



The Benefice of St Mary's Bocking & Panfield Church



Sunday 7th April 2024
The Second Sunday of Easter
Staying in Contact

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Forthcoming Services

Hymns

St Mary's, Bocking

Sunday April 7th	8am	Said Mass
Sunday April 7th	10am	Sung Mass
Wednesday April 10th	9.30am	Said Mass
Sunday April 14th	8am	Said Mass
Sunday April 14th	10am	Sung Mass with Baptism

624 (*omit * verses*)

273

131

134

Panfield Church

Sunday April 7th	11am	Holy Communion
Tuesday April 9th	5pm	Evening Prayer/Office Hour
Sunday April 14th	11am	Morning Worship

Gospel Acclamation

You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen, and yet believe.

NOTICES

Charity of the Month - In April, the monies given at Tea & Coffee after the main service at St Mary's will go to Roundwood. The total raised for Essex Air Ambulance last month will be announced soon.

Coffee Morning - The last coffee morning to raise funds towards the flowers for this year's Flower Festival will be on Friday April 5th at 10.30am in the Church Hall.

Friendly Friday Cafe - The Café has paused now for an Easter break, but will return on April 19th. Thank you to all those who work so hard to run the sessions, and of course all who support it.

Freewill envelopes scheme - A number of you use the Freewill envelope scheme, this year the envelopes have been yellow. Sadly, the cost to print a new set is getting on for £200, so we are discontinuing using them going forward. Fr Rod will be writing to all on the scheme with a range of ways to continue supporting the church financially. If there are any questions please do speak to Fr Rod.

Electoral Roll - If you have joined St Mary's recently it is likely you are not on our Electoral Roll. Indeed there may be others who have been meaning to do so, but not taken up the chance. Ahead of the APCM on May 19th, we are inviting you to join now. A short form is at the back, which is easy to fill in.

Fellowship - The next meeting is Thursday April 18th at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Our speaker this month is The Revd Mark Payne, who will be talking about his recent trip to the Holy Land.

Monday May 6th - May Day helpers needed! Please save the date and help us make this the most successful year yet. The more volunteers we have, the more stalls/games we can run.

Prayers - We keep in our prayers Brenda Dunstone, Barry and Janice Goody, Jean Goodwin, Sue, Roger, Frances, Jo Meech, and Tony & Ann. We remember our care homes Millard House, Larchwood, Fern Lodge, Aspen Grange, Braintree Mews, St Mary's Court and The New Deanery, and the following, whose anniversary of their passing falls this David Taylor, Cyril Thompson, Stan Spence, Frank How, and Violet Barnard.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Epistle Reading - Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.