

## Latest news from the Parish of Goring by Sea. 23rd April 2021

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### 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 still be collected from the church.

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

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

Please register for all services in the churches via the Parish Office

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**Please note** all 8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist services will be according to the Book of Common Prayer. Our apologies for the confusion.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – All Age Worship** We are looking forward to welcoming our families back into St Mary's Church for the first time this year for the "new look" service. Please book your pew for this service through the Parish Office.

### The best invitation ever!

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

We were delighted to welcome over 30 people to the first Tuesday evening. It is not too late to register for the Alpha:



Please email: [office@goring-by-seaparish.org](mailto:office@goring-by-seaparish.org) to sign up.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting. (APCM). Please remember to book your seat through the Parish Office**

**Sunday 25 April at 11.15 a.m at St Mary's Church and via Zoom**

The Annual Accounts and Reports are posted on the Website.

Here are the links:

[Annual Financial and Trustees' Reports](#)

[Minutes and Reports](#)

**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 to be filled on the PCC, and for the Deanery Synod and for Deputy Wardens. 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 present', perhaps the role of deputy churchwarden is 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](mailto: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.

**Roy and Margaret Mole** – belated congratulations to them as they celebrated 70 years of marriage last week.

**Brian Osborne RIP** It is with sadness that we have heard that Brian, a long-standing member of St Laurence's Church, died on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jill and their family. At the moment there is no information about Brian's funeral. An obituary will be in a forthcoming edition. **The Eucharist at St Laurence's church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April** will be offered as a Requiem Mass in memory of Brian.

### 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 someone in need.

**May God bless you and give you peace,**

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



### Donations

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