



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS



March 2013

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As we continue our pilgrimage through Lent may we persevere with our Lenten discipline, our preparation for Easter.

On 17th March it is Mothering Sunday when we give thanks for our mothers and mother figures who have surrounded or still surround us with love.

Especially we remember and give thanks for a very special mother, Mary, chosen by God, to be the mother of His son, Jesus. On this day we are also encouraged to think of God and to reflect on what we can learn about Him through the relationship between a mother and child, particularly between Mary and Jesus. May we never forget that it is God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who offers new birth and new life to all.

Sunday, March 24th is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week when we accompany Jesus on His journey to the Cross, His Last Supper on Holy Thursday, His death on Good Friday and ultimately His Resurrection, His rising to new life, on Easter Day.

You are very welcome and encouraged to join us at the services both during the week and on Sundays throughout the rest of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

May your Easter be filled with hope, peace and joy.

With every blessing

Nigel and Gill

Regular Weekday Services:

Monday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Tuesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Wednesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Friday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

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You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 3rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. St Mary's - BCP Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Half Hour – theme: Simon of Cyrene

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 3rd Ellis Randall, 4th Phyllis May Hill, 6th Alec William Cowling,
9th Amy Hilliam Bates

St Andrew's: 3rd Frank Stratton, 4th John Frank Derek Stratton,
Brenda Alice Elizabeth Dockerill, 8th Alfred Furbank Stafford

St Mary's: 7th Robert James Dowsing, 9th Dorothy Ivy Fitzjohn

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Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. St Andrew's - Holy Half Hour – theme: Veronica

Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20 to end
Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 33-35

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 10th David West, 11th Fred Jackson, 16th Mary Ann Randall,
Wilfred Ingram

St Andrew's: 11th David Winston Larking, 14th Christopher David Smith

St Mary's: 11th Florence Rosa (Rose) Edey, 14th Dorothy Warren,
James "Jim" Briggs, John Edward Allen

Sunday 17th March – 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. St Mary's - BCP Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas' - Said Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. St Thomas' - Holy Half Hour – theme: the maid at Pilate's Courtyard

Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21
Philippians 3: 4b-14
John 12: 1-8

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 22nd John Rufus Randall

St Andrew's: 17th Gerald Arthur Teat, 18th Edith Hull, 20th Peter Rex George,
21st Blanche Rose Hilliam

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Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

9.30AM COATES CHAPEL then process to HOLY TRINITY

10.00AM ST ANDREW'S - Blessing and Distribution of palms
and reading of the Passion then process to
ST MARY'S and Holy Communion at approx 10.30am.

Readings: Palm Gospel - Luke 19: 28-40
First reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Second reading - Philippians 2: 5-11
Passion – Gospel - Luke 22: 14 to end of chapter 23

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 24th Philip William Stearn

St Andrew's: 24th Mark Papworth, 25th Charles Edwin Cole,
27th John William Turner, 29th James Arthur Foster, Dora Whitehead,
30th Gwendoline Stratton

St Mary's: 25th Arthur James Lindsey, 26th Brian Cobb, Melinda Fulcher,
Leslie Greenaway Widgery, 27th Valerie Joan Tullis, 29th Lucy Bass,
John Ernest Warren

St Thomas': 30th Frederick Roland Snitch

Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday - Sunrise at 6.37am

6.20AM Gather for Dawn service in Pondersbridge followed by bacon rolls and hot
drink, (donations welcome). Meet at Richard and Liz's farm house , 560 Oil Mills
Road. PE26 2TS. On the left out of Pondersbridge on the road to Ramsey Mereside

7.30 AM THE BUTTERCROSS - Churches Together Service

8.30 AM ST THOMAS' - Easter Holy Communion

9.30 AM ST ANDREW 'S - Easter Holy Communion

9.30 AM HOLY TRINITY - Easter Holy Communion

11.00 AM ST MARY'S - Easter Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26
Luke 24: 1-12

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 31st Frank William Hill, April 1st Dennis Bashford,
Tony Papworth, 2nd Ivy Hilda Bennett, Arthur Malcolm Faithfull,
6th Donald Alan Popplewell

St Mary's: April 2nd Brenda Winifred Cobb-Western, Colin Alfred Harris,
6th Patricia Smyth

Please remember in your prayers: David Hilton, June Bedford,
The housebound, those in residential care, including: Marjorie Denton,
Joan Skinner, Mildred Everitt, Pansy Long, Florrie Dickerson, Sheila Toyne,
Lilian Wells, Norman Smith, Gladys Wheatley, John Poore, Bill Redhead,
Margaret Bates

The families of those who have recently died

Deborah Louise McIntyre, Ivy Brown, Sylvia May Yardy, Margaret Elizabeth Taylor,
Percival Cheshire, Michael Richards, Donald Arthur Walker, John Trevor Langston,
John Parker, James Marriott, Rene Savage

Events around the Team in March:

- 1st 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer service at St Jude's –
preacher Father Slack. Everyone is welcome.
Refreshments following the service.
- 1st 7.00pm Lent Devotions in St Mary's
- 3rd 1.00pm Baptisms at St Mary's – Harrison William Redhead
and Madeleine Howell
- 4th 2.30pm service at Aliwal Manor
- 4th 7.30pm Team Council in St Andrew's Hall.
- 7th Assemblies in Alderman Jacobs School at 9.05am, 11.45am,
1.10pm & 1.35pm
- 7th Revd Nigel at Rural Deans' meeting in Ely
- 8th 7.00pm Lent Devotions in St Mary's
- 10th Mothering Sunday see details in services list.
- 11th 7.30pm Ministry Team meeting at 8 The Grove
- 12th 10.15am Park Lane School Assembly
- 12th 7.00pm Friends of St Mary's AGM in Church
- 14th 9.30am Coates School Assembly
- 14th 1.00pm New Road School Assembly
- 15th 6.00pm Renewal of Vows at St Mary's - Patsy & Michael Tobin
- 15th 7.00pm Lent Devotions in St Mary's
- 16th Deadline for all APCM reports to be with Revd Gill
- 16th Diocesan Synod at Witchford
- 16th 1.00am – noon – St Thomas' Easter Fayre in church
- 17th 2.15pm Baptisms at St Andrew's
– Keira Jane Goddard and Lucas Cranwell
- 22nd 7.00pm Lent Devotions in St Mary's
- 24th to 31st Holy Week and Easter
- 27th 10.00am Coates school Easter service at Holy Trinity. Please note
there will not be a service at 9.15 but all are welcome to join the school
service
- 27th 2.30pm service at The Hermitage

From Sue Taylor

"Sue would like to thank you all for your kindness to her and the family after the death of Nev. Also thank you for contributions made."

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St Andrew's 100 Club - January 2013 Winners
1st Prize of £25.00 to Marilyn Gregory
2nd Prize of £15.00 to Philip Smith.

Children's' Society - St Andrew's
Could Box Holders please bring their boxes into church or arrange with Rosemary for collection.
Many thanks for your support.
Kind regards, Rosemary Jarvis

Please note
St Andrew's Hall Bookings and Caretaker
Cheryl Jakes – 01733 359450 or 07961486933

"March Deanery Synod Report
January 2013 Meeting at Benwick Church

Bishop Stephen talked - note less, for just over an hour - about the recent completion of his first 2 years as Bishop of Ely and how he'd come in to head the diocese - not 'as a new broom'. His first objective had been to visit and listen to all his clergy in their own homes and then launch his hopefully provocative "Imagining the Future". He stated that the Church of England should be "A Christian presence in every place and be purposeful to God". He suggested each synod representative imagine painting God's Purpose as a landscape & then painting yourself into that landscape - thus fully exploiting our own strengths. His encouragement to the Deanery Synod was for putting ourselves 'outside our comfort zone - as Jesus had when he became man - and be prepared to take risks in going forward; to have confidence in ourselves as unaccredited disciples and confidence in the God who will never let us go'. Basically all we need to make a church is a Bible, bread & wine and us! In fact, like the disciples fleeing from Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus and with no hope left - we may well find the future is not what we are expecting; "We're not up to it, but God is down to it through Jesus". It will be a future God wants."

With thanks to Pat Marston, Synod Representative - St Andrew's