

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

MAY 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 7th May.

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 Janet on 07870 964558.

Christian Aid Week. May 10 – 16.

Envelopes and a collecting tin will be available at the back of church from Sunday 3rd May. You can also donate online. This year's theme will focus on empowering communities in Nairobi, Kenya, to overcome urban poverty and hunger.

Joint Church Service – Sunday 17th May.

We will be holding a joint church service at All Saints church, Nazeing on 17th May with Roydon and Nazeing parishes, at the earlier time of 10:00am. Please note that there will be NO SERVICE at St Mary's on that Sunday.

Paul's Licensing Service – Thursday 25th June, 7:30 pm at St Mary's church.

The Reverend Paul Bartlett is to be licensed as Self-Supporting Minister, Associate Priest – to be known as Priest Missioner – in the Parishes of St. Mary's, Great Parndon, All Saints' with St. Giles', Nazeing, and St. Peter's, Roydon. Please come and support Paul at this important service for him. Further details to follow.

Good Friday Easter Egg hunt.

Thanks to everyone who took part or helped. We had 35 children and 44 adults attending and every child received an easter egg. The spare eggs were donated to the 2nd Great Parndon Cubs and Beavers for their Easter Saturday activity as they were unable to participate at our event.

Annual PCC Meeting.

Our annual meeting took place on 27th April. Ray was elected as churchwarden for the forthcoming year. Please pray for him. Please also pray for the PCC members who were re-elected: Alison, Peter Button and Peter Mountsteven and for Janet who was elected. (Paul is an ex officio member.) We are still looking for a PCC Secretary, so if you can take the minutes of our bimonthly meetings, please help. Our next PCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12th May.

Eco tip. Do you wear contact lenses? Did you know that you can recycle them? Check out the Acuvue recycling scheme for lenses (any brand) and their packaging: <https://www.acuvue.co.uk/recycle>. You can drop them off at a participating optician.

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>

