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Items for the pew sheet should be sent to the Priest in Charge or secretary by 9am on the previous **Tuesday due to tighter Covid-19 printing deadlines**

FURTHER NOTICES

Today - Sunday 11 April – Election of Churchwardens and APCM (Via Zoom and in St Mary's at 12 noon; All Saints' – 7pm ZOOM ONLY
(Meeting ID 204 930 2812; Passcode 310856) All are welcome to attend, either on Zoom or in person (subject to a maximum of 45 people), so please book your place in advance. There are vacancies for PCC and Deanery Synod. There are nomination forms on the website or from any PCC member. Those on the church or civic electoral roll may vote in the election of churchwardens. Only those who were on the church electoral roll on or before 21 March may vote in the other elections. Forms on website or from PCC.

St Mary's chosen Charity for March and April is the David Nott Foundation <https://davidnottfoundation.com>
This was established with a simple mission: to provide the surgeons and medical professionals working in the most hostile environments with the skills and the confidence to save more lives.

Charity nominations: If you would like to nominate a charity (and provide advertising / support) for the forthcoming cycle, please contact a PCC member or email PCC@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Need someone to talk to? Friends in Deed provide support & friendship (by telephone only for the moment) **and is still running.** Just call 07810 006598.

Godmanchester Foodbank is an ongoing project and support during these extraordinary times is needed more than ever. More information at - <https://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk/>
Collection Points - on the doorstep of the vicarage (please ring the bell then step back), Nisa Buckden and Budgens, Offord.

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

Sunday 11 April 2021

(Second Sunday of Easter)

Dear Friends

Easter greetings to you all, as we continue the celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the high point of the Christian year. As we reflected last Sunday, Easter is a time to reflect on and celebrate more deeply the God who (summarising John Ch 3. v16) loved his world so much that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ I hope we have all been able to do that this year in whatever way works for us.

Today, as well as continuing our Easter celebrations we are holding our annual meetings. These will be at 12.00pm at St Mary's and 7pm at All Saints, and both will be broadcast on Zoom (Id 204 930 2812, password - 310856). Please do plan to attend either on person or online if you are able, as it is important that we all publicly support the PCC's and Churchwardens as the next few months will be particularly busy for them.

Have a blessed Sunday.

Jes

Archbishops' Coronavirus call to prayer

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion. Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the week (collect)

Risen Christ for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion (for personal use)

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.

Gospel Reflection

When we read this passage, it is easy for all of us to particularly single out Thomas as the only doubting fearful disciple. However, in reality the truth is that they were all hiding fearfully behind the locked doors. Similar to the shadows on any child's bedroom wall that often bring fear and torment, the disciples had some rather large and looming "monsters" in their own hearts and minds as well. You can imagine their thoughts that evening.

Prayer Corner



Please pray in Offord for: the school, pupils, parents, staff teaching and non-teaching, governors, volunteers and the PTA.

and in Buckden for: those who live in Church Street, Mill Road, The Barns, Old Flour Mill.

Services this week

Sunday 11 April- Family Communion in St Mary's at 11am followed by APCM; Songs of Praise in All Saints' at 6pm is cancelled. APCM for All Saints – Zoom only at 7pm

Wednesday 14 April – Holy Communion in St Mary's at 9.30am.

Sunday 18 April – Holy Communion at 9.30am in All Saints'; Family Communion in St Mary's at 11am

NOTICES

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS COVID-19 –Services in St Mary's have now resumed. ALL SAINTS' CLOSED AGAIN DUE TO ELECTRICAL FAULT Please note that the protocols introduced last August still remain in place. Facemasks must continue to be worn in church, social distancing guidelines and instructions from the duty warden must be adhered to and there still will be no singing of hymns or wine distributed during communion. Please contact David Pickavance to book your place in St Mary's as attendance is still limited to around 45 worshippers. This is important as recent Sunday services have been at near capacity. (Not necessary for All Saints' or the Wednesday Holy Communion service as attendance numbers are not expected to be high, nevertheless it is important to emphasise that this maximum applies to ALL services)

St Mary's -Wifi has been installed in the church and the main Sunday morning service is now being streamed live from 11am and recorded for later viewing if preferred. We fully appreciate that not everyone will feel able or confident to attend just yet and we will continue distributing the pewsheets by email every week. Follow the links from the St Mary's and All Saints' websites.

Saturday 10 April from 11.00am-11.40am - Virtual Saturday coffee – Also Saturday 17 April. Please note the Zoom meeting details- ID: 798 1012 3003 Password: 6WMstJ. Repeats weekly until further notice. (More notices overleaf)

Today's Main Service Readings

Please note the reader is given the freedom to choose which version to use and accordingly may not match word for word.

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. [REB]

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. [REB]