St. Mary's, Great Parndon.
MARCH 2026 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 5th March.
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.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March.
This year's material has been prepared by women of Nigeria.
Services are at 11:00am at St James Church, Staple Tye and 2:00pm at St Peter's, Roydon.

PCC Meeting.
Our next PCC Meeting will be held on Monday 16th March at 7:30pm via Zoom. Arrangements for the Easter services, including the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday will be finalised.

Good Friday Easter Egg hunt (3rd April) at 10:30am.
There will be an Easter Egg hunt in the Churchyard. We have purchased a number of "The Real Easter Eggs", so no donations of Easter eggs are needed. If you wish to make a monetary donation, there will be a box available on the table at the back of the church later this month If you are available to help on the day, please contact Janet (tel. 07870 964558). Finally, please let Janet know if you have children or grandchildren of primary school age or younger that would like to attend, email: jb.greatparndon@gmail.com.

Planned Giving and Gift Aid.
Thank you very much to all in the congregation who give regularly to the work and maintenance of the Church. There are a variety of ways you can give: by envelope, standing order, and cash via the collection plate or contactless giving. If you haven't done so recently, please review your giving in terms not only of amount but regularity. Remember that the Church faces the same inflationary pressures as we all do. If you are able to gift aid your donation, please could we ask that you consider doing so through the planned giving envelopes or by standing order as this is immensely helpful to the Church in claiming gift aid from HMRC. For more information, please speak to Alison Curtis, PCC Treasurer

Listed Places of Worship Scheme – request to write to your MP.
I have received a reply from our MP, which states that this will be considered under the Government's forthcoming spending review. Please see letter on the noticeboard at the back of the church..

ECO tip. –recycling of crisp packs, biscuit wrappings, pasta bags and bread bags.
These soft plastics can now be recycled at branches of Sainsburys and Tesco. All you need to do is to rinse out the bag beforehand and drop the bags in the designated bins located at the store entrance.

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.

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Daily Hope, offering hymns, prayers & reflections (**0800 804 8044**).
Email; https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/sleep-well-dailyhope