



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS

March 2016

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We continue our pilgrimage through Lent, a time to examine our lives, make changes and become more deeply committed to our Lord's Way of Life.

Sunday, March 20th is Palm Sunday which speaks of joy and celebration, and of worshipping Jesus as the King of kings, and yet it leads us into Holy Week, the memory of sorrow and suffering, and finally death on a cross. We cannot think of one without the other, and any talk of the majesty of Jesus must be understood in the light of all that followed, the one we serve came to serve others. The Lord of life endured the darkness of death. The way to the throne involved the costly path of sacrifice. It is easy to sing Jesus' praises and acknowledge Him as Lord; it is a different matter to take up our cross and follow Him. Yet that is what He asks of us and it is the challenge of Palm Sunday. Are we ready to offer ourselves in His service?

Please do come and join us on our journey through Holy Week in preparation for that glorious day of rejoicing, Easter Day, March 28th when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead – **"Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"** It is a day to give thanks, to worship God the giver of life. On this day we remember how evil, sorrow, suffering and death itself were finally defeated; a day that makes every day and every moment a new beginning. Let us give thanks for the Risen Lord:

'Lord Jesus, our risen Saviour, we rejoice in your mighty victory over sin and death: you are the Prince of Life; you are alive for evermore. Help us to know your presence in our worship, our prayer time and in our reading of the Bible and to receive your power in our lives until we rise to live with you for ever. Amen.'

With every blessing for a joyful Eastertide

Gill and Nigel

As I approach my retirement at the end of April (my last service is a Team Holy Communion Service at 10 a.m. at St Mary's on April 3rd) I give thanks for all the people I have met in my thirteen years here; it has been a privilege to serve and be part of the community. May God bless you. Gill

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Regular Weekday Services: (except Holy Week - 20th to 27th March)

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 (During Lent this will be Lent Devotions)

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Sunday 6th March – 4th 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 - Morning Praise
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Praise
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

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

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 6th Alec William Cowling, 9th Amy Hilliam Bates, 10th David West,
11th Fred Jackson

St Andrew's: 8th Alfred Furbank Stafford, 11th David Winston Larking

St Mary's: 7th Robert James Dowsing, 9th Dorothy Ivy Fitzjohn, 11th Florence Rosa
(Rose) Edey

Sunday 13th March – 5th 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 Praise

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

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 16th Mary Ann Randall, Wilfred Ingram

St Andrew's: 14th Christopher David Smith, 17th Gerald Arthur Teat, 18th Edith
Hull

St Mary's: 14th Dorothy Warren, James "Jim" Briggs, John Edward Allen

HOLY WEEK - 2016

Sunday 20th March – Palm Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity -) Blessing & Distribution of Palms, Procession in
) Churches, Reading of Passion, and
11.00 a.m. St Mary's -) Holy Communion

Readings: Luke 19: 28-40
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Luke 22: 14 to end of chapter 23 – dramatic reading

Anniversaries of Death:

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

St Andrew's: 20th Peter Rex George, 21st Blanche Rose Hilliam, 24th Mark Papworth, 25th Charles Edwin Cole

St Mary's: 25th Arthur James Lindsey, Keith Sansom, 26th Brian Cobb, Melinda Fulcher, Leslie Greenaway Widgery

MONDAY – March 21st

8.00AM ST ANDREW'S – Morning Prayer
9.00AM QUEEN STREET – Holy Week Reflections
9.15 AM St MARY'S – Holy Communion

TUESDAY – March 22nd

8.00AM ST MARY'S – Morning Prayer
9.00AM QUEEN STREET – Holy Week Reflections
9.15 AM ST ANDREW'S – Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY – March 23rd

8.00AM ST ANDREW'S – Morning Prayer
9.00AM QUEEN STREET – Holy Week Reflections
9.15 AM HOLY TRINITY – Holy Communion

HOLY THURSDAY – March 24th

8.00 AM ST MARY'S – Morning Prayer
9.00AM QUEEN STREET – Holy Week Reflections
10.30AM ELY CATHEDRAL – Eucharist for the renewal of Ordination Vows
and the Blessing of the Oils.
7.30 PM HOLY TRINITY – Celebration of the Last Supper and
watching in the Garden until 9.30pm. Night Prayer
Volunteers required to have foot washed. If you wish to then please let Nigel or Gill know.

GOOD FRIDAY- March 25th

8.00AM ST ANDREW'S – Morning prayer
9.50 AM Churches Together Procession of Witness from Queen Street Chapel
10.00 AM Churches Together Service at BUTTERCROSS
2.00 PM ST ANDREW'S – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY – March 26th

8 AM ST MARY'S – MORNING PRAYER
8 PM ST THOMAS' – EASTER VIGIL

Sunday 27th March – Easter Sunday

Sunrise at 6.44 a.m.

Gather by 6.30 a.m. for Dawn service at 6.44 a.m.

Followed by bacon rolls and hot drink and
Easter Holy Communion on the farm.

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.

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

Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

Luke 24: 1-12

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 27th John William Turner, 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: 27th Valerie Joan Tullis, 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:

4th 12 noon Lent Devotions in St Mary's

4th 2.00p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer Service led by Captain Rob Symons at the Salvation Army Citadel in Church Street.

5th 6.00 p.m. Family bingo in St Andrew's hall

8th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Mary's AGM in church

10th 6.0 p.m. Ministry Team meeting at the Rectory

11th 12 noon Lent Devotions in St Mary's

12th 2.00 p.m. Messy Church in Holy Trinity

12th 7.00 p.m. St Andrew's – Concert by Peterborough City Band for Christian Aid - £8 per person including a glass of wine

14th 7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's AGM in the Church

18th 12 noon Lent Devotions in St Mary's

Holy Week 20th to 27th March For details see above

22nd 9.30 a.m. Coates School Easter Service in Holy Trinity