

26th April 2026 – Easter 4

THE ORWELL AND DEBEN RURAL BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	26 th	- Genesis 7; Acts 2:42-end; John 10:1-10.
Monday	27 th	- Exodus 32:1-14; Luke 2:41-end.
Tuesday	28 th	- Exodus 32:15-34; Luke 3:1-14.
Wednesday	29 th	- Exodus 33; Luke 3:15-22.
Thursday	30 th	- Exodus 34:1-10, 27-end; Luke 4:1-13.
Friday	1 st May	- Proverbs 4:10-18; James 1:1-12. Philip and James
Saturday	2 nd	- Exodus 40:17-end; Luke 4:31-37.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday – 26th April – Easter 4

10am	Morning Prayer	Bucklesham
10am	Morning Prayer	Hemley
10am	Holy Communion	Kirton
10am	Holy Communion	Levington

Sunday – 3rd May - Easter 5

9am	Morning Prayer	Falkenham
10am	Holy Communion	Newbourne
10am	Morning Prayer	Waldringfield
10-30am	Holy Communion	Nacton

Sunday – 10th May – Easter 6

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Hemley
10am	Morning Prayer	Levington
10am	Morning Prayer	Kirton
10-15am	Holy Communion	Bucklesham

May Events

Tuesday 5th Kirton Bible Study - 2pm
Wednesday 6th Mothers' Union – Kirton Church Hall – 2pm
Monday 11th Coffee and Library Bucklesham - 10 to 12noon
Wednesday 13th Community tea shop – Kirton Church hall – 2:30 to 4pm
Tuesday 19th Benefice Book Club – 2:30pm (Rescheduled)
Wednesday 27th Prayers for the persecuted church -Kirton Church – 2pm
Wednesday 27th Community tea shop – Kirton Church hall – 2:30 to 4pm

Dates for your diary

Friends of Kirton Church

Saturday 2nd May – 7-30pm Concert in Kirton Church Hall with The Brawlers.

A local group of musicians playing a variety of instruments, some very familiar and others most have never heard or seen before.

Admission free. Retiring collection. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Contact Stephen Harvey if you are coming. 01394-4448780. sandsharvey@btinternet.com

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th A Festival of Scarecrows

Create your scarecrow and place them outside your house for the Bank Holiday weekend. Pay £1 to enter your scarecrow and tell us where it is.

No front garden? Not a problem, let us know and we can display it in the Church paddock. £1 for a map of all the scarecrow locations and enjoy walking round to see them.

Email friends@fokc.co.uk

St Ethelbert

As part of the Scarecrow Festival we will be serving homemade refreshments on

Saturday 2nd May from 10am to 2pm. Pop in for cheese scones, cakes and hot drinks.

No charge but donations are invited for the church tower appeal.

An invitation to join the Orwell & Deben Rural Benefice

For a Quiet Day exploring Celtic Christian Spirituality on **Thursday 16th July 10am -4pm**
at Laundry Cottage, Nacton, IP10 0ES

Quiet days are an opportunity to step aside from our usual routines to worship & learn together, to reflect & enjoy some peace & quiet. Some people like to bring a spiritual journal, art material or poetry to enjoy while others choose to simply have some space for themselves. There will be some silence but also chances to enjoy companionship. All are welcome.

The day will be shaped:

9.30 - Arrivals & coffee

10 - Simple worship to gather us, followed by a talk introducing the history of Celtic Christianity

10.30 - Quiet time to reflect & wander

Noon - 2nd talk on Celtic saints followed by quiet time

1 - Lunch – please bring your own lunch

2 - 3rd talk – The three P's of Celtic spirituality – peace, presence & poetry followed by quiet time, possibly a walk to the river or church

3.45 - Reflections on the day & closing prayer

4 – Departures

The day will be led by Rev'd Jane Pearse of Lark Rise Retreats, Felixstowe. "I have a love of Celtic spirituality & will have recently returned from leading a pilgrimage to Iona. I enjoy poetry, exploring the natural world & practicing mindfulness. I see life as a pilgrim journey, have walked part of the Camino de Santiago & row in a pilot gig on the Deben." *If you'd like to book a place or need more information, please contact: andreanacton@gmail.com Price £10 per person.*