

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday 8.00am - Short service of Holy Communion

Sunday 10.00am - Main service of Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee

Wednesday 9.30am - Short service of Holy Communion

Junior Church - the next sessions are **March 26th** and **April 30th**
Aimed at children aged 11 and under, we meet in the Church Hall at 9.45am
and then join the service about 10.45am

Don't forget -The Church is open everyday from 9.00am - 5.00pm

Contact Revd Rod for more information on weddings and christenings

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We meet on the 'third' Thursday of each month in
St Mary's Church Hall at 12.30pm.

There is a simple lunch followed by a speaker, cost £5 and open to everyone.

March 16th - Bryan Thurlow will be giving his talk 'The Perennial Mr. Potter'

April 20th - Linda Scoles will be giving her talk 'Around the World in 23 years'

May 18th - Brenda Eyers will be giving her talk 'If you want to get ahead get a hat'



ST. MARY'S CHURCH BOCKING PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SPRING ISSUE

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Flower Festival and Bocking May Day

An update on our Warm Space Project

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and much, much more...



MARCH 2023

What a fantastic response to our first Quarterly Newsletter, thank you for your encouragement and feedback. In this issue you'll find plenty of information on our forthcoming events and some of our ongoing projects. Extra copies of this issue are in the church, and you can also find it on our website, link below.

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NEWS

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

It could be you.....

First of all.....the boring stuff.... The Friends of St Marys Church is an organisation set up to support the Fabric of St Mary's Church and develop friendship and fellowship within our Parish. That means that we raise money, largely through social events, to maintain and improve the Church buildings that sit at the heart of our community. What we don't do is fund the clergy/ministry of the Parish, that's done separately. I have the honour to be Chairman of the Friends Committee who are a team of hardworking volunteers that arrange and facilitate fundraising/social events within our village. We've already hosted our Annual General Meeting which was accompanied by a FREE Afternoon Tea. Additional events already planned for this year include our prize quiz, Barn Dance, a murder mystery evening and Harvest Supper with other events in the planning. So why not join us? Annual membership is by donation with minimum suggested of £5.00. Forms are available from the Church Office (01376 553092) or in church. Remember, it could be you! *Graham Shaw*

ECO CHURCH

St. Mary's is working towards being part of the "A Rocha Scheme", as an Eco Church. Details of tips, ideas and events can be found in Church. Want to start your day with a natural seasonal lift? Try taking your early morning cup of tea to an open window and listening to the birdsong. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin" Shakespeare.

WARM PLACE

Back in early December we started up our own Warm Place each Friday lunchtime in the Church Hall. Over 15 sessions, the numbers have continued to grow. As a result, we are thrilled to say that Warm Place has been extended to April 7th. After a brief pause, we will be launching a refreshed version of the project from mid-May, details in the next issue.

FLOWER FESTIVAL/ BOCKING MAY DAY

Our Flower Festival is back from Friday April 28th - Tues May 2nd. On Monday May 1st, we will be joining in with rest of the village for the Bocking Village Fair. There will be trips up the Tower, BBQ, refreshments, prize draw, stalls, & a re-enactment group!



Out of this World

A space themed weekend of events
Friday 17th to
Sunday 19th March

Friday March 17th - 7pm to 9pm

Free stargazing event - No need to book, just turn up on the night.
Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Saturday March 18th

Indoor StarDome Planetarium - A fully immersive experience!
10 sessions will run from 9am to 4.30pm, each lasting 20 minutes.
Tickets £7 (these can be purchased on Friday 17th 7pm and on the day).

Free solar gazing event - Starts at 12noon and finishes 4pm
Craft activities, refreshments and more in church all day.

Sunday March 19th

Mothering Sunday Service 10am with our music led by
Felsted Preparatory School Choir

Holy Week and Easter 2023

April 2nd - Palm Sunday

Sung Mass and Palm Procession - 10am
with a donkey!

April 6th - Maundy Thursday

Sung Mass with Washing of Feet - 8pm
followed by *The Watch* until 11pm

April 7th - Good Friday

The Good Friday Liturgy - 2pm

April 9th - Easter Sunday

Easter Day Mass - 10am

followed by *Easter Egg Hunt* in the Church Grounds

