



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS



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We are now in the season of Lent. We hope that you are spending time with whatever you chose as your Lenten practice. This is an important time to prepare ourselves for that great Easter Feast on Sunday, April 5th.

During Lent the Team Council is encouraging us to support the provision of bicycles for catechists and priests in the Diocese of Kigali in Rwanda. Our Diocese of Ely has a link with Kigali. When its Bishop Louis was in Ely he highlighted that his rural pastors and catechists need bicycles to enable them to visit all in their parishes and to be better connected with their colleagues in the city of Kigali. Given the meagre existence of these church leaders they cannot easily afford to buy a bicycle themselves. One bicycle costs about £70. The challenge – can we raise enough money to buy one or more bicycles? If you would like to contribute orange collecting boxes will be available in each church during Lent and Holy Week or you can give your donation directly to us.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15th, we will be celebrating 'Mothering Sunday'. For centuries this was the day on which parishioners used to go to the mother church of their diocese, the cathedral, to make special offerings. This then developed into a festival of human motherhood and by the seventeenth century visits were made to mothers with a gift. Apprentices and servants were given the day off to take a cake or a posy of flowers, gathered in the hedgerows on the way, as a gift to their mothers. On this day we especially give thanks in our prayers for Mary, the mother of Jesus, our mothers and our mother-figures.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 29th March when we celebrate the day on which Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The events of that week led to His crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please join us on Palm Sunday at one of our services. At 9.30 a.m. in Holy Trinity Coates and St Andrew's Whittlesey there will be the Blessing and Distribution of Palms, a procession in church, a dramatic reading of the Passion and Holy Communion as well as the singing of hymns. A similar service will take place in St Mary's Whittlesey at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome so do come and join us.

Finally our Diocese has produced a draft strategy called 'People fully alive' which outlines plans to take the Diocese forward to 2025. If you would like to read it go to the diocesan website at: <http://www.ely.anglican.org/about/strategy-consultation.html> We are now in a consultation period until Easter Day and have been encouraged by our Bishop to use this prayer daily from now until then: ***"We pray to be people fully alive. We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts to us in the past. We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead. Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety; give us grace to let go of all that holds us back; and grant us courage to meet the new life you have promised us in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen."***

With every blessing for a holy Lent

Gill and Nigel

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Said 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

Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7,15,16
Romans 4: 13 - 25
Mark 8: 31 - 38

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 2nd John Brian, 3rd Ellis Randall, 4th Phyllis May Hill, 6th Alec William Cowling
St Andrew's: 3rd Frank Stratton, 4th John Frank Derek Stratton, Brenda Alice Elizabeth Dockerill
St Mary's: 7th Robert James Dowsing
St Thomas': 1st Florence Emma Edwards

Sunday 8th March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service

Readings: Exodus 20 1-17
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
John 2: 13-22

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 9th Amy Hilliam Bates, 10th David West, 11th Fred Jackson
St Andrew's: 8th Alfred Furbank Stafford, 11th David Winston Larking,
14th Christopher David Smith
St Mary's: 9th Dorothy Ivy Fitzjohn, 11th Florence Rosa (Rose) Edey,
14th Dorothy Warren, James "Jim" Briggs, John Edward Allen

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion – ***N.B. change of service time***

Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20 - 28
2 Corinthians 1: 3-7
John 19: 25b-27

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 16th Mary Ann Randall, Wilfred Ingram
St Andrew's: 17th Gerald Arthur Teat, 18th Edith Hull, 20th Peter Rex George,
21st Blanche Rose Hilliam

Sunday 22nd March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12: 20-33

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 22nd John Rufus Randall, 24th Philip William Stearn

St Andrew's: 24th Mark Papworth, 25th Charles Edwin Cole, 27th John William Turner

St Mary's: 25th Arthur James Lindsey, Keith Sansom,

26th Brian Cobb, Melinda Fulcher, Leslie Greenaway Widgery, 27th Valerie Joan Tullis

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	-)Blessing and Distribution of Palms,
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	-)Procession in Churches, Reading of
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	-)Passion and Holy Communion
No service at St Thomas'	

Readings: Palm Gospel Mark 11: 1-11
First reading Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Passion – Gospel Mark 14: 1 to end of chapter 15

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 29th James Arthur Foster, Dora Whitehead, 30th Gwendolin Stratton,
31st Frank William Hill,

April 1st Dennis Bashford, Tony Papworth, 2nd Ivy Hilda Bennett, Arthur Malcolm Faithfull

St Mary's: 29th Lucy Bass, John Ernest Warren,

April 2nd Brenda Winifred Cobb-Western, Colin Alfred Harris

St Thomas': 30th Frederick Roland Snitch

Events around the Team in March:

2nd 7.30 p.m. York Lent Course at St Jude's

2nd 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's AGM in the hall.

All welcome – Entertainment by Whittlesey Singers

3rd 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 114 Eastrea Rd

3rd 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 208 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge

4th 10.00 a.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 11 North Green, Coates

5th Assemblies at Alderman Jacobs School at 11.45 a.m. and 1.10 p.m.

5th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 8 The Grove

6th 12 noon Stations of the Cross at St Mary's

7th 8 a.m. to 12 noon St Mary's Church Clean Up.

7th 1 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. Mother's Day Fayre at St Andrew's Hall

9th 7.30 p.m. York Lent Course at St Jude's

10th Assembly at Park Lane School at 10.25 a.m.

10th 7 p.m. Friends of St Mary's AGM in church

10th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 114 Eastrea Rd

10th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 208 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge

11th 10.00 a.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 11 North Green, Coates

12th 9.30 a.m. Assembly at Coates School

12th 1.00 p.m. Assembly at New Road School

12th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 8 The Grove

13th 12 noon Stations of the Cross at St Mary's

14th 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. St Thomas' Lent 'feast' meal in the hall. Tickets available from Carol Turner on 844497 at £6 per person
 16th 7.30 p.m. York Lent Course at St Jude's
 17th 6.00 p.m. Ministry Team meeting at 8 The Grove
 17th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 114 Eastrea Rd
 17th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 208 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge
 18th 10.00 a.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 11 North Green, Coates
 19th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 8 The Grove
 20th 12 noon Stations of the Cross at St Mary's
 21st 10.00 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. Messy Church at Holy Trinity
 21st 1.00 p.m. Wedding at St Andrew's
 21st 5.00 p.m. Wedding blessing at St Mary's
 21st 1.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. Nearly New Sale in St Andrew's Hall
 22nd 1.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. Wedding Fayre in St Andrew's Hall
 23rd 7.30 p.m. York Lent Course at St Jude's
 24th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 114 Eastrea Rd
 24th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 208 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge
 25th 10.00 a.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 11 North Green, Coates
 26th 10.00 a.m. Coates School Easter service at Holy Trinity
 26th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Commandments Course at 8 The Grove
 27th 12 noon Stations of the Cross at St Mary's
 28th 1.00 p.m. Wedding at Holy Trinity
 30th 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Andrew's***
 30th 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's
 31st 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's****
 31st 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Andrew's

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 ***N.B. During Lent this is 'Stations of the Cross'***

*** see exceptions above

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The Children's Society – Whittlesey

In week commencing 9th March 2015, I will be contacting all existing Boxholders to arrange collection of their Boxes. Despite the continuing difficult economic climate, £2,000,000 was again raised by Boxholders across the Country last year, enabling the Society to continue to help around 100,000 vulnerable Children in the United Kingdom. If you need to contact me, my telephone

number is 208110 and my E Mail is rljarvis@btinternet.com. I would like to thank all existing Box Holders for their continued support and if anyone else would like to help this very worthwhile Charity, please let me know.

Many thanks. Rosemary Jarvis. Local Organiser