

St. Mary's, Great Parndon. FEBRUARY 2025 News.

Priest in charge – Revd Richard Attew – Tel 01279 315044.

Services - Sunday – 11:00am Holy Communion/ morning worship.
Wednesday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.
Thursday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.

Monthly Coffee Morning -Thursday 6th February.

Come and join us for tea, coffee, and a chat. 10:30am to 12noon at St Mary's church.
All are welcome. For further details contact Alison on 01279 418699.

PCC Meeting.

Our next PCC Meeting will be held on Monday 10th March at 7:30pm via Zoom. Arrangements for the Easter services, including the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday will be finalised.

Ash Wednesday service – Wednesday 6th March.

There will be a 7:30pm service at St Mary's church to mark this holy day.

Storm Damage to West Window.

Both large leaded windows next to the bell ringers chamber were replaced at the end of January. (They look good and hopefully are a little more draught proof!). The nett cost to us is £2,300 including VAT for both windows, as the insurers have paid for the repair of one of the windows. We hope to reclaim the VAT of £660 via the Listed Places of Worship Scheme

Any donation towards these repairs would be most welcome. Please see Alison for how to contribute.

Listed Places of Worship Scheme – request to write to your MP.

Good News! This has been extended for a further year, but the total amount has been reduced.
We emailed our MP and have received a reply.

Garden of Remembrance signage.

We will shortly install a sign at the entrance to the Garden of Remembrance outlining the do's and don'ts of what is allowed as a memorial in the garden. We have also contacted the DAC seeking advice of a permanent structure for memorial plaques.

Thank you.

Thank you to all those serving the tea/coffee and biscuits on a Sunday morning before the service, it is much appreciated by everyone.

ECO tip. –recycling used postage stamps.

Marjorie is collecting used postage stamps for St Clare's Hospice. You can leave them in the sweet tin at the back of church, under the notice board behind the font. Hopefully you have now received all your Christmas cards and the used Christmas stamps would be appreciated.

Foodbank. Peter Button is happy to take donated items from St Mary's to the Foodbank each week. Please leave items in the usual place next to the font. Note that the Foodbank is dealing with rising demand and is now short of many items, such as tinned meat, tinned fish (tuna), sponge pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long life fruit juices and small jars of coffee.

For help: The Church of England has a free 24-hour phone line, *Daily Hope*, offering hymns, prayers & reflections (**0800 804 8044**).
Email: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/sleep-well-dailyhope>

