The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham, St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton

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Sunday 5 April EASTER DAY

CW Lectionary Acts 10. 34 – 43; John 20. 1 - 18

8:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham
10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham
Hymns: 205, 212, 196 (during Gospel procession), 194, 214 and 204(choir), 218, Anthem: He is Risen (Whitlock)
With children's activities and an Easter egg after the service.
Prayers for healing are usually available after the 10am service in the side chapel at St Mary's.
10:30am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton
10:30am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 77, 78, 139, 428*
11:15am Holy Communion St George's, Langham

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Jean Harding, Anne Clarke, Shirley Lynch, Sandra Haward and David Clegg & family.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Maureen Atkinson, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING Acts 10. 34 – 43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL John 20. 1 – 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She

said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Tuesday 7 April
10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club. This week’s activity will be Danny Jukebox, singer 40s – 60s music.

Wednesday 8 April
10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary’s Church, Gillingham
10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men’s Group at Rawson Court
2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Thursday 9 April
10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Friday 10 April
9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary’s Church, Gillingham
2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham ‘Name This Tune’ at St Martin’s House, Queen Street

Saturday 11 April
10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room
12:30pm – 3:30pm Repair Café in the Vicarage School Room

Sunday 12 April The Second Sunday of Easter
CW Lectionary Acts 2. 14a, 22 – 32; John 20. 19 – end

10:00am	Holy Communion	St Mary’s Church, Gillingham
10:30am	Matins	St Nicholas Church, Silton
10:30am	Morning Worship	St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour
12noon	Baptism of Hudson Pearce	St Mary’s Church, Gillingham

World Day of Prayer
The collection at the service held at St Benedict’s Catholic Church in March raised £380 for the work of the WDP movement. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously. *From the local WDP committee members.*

Saturday 25 April – Spring Celebration Concert, at St Mary’s Church, Gillingham
Come and join us at 7:00pm for a Spring Celebration Concert! Featuring Maria Danishvar (soprano), Arabella Heaton (mezzo-soprano), Simon Twiselton (piano) and Christopher Vale (bassoon). Tickets £12 (to include a drink and nibbles during the interval). Please phone 01747 821598 or visit the Parish Office for tickets. Tickets may also be bought on the evening. All proceeds towards church roof repairs.