



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

## TEAM MATTERS

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Here we are in Spring, a time of new beginnings, outside the foliage on trees and bushes is bursting forth, displaying many different shades of green. Flowers are adorning gardens and the countryside. Birds are in full song, building nests and protecting their young. The days are longer and warmer. Everything is coming alive after the short, dark days of winter.

In the church we feel alive and full of the joy of the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate the Risen Lord Jesus Christ from the dead – Alleluia.

The Easter season continues until the Day of Pentecost, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Before then, on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate Ascension Day which is forty days after Easter, when Jesus was lifted up and taken by a cloud out of the sight of his disciples (The Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 verses 6 to 11). The disciples had seen the risen Lord Jesus Christ which must have been a wonderful experience. Then, as He was taken from them, they were left struggling to come to terms with the unexpected once again. They had glimpsed the man Jesus but not the face of God beneath. Jesus had come not just to restore Israel but to redeem the world, not to rule on earth but to be enthroned in heaven. Jesus was greater than they had ever imagined. After this the disciples did as they were commanded (The Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 verses 12 to 14) spending time in prayer and waiting for the promised Holy Spirit which came at Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. On this day they received the gift of the Holy Spirit and became missionaries for Jesus (The Acts of the Apostles chapter 2 verses 1 to 21). Many were baptised so this day is seen as the birth of the Christian church as we know it today.

As Christians we are called, like the first disciples, to be missionaries. At Pentecost may we be filled anew with the power of the Holy Spirit, God within us, and pray these words:

***“Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that as you love, so may I love, and do what you would do.”***

With every blessing  
**Gill and Nigel**

**Full details of Sundays and other services inside.**

**You are welcome to join us at our services:**

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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:** Acts 8: 26-40  
1 John 4: 7-21  
John 15: 1-8

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Charles William Burgundy, 4<sup>th</sup> Betsy Ena Doughty,  
7<sup>th</sup> John 'Noel' Wells

**St Andrew's:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annie Deal, 5<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Mary Barker, 9<sup>th</sup> Vera Noble Turner

**St Mary's:** 6<sup>th</sup> Edith Mary Parker

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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:** Acts 10: 44-48  
1 John 5: 1-6  
John 15: 9-17

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** 11<sup>th</sup> Roger Michael Dixon-Spain, 14<sup>th</sup> Sybil Alice Wood

**St Andrew's:** 15<sup>th</sup> Arthur Henry Lee, Margaret Josephine Tinkler

**St Mary's:** 10<sup>th</sup> Patricia Warren, 12<sup>th</sup> Ellis Royal Fitzjohn, 13<sup>th</sup> Gerald Charles Bridger, May Scott, 14<sup>th</sup> Andrew John Shepperson, Muriel Eileen Lindsey,  
16<sup>th</sup> Norman Reginald Foster

**St Thomas':** 10<sup>th</sup> Aubrey Stanton Dean

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said 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'	- Holy Communion followed by PCC meeting

**Readings:** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26  
1 John 5: 9-13  
John 17: 6-19

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Robert Alan Welbourn

**St Andrew's:** 18<sup>th</sup> George Edward Barnes, 20<sup>th</sup> Audrey Eileen Lee,  
22<sup>nd</sup> Alwyn Mullis

**St Mary's:** 17<sup>th</sup> Robert (Bob) Taylor, 21<sup>st</sup> Georgina Western, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Turvey

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

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:** Acts 2: 1-21  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** 30<sup>th</sup> Margaret Raymond Stephens, Thomas Redhead

**St Andrew's:** 24<sup>th</sup> Edna Mary Band,

26<sup>th</sup> Bessie Webb, Rev. Harold John Weston, 27<sup>th</sup> Christopher Walker,

30<sup>th</sup> Ida Porter

**St Mary's:** 29<sup>th</sup> J. Edgar Miller, 30<sup>th</sup> Gordon Turvey

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

10.00 a.m. Holy Trinity - Team Holy Communion Service

**Readings:** Isaiah 6: 1-8  
Romans 8: 12-17  
John 3: 1-17

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

**Holy Trinity:** 31<sup>st</sup> John Ernest Archer, John Bates,

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Doris Lilian Rippon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Sansby

**St Andrew's:** June 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel Hilliam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reginald William Rycraft,

Terence Wilfred Norfield, 6<sup>th</sup> Florence Duddington

**St Mary's:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> Clara Gray, Evelyn Joyce Bunty Stocker

**St Thomas':** June 1<sup>st</sup> Dora Lewis, 5<sup>th</sup> Isabel Barbara Claxton

### **A BIG THANK YOU:**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Lent Appeal to provide bicycles for ministers in the Diocese of Kigali in Rwanda. The collections were: Holy Trinity £207.87, St Andrew's £160.20, St Mary's £305, St Thomas' £329.30. The final total was £1047.37. We have added £2.63 which means 15 bicycles can be purchased at £70 each. Well done everybody!

## Events around the Team in May:

- 5<sup>th</sup> 10.25a.m. Park Lane School Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Faith Group at Pondersbridge  
6<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m.. Team Council AGM in St Andrew's Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> 1.00p.m. New Road School Assembly  
8<sup>th</sup> 11.00a.m. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day – wreath laying ceremony at Whittlesey War Memorial  
9<sup>th</sup> 2.00 – 3.30p.m. Messy Church in Holy Trinity  
9<sup>th</sup> 7.00p.m. Churches Together Christian Aid Concert at Queen Street  
10<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week begins  
14<sup>th</sup> 9.15a.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion with hymns at St Mary's  
14<sup>th</sup> 11.45a.m. Key Stage 1 Assembly at Alderman Jacobs School  
14<sup>th</sup> 1.10p.m. Key Stage 2 Assembly at Alderman Jacobs School  
16<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid week ends  
16<sup>th</sup> 8.30a.m. Ministry Team meeting at The Rectory  
16<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.30p.m. Car Boot Sale at St Andrew's Hall  
16<sup>th</sup> 6.30p.m. Family Bingo at St Andrew's Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> St Thomas' PCC following 6.00p.m. Holy Communion  
18<sup>th</sup> 7.00p.m. Friends of Holy Trinity meeting in Church  
19<sup>th</sup> 2.00p.m. St Andrew's PCC meeting in St Andrew's Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m. St Mary's PCC meeting in St Andrew's Hall  
20<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m. Holy Trinity PCC meeting in Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30a.m. – 12.00 Friends of Holy Trinity Book Sale in Church  
28<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m. Pilgrim Prayer meeting at 8 The Grove

## 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

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