

Tea / coffee in church after Mass. All welcome.  
 Today – Tour of Norfolk Churches. 2:30pm Wolferton, West Newton, Hillington, Gt Bircham.

**This Week: Divine office - Psalter Week 3**

- Mon:** 9.30am Mass (Acts 19v 1-8; John 16v 29-33) Int: Walsingham
- Tues:** 9:30am Mass (Acts 20v 17-27; John 17v 1-11) Int: PCC  
 10:30-12:30 Coffee, cake etc in Church.
- Wed: Our Lady. Help of Christians**  
 8:00 Mass (Acts 20v 28-38; John17v 11-19) Int: Society of Holy Cross
- Thurs: St. Bede, the Venerable,**  
 9.30am Mass (Acts 22v 30, 23v 6-11; John 17v 20-26) Int: All Theologians
- Fri: St. Philip Neri**  
 9:30 Mass (Acts 25v 13-21; John 21v 15-19)  
 Int: Conversion of England
- Sat: ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**  
 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Openness of the Holy Spirit  
 Readings as on Sunday  
 4.00 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Next Sunday : - PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY**  
 9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
 (Acts 2v 1-11; 1 Cor.12v 3-7,12-13; John 20v 19-23)  
 End of Eastertide

**NOTICES.**

1. The National Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May.
2. Andrew and Jess are asking for volunteers to clean the Church. Please respond.
3. Christian Aid Week ends on Sunday. Please give generously, either in an envelope in the churn, or online: [www.justgiving.com/page/mendlesham23](http://www.justgiving.com/page/mendlesham23)

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**  
**Seventh of Eastertide Year A**

**THEME :** In this Mass we look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to bring eternal life to all those who believe in Him, and the Spirit brings that eternal life to us. So as we prepare for Pentecost let us ask God to free us from our sins and failings, so we may wait for the Spirit with a pure heart.

**Blessing of candles for the departed** Entrance Hymn: 270 v 1-3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to make relations and be united with each other. Lord have mercy.

**People (sing) Kyrie Eleison (Ukrainian setting)**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, when we are afraid to commit ourselves too deeply. Christ have mercy.

**People: Christe Eleison**

**Celebrant:** Forgive us, Lord, for being so blind to the Holy Spirit working in us. Lord have mercy.

**People: Kyrie Eleison**

*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness*

**GLORIA:** Sanctus setting (laminated card)

**OPENING PRAYER :** *Let us pray that we may recognise the presence of Christ in our midst.* Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Saviour lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. Amen

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading - Acts 1 v 12-14** Every Christian community must prepare itself by prayer to receive the Spirit promised by Christ.

*'After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.'*

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 26**

**® I am sure I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? ®

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
 to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
 to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.®

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek His face." ®

**Second Reading - 1 Peter 4 v 13 - 16** Those who share in the sufferings of Christ are truly blessed because they will share in His glory. No one should be ashamed of being a follower of Christ.

'If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.'

Gospel Hymn: 270 v 4

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**Gospel - John 17 v. 1 - 11** As he prepares for his hour of departure and glorification Jesus prays for his disciples. Through their work on earth God's name will continue to be glorified.

'Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you."

**Address Creed** – Apostles Creed– *P8 of Hymn Book*

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant** : As we have been called to share in the Spirit, let us now as God's people together put our requests to the Lord.

**Reader**: Jesus is no longer physically in the world, but we are. We pray that men and women may see in us what they saw in Christ when he walked on the earth.

The disciples and Mary waited in continuous prayer for the coming of the Spirit of Jesus. May we, too, await the Spirit's coming this Pentecost in prayer and faithfulness to God's command.

Let us pray for those people who suffer insults because they are Christians. May they not be discouraged but be happy in the knowledge that God's Spirit rests on them.

Father, May the church always, like Mary, hear the word of God and act upon it. May the word of God, which Mary treasured in her heart, continue to be a source of nourishment in our lives..

Let us pray for all elected to serve in public office, that they may always be motivated by the desire to care for and help those they represent, and not by a desire for power.

Let us pray for the bereaved. May their sorrow be softened and their emptiness filled by the love of God. We pray especially for Karen, Margaret and John and their family.

Let us pray for the sick in our community: that the Lord will look with pity on those who look to Him for healing of body or mind and grant them the blessing of his saving health - especially Marjorie Rousseau, Eric Baully, Angie Wilson, Jan Robinson & Julie Gray and all who were anointed at our healing service on Thursday.

Let us pray for those who have died, that they will find peace with God - especially James Hilton, recently departed (*pause while a candle is lit*) and Jean Pipe, Leslie Howlett, Tim Licence, Gladys Prior, Kim Staff, Norman Howard-Rees, Bertha Kent, Iris Mapson, Joyce O'Brien, Daphne Rowland, Beryl Cheves, Harold Battye and Valerie Grey, whose anniversaries of death are at this time.

May Mary, the mother of the Church, be with us now as we say **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.**

SILENCE

**All: O Lord God, heavenly Father, hear our prayers to let your Spirit dwell in us, that he may enlighten and lead us into all truth, and defend us from all evil. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Mass continues on page 9 of Hymn Book*

Offertory Hymn: 28 v 1& 2      **Offertory Prayers**      Hymn v 3-end

**SANCTUS**: Sanctus setting      Mystery of Faith No 1 (*Hymn Book pg 10*)

Lord's Prayer etc. *Hymn Book pg 11*

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis**

**AGNUS DEI**: Sanctus setting

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like a blessing, please go to the rail holding a Hymn Book.*

Hymn at Holy Communion. Please join in – 129, 618

Hymn at Ablutions: 11 in Supplementary hymn book

**Post Communion Prayers**      **Regina Caeli** (*front of hymn book*)      Notices

### Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 56 and blessing of our new noticeboard.