)
- Wed:** 8.00am Mass (Ex. 3 v 1-6, 9-12 , 13-16; Matt 11v. 25 - 27).
Int: Our call to mission
- Thurs:** 9.30am Mass (Ex. 3 v. 13-20 Matt 11 v. 28-30)
- Int: All oppressed people
- Fri:** 9.30am Mass *Of St Mary Magdalene* (2 Cor. 5. v. 14-17; John 20 v. 1-2, 11-18)
Int: That we may witness to the Resurrection of Jesus
- Sat: ST. MARY MAGDALENE (Feast)**
10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday) Int: Friends of St. Mary's
12.00 Wedding of Aaron and Flo.

Next Sunday – 16th of Year A 9.30am Parish Mass and Address.
(Wisdom 12 v.13; 16-19; Romans 8 v.26-27; Matt.13 v.24-43.)

Notices

1. Please support our healing service on Tuesday.
2. The Friends of St Mary's strawberry Teas, Music, Beer and Hot Dogs is on Saturday 29th July in south churchyard.
3. Guild of All Souls Annual Mass at West Tofts is Wednesday 26th July at 6.00pm. Celebrant The Right Reverend Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough. Preacher: Fr Harri Williams, Vicar of Walsingham.
4. List on table for ordering Mendlesham's Best Beer – Coronation edition 2023 – to be ready at the Festival on Friday 18th August. £3.50 a bottle; £40 for 12.

Please keep silence from 9.25 in preparation for Mass. 16th July 2023

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

15th Sunday of Year A

Theme: God throws down the gauntlet to us when he speaks through his Word. It is not just empty air, but a living, challenging Word which we cannot escape – we can either accept or reject it, or ignore it, which is the same as rejection.

Entrance hymn: 629 v 1-3

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times we turn our backs on the challenge of your word. Lord have mercy.

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

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times when we are choked by the love of worldly things. Christ have mercy. **People: CHRISTE ELEISON**

Celebrant: Forgive us for the times when, having let your words take root, we deliberately pull them out by ignoring them. Lord have mercy.

People: KYRIE ELEISON

GLORIA: St Thomas setting (on sheet)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that the Gospel may be our rule of life.* God our Father, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ. May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the Gospel.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Isaiah 55 v. 10-11: Isaiah tells how the word of God gives life and growth, just like the rain that helps the earth to yield its fruit.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm:Ps64

® Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. ®

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. ®

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. ®

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes they sing. ®

Second Reading – Romans 8 v. 18-23: St. Paul speaks of the future glory that awaits us and all creation, but he reminds us that there is an interim period of suffering before our journey ends.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Hymn: 629 v 4

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13 v. 1-23: the Parable of the Sower is related in the Gospel. Christ is the Sower of the Word and he asks us to listen and hear, to look and see and be converted.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

NAMING and BLESSING of Isla Mae and Evelyn Grace

ADDRESS CREED Nicene (*pg 7 of hymn book*)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: The Gospel today gives us every reason to be confident. So let us ask God our Father to satisfy the needs of people everywhere.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for all who teach the faith by word and example in homes, schools and parishes. May more people be alert to God's calling so that there are more labourers for the harvest.

Let us pray for Isla-Mae and Evelyn Grace named and blessed today and for their parents, Elliot and Carrie-Anne. May we all welcome them into God's family.

Let us pray for Flo and Aaron to be married on Saturday. May they grow in love of God and of each other.

Lord, Help us to recognise you in everyone, particularly our children.

Let us pray for all who work on the land especially for the farmers of our parish; may their work be fruitful to provide food for all.

Let us pray for the people in the world who do not have enough to eat; for those whose conditions of life make it hard for them to see that God is good and to believe in him; for those who are working to make the world's food supply more plentiful, especially Christian Aid and Water Aid.

Let us pray for those going through trying times; that they and we may not give up as did the seed that fell on rocky ground.

Let us pray for all who listen, yet do not hear. When our lives are choked with worries and materialism, may we be spiritually brought to life.

We pray for all who are sick and housebound and for those who nurse and care for them. We pray for all prayed for at Shrine Prayers and Jimmy Juby, Angie Wilson, Jim Wilson, Marjorie Rousseau, Margaret Maundrell, Andrew & Julie Gray and all who will be anointed at Tuesday's healing service.

Give rest to the faithful departed – and bring them to praise you in eternity. We pray for Gwen Macdonald; Hector Buckle; Fr. Fred Prebble; Hilda Muskett; John Lockwood; Amy Monksfield; John Hame; John Giffin; Jim Abbott; Sally Juby, Ethel Wright; Helena Cleverly, Spencer Clarke, Dorothy Fisher and Allan Baker, whose anniversaries of death are at this time.

Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to add her prayers to ours. **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: Father, you have called your people to follow you. Give them the strength to go on doing so, come what may. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Mass continues on P9 of Hymn Book

Offertory Hymn: 346 v. 1. **Offertory Prayers** Hymn v. 2 &3

Sanctus & Mystery of Faith St Thomas setting

After Eucharistic Prayer: **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, instead, you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book

Hymns at Holy Communion: 179 and 289. **Please join in.**

Hymn at Ablutions: 205

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 241