

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

APRIL 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.

Special Baptism Service – Sunday 29th March at 12:30pm

Josh, one of our younger adults, will be baptised after the morning service.
Please stay on to welcome him into God's family.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service – Thursday 2nd April.

There will be a short service, followed by.....

Monthly Coffee Morning -Thursday 2nd April.

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.

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 is a box available on the table at the back of the church. Thanks to those who have already donated. The "Great Open Door" group will lead the talk following the Easter Egg hunt.

Confirmation Service on Sunday 11th April at 11am at St James church, Staple Tye.

We have 3 candidates for confirmation: Hope Attew, Heather Collett and Joshua Gold. This service will be led by our Area Bishop, Roger, the Bishop of Colchester. Please support our candidates for this important service. Note that there will be **NO SERVICE** at St Mary's on this date.

Hope Explored Course – Thursdays 16th, 23rd and 30th April.

This will take place at 7:30pm at St Mary's church with Richard leading. We will be studying the themes of Hope, Peace and Purpose from a Christian perspective. All are welcome to attend.

APCM Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the APCM will take place on Monday 27th April at 7:30pm at St Mary's church. This is where the officers for this year will be elected and the accounts and reports for 2025 presented. Please do come, as this is an important opportunity to learn more about the workings of the parish and your church. At this meeting, we will be seeking to fill various roles, namely one Churchwarden, one Deanery Synod Representative and several PCC members.

Please do consider whether one (or all!) of these roles could be for you.

Richard, Ray or Janet will be happy to discuss if you'd like some more information.

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.



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>