

Latest news from the Parish of Goring by Sea. 15th April 2021

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A SPECIAL PRAYER



**God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

St Mary's Church Open for Prayer

St Mary's Church is open daily for prayer. Open Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 12.00noon to 4.00pm. **Palm crosses** can be still collected from the church.

Full details of all services can be found in Newsletter **Extra**

	St Mary's Sunday 8.00am	St Mary's Sunday 10.00am	St Laurence's Thursday 10.00am
Week 1	Said Eucharist (CW)	All Age Worship (No Eucharist)	Said Eucharist (CW)
Week 2	Said Eucharist (BCP)	Said Eucharist (CW)	Said Eucharist (CW)
Week 3	Said Eucharist (CW)	All Age Worship with Eucharist (Adapted liturgy based on CW)	Said Eucharist (CW)
Week 4	Said Eucharist (BCP)	Said Eucharist (CW)	Said Eucharist (CW)
Week 5	Said Eucharist (CW)	Said Eucharist (CW)	Said Eucharist (CW)

Please register for all services in the churches via the Parish Office office@goringbyseaparish.org
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Virtual Lent Lunch for The Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team. Update

The amount raised so far is £627 + gift aid. Congratulations to Janice and Raye, and all those who helped to make the event a success. **It is not too late to make a donation.** Donations can be made by BACS transfer to our bank account: Goring Parochial Church Council, Bank Code: 20 98 74, Account Number: 40025496. Please use the reference: Lentlunch

For those who are interested, copies of the answers to the "South Downs Way Quiz" are available at the back of St Mary's church.

The best invitation ever!

Alpha: Breathing Space – come and explore life
A call to respond, a call to join, a call to life...

It is not too late to register for the Alpha course.

Please email: office@goring-by-seaparish.org to sign up.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting. (APCM)

Sunday 25 April at 11.15 am in St Mary's Church and via Zoom

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' Isaiah 6 v 8

Have you heard the voice of the Lord calling you to service here in the parish of Goring by Sea? There are a number of vacancies on the PCC, Deanery Synod and for Deputy Wardens (see last week's newsletter), perhaps one has your name on it. If you want to know more about what is involved, please talk to one of the clergy or the churchwardens.

Deputy Churchwardens

The Church of England encourages churches to appoint deputy churchwardens. This has a number of benefits, firstly to create a growing group of people with the experience of being a churchwarden, and also to ensure younger and/or working members with less time at their disposal can be part of church leadership and management. Wardens are often expected to be available during the day to ensure the proper maintenance of church buildings and meet with contractors etc. These traditional expectations do not necessarily fit with people who are working or have children at school. If we are to serve the Church in a different world, our expectations about the availability and the role of the churchwarden might need a greater degree of flexibility - while nonetheless fulfilling core duties.

For many years in this parish we have had local wardens, who took particular responsibilities at St Laurence's church. In recent times this has involved taking on more parish wide responsibilities and roles. Both our local wardens, Ruth Jepson and Geoff Oliver, having given long and most valuable service, have decided to step down this year and not seek re-election. We are grateful and thank God for their faithful service and more will be said about this at the APCM.

It seems appropriate therefore, that we take this opportunity to seek two people who feel called to this parish-wide role of deputy churchwarden. Both our churches are seen as vital to the future of our parish and the growth of our church family. Having this parish-wide role will help St Laurence's to develop a unique position in parish worship. The church will be overseen by the churchwarden in association with the team of helpers at St Laurence's and the new deputy wardens.

Maybe you are saying, 'I would like to help more, and the churchwarden role interests me, but I just don't have the time at the moment', the role of deputy churchwarden is maybe one with your name on it. This is a new role and one that you could make your own.

Nomination forms for all appointments can be obtained from the PCC Secretary, Ginny Ward, by emailing her at ginyandrayward@gmail.com. Completed forms can be returned to her at any time before the beginning of the meeting, but it assists administration if they are returned at least a few days in advance, especially if there are more nominations than places and there needs to be a vote.

Prayer Circles

There are people who will pray regularly about any concerns you, your family or friends may have, and will keep all requests confidential among themselves. To request such prayers please telephone either Sylvia on 01903 529743 or Barbara on 01903 240613

Pastoral Visits.

Please let Fr. Keith or Fr. Neill or the Wardens know if you have a personal or pastoral concern or may know of someone in need.

May God bless you and give you peace,

Fr. Keith, Fr. Neill, Gill, Janice, Ruth and Geoff



Donations

You can donate direct to the Parish of Goring by Sea and our various fund-raising events by using this QR code.