

Tea / Coffee in church after Mass. All are invited to stay.

16th April 2023

This Week: Divine office - Week 2 of Psalter.

Mon: 9.30am. Requiem Mass - April Anniversaries
(1 Cor. 15 v.51-57; Luke 24 v.13-31)

Tues: 9.30 Mass. Int: Christian Unity
(Acts 4 v. 32-37; John 3 v.7-15).
10.30-12.30 Coffee/Teas in Church.

Wed: 9:30 Mass. Int: Persecuted Christians.
(Acts 5 v. 17-26; John 3 v. 16-21.)

Thurs: 9.30 Mass. Int: All who are dying.
(Acts 5 v.27-33; John 3 v.31-36)

Fri: 9:30 Mass. Int: Walsingham.
(Acts 5 v. 34-42; John 6 v. 1-15.)

Sat: 10.00 1st mass of Sunday Int: All who doubt the resurrection.
(Readings as on Sunday)
4.00pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday : THIRD OF EASTER.

9.30am. Parish Mass, Address.
(Acts 2 v. 14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1 v. 17-21; Luke 24 v. 13-35.)
2.30 Tour of Norfolk Churches Deopham, Gt. Ellingham, Rockland All Saints and Lt.Ellingham

NOTICES.

1. Our next healing service is on Tuesday 25th April at 2.30pm. (St Mark's day).
2. Our May Fiesta is Sunday 30th April at 9.30. Procession 11.15 approx.
List in Church for offers of food , drink etc for shared lunch in Church after,
3. Offers of cakes etc. please for Friends of St. Mary's teas and coffees on street Fayre day Monday 1st May and help needed from 12.00 to 5.00 pm.
Please sign Graham's list.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM

Second Sunday of EASTERTIDE Year A

THEME: The joy of Easter bubbles over into this Sunday's Mass. we can emulate this feeling of elation of early community felt by being bearers of the Risen Christ to each other.

Prayer for Departed – Holy Cross Chapel. Hymn: 622 v. 1 & 2

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant:: Forgive us, Lord, when we reject the new life you offer us as your sons and daughters. Lord have mercy.

People sing: Kyrie Eleison (Ukrainian setting)

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we reject the sure hope you have given us by rising from death. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not being open to the spirit of peace and joy that you want to give us. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**
Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness

GLORIA: John Allen Easter setting

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for a deeper awareness of our Christian baptism.*

God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 2 v. 42-47. Luke gives us a summary of the first Christian community in Jerusalem. They hold everything in common, worship together in the Temple, and celebrate the Eucharist in their houses.

'The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117 (118):2-4,13-15,22-24

® Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end '

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end '

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' ®

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory, in the tents of the just.. ®

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. ®

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1 v. 3-9. We hear an early hymn which celebrates the new life that comes from the risen Jesus. We are in the same situation as those early Christians who had not seen Jesus but loved him.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Hymn: **622 v 3**

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel - John 20 v. 19-31. Jesus gives the disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit by symbolically breathing upon them and then institutes the sacrament of reconciliation. His appearance to Thomas eight days later reminds us that so much of our faith is based on trust in God.

'In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: **'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'**

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. **The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'** Thomas replied, **'My Lord and my God!'** Jesus said to him: **'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'** There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

ADDRESS **CREED:** pg. 7 of Hymn Book (Nicene Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant : St.Peter reminded us of the joy we should have because we are Christians, and because we know Christ is risen. Let us now turn to God in prayer.

Reader: We pray that the Church will remain always faithful to the teaching of the apostles, especially as handed down in the tradition of the breaking of bread.

Let us pray that we may cease doubting and believe as Jesus commanded Thomas and that as God's people we will recognize and accept God's call in our daily lives, and carry out the mission they we are called to perform

Let us pray that we may be able to see Christ in the signs he left us: giving us life in Baptism, forgiving us in confession and nourishing us in the Eucharist.

Let us pray for our own community, that it may reflect that deep joy which is the especial sign of Christ's followers.

We pray for the sick and housebound and for all whose pain and anguish cause them to doubt God's love: that by faith they may see the wounded hands of the risen Jesus reaching out to them in love. We continue to pray for Jose Periera, Angela Wilson and Marjorie Rousseau.

We pray for the departed, especially Peggy Walker, Fr Brindley Morgan, Edwin Tillsley, Frederick Jupp, Joy Pink, Michael Martin, James Farmbrough, Ada Penton, Johnny Buckle, Fr David Woodwards, Patricia Studden, Madge Bird, Phyllis Phalco, Dennis Neal, Francis Mapson, Kathleen Last, Henry Syrett and Fr Michael Smith, whose anniversaries of death are at this week.

We share our faith in the risen Christ with Mary, his Mother, and with all the saints.

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: God our Father, you have given your people new birth as your sons and daughters, so that they might have a sure and firm hope. We pray that we may always enjoy this hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn : **543 v. 1 & 2** **Offertory Prayers** Hymn v. **3 to end**

Mass continues on pg 9 of hymn book

SANCTUS: John Allen Easter setting **Mystery of Faith:** ohn Allen Easter setting

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

In offering the Sign of Peace, please be sensitive to the feelings of those around you.

AGNUS DEI: John Allen Easter setting

Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding a hymn book.

Hymns at Holy Communion. **508** **297**

Hymn at Ablutions: **302**

Post Communion Prayer

Regina Coeli (*front of hymn bk*)

Notices

Recessional Hymn : 153