

**Ascensiontide 2023**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Sunday after Ascension**

**What's happening in the Parish of Goring by Sea this week?**

Full details of all services and parish events can be found in the current monthly edition of Newsletter **Extra**. The 10.00 a.m. service is usually streamed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday via our Facebook page.

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 23rd May St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May St Laurence's Church</b>
<b>8.00 a.m.</b> Said Eucharist (BCP)	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Sung Eucharist <i>Breathing Space</i>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Said Eucharist (BCP)	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Said Eucharist (CW)

**Feast @ 4 this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**For young people aged 8 – 14 years (Y4-9)**  
**in the Parish of Goring by Sea**



Fun, games, informal worship, music and food

**We are going on a “journey” with Maggie (come prepared!)**

St Mary's Hall. 4 'til 6 pm

16 Ilex Way, BN12 4UZ

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost)**

There is to be a combined Eucharist at St Mary's Church at **10.30 a.m.** **Please note the change of time.** There will not be a service at St Laurence's Church that day

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

This is the meeting for the whole ecclesiastical parish when two Churchwardens are elected for the coming year and PCC members are elected (three vacancies for three years, one vacancy for one year) and, this year, Deanery Synod members also (four vacancies for three years). Nomination forms for Deputy Wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members were included in the May's edition of the Extra. Nomination forms for Churchwarden are at the back of the Church. Anyone who wishes to be nominated for this office is encouraged to contact the Vicar, Fr Keith, before completing the form. **Come and hear how we have fared during the past year and what plans are afoot for the next.**

**Thy Kingdom Come** is the title coined for a world-wide prayer movement between Ascension and Pentecost. These days have always been infused with expectations and anticipation – as He ascended, our Lord Jesus Christ promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable the disciples to be witnesses. As those first followers waited for the promise to be fulfilled by constantly devoting themselves to prayer (Acts 1:11) so the renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray. Again and again, we read in the gospels how people would bring friends, loved ones, family members and children to Jesus. This is the focus for our prayers in these next days – most particularly to bring to God five individuals, that they might have an encounter with Jesus Christ.

An App has just been launched for mobile phones. Go to either Apple App Store or Google Play to download.

As part of the Parish's response to Thy Kingdom Come, we hope to hold two Prayer Walks. On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**, this will be at St Laurence's Church after the mid-week Eucharist, and on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at St Mary's Church at 9.00 a.m. This walk will include the Church, churchyard, Molson Garden, Hall and grounds and the Vicarage.



Christian Aid Week this year is from May 14th to 20th.

We do hope you will be able to support this vital charity as you have in past years, but we are also mindful of the demands that continue to increase in our daily living costs. We hope you will enjoy this short video about the value of pigeon peas to communities such as in Malawi.

Di & David Burt (01903 248204) & Julie & Russell Marlow (01903 249685)

**Envelopes are available in both churches. Please complete the Gift Aid declaration if you can do so. There will be a retiring collection on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

## Additional help in the office

Further to the recent articles in the newsletters, we are still in urgent need of additional volunteers to join the Office team, particularly on a Wednesday morning, as we are currently unable to open the Office on that day. As before, expressions of interest should be made in the first instance to the Churchwardens or to the Office Leader, Moya Hills, and, because of sometimes working with confidential matters, the appointment is made with the approval of the Vicar.

We are immensely grateful for all the assistance that the Office volunteers give to the Parish.

## Home Group Leader and Host required

A leader and host are required to lead the Wednesday afternoon group that met during Lent in the Feibusch Room. We would like to be able to continue to offer this time and place as a regular Group, and indeed, those who attended this Lent group wish to continue meeting. We would dearly love to hear from anyone who feels that they could make this commitment to either lead or to be the “host”.

Please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens if you think you are being called to this work.

## Parish Outing – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May (it's not too late to book)

The parish outing is to St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London to see their Heritage Edition of the St John's Bible, the first hand-written and illuminated bible to be created in 500 years.

**There is now a signing-up form for this outing in St Mary's: please add your name and contact details if you wish to go.** Coach will leave St Mary's at 8.45am, arriving at St Martin's about 11.15am; it will leave there at 3pm and should be back at St Mary's by 5.30pm. Cost £30.

As well as viewing the bible, there will be some free time after lunch before the coach departs. There is a café in St Martin's where lunch can be obtained; there is also a 1pm Eucharist, which those who wish to do so may attend. If you are unable to “sign up” but wish to come, please contact Ginny Ward on **07815 903064** or email [ginnyandrayward@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyandrayward@gmail.com)

## Kreativity (a message from Lucinda Cox)

David Bute, leader of Kreativity in Cherkasy Ukraine, will be in Southampton this Sunday. This is the charity that we have twice now supported since the second phase of the war started. He is hosted by Highfield Church, and will be speaking at three of the Sunday services:

9am (liturgical), 10.30am (contemporary) and 6.30pm (with communion)

Fred & Anya and sons will attend the 10.30 service too.

<https://highfield.church/services-calendar>

## **Advance Notice:**

### **Retiring collection for Christian Resource Ministries (Malawi)**

We have been praying for CRM throughout this quarter as part of our parish outward mission focus. We shall be holding retiring collections to raise funds to send to help with repairing the damage after the cyclone and to further support their mission outreach into Malawi and Mozambique:

St Mary's: Sundays, 4th and 11th June

St Laurence's: Thursdays 1st and 8th June

Please give whatever you can. It will be greatly appreciated. See June monthly newsletter for latest updates from Pastor Dimba and his team.

## **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 Julie 07940 588880.

## **Pastoral Visits.**

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

## **Parish Information**

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**The Parish Office is normally open from 10.00am-12.00noon each day  
(Except Wednesdays at the moment)**

**St Mary's and St Laurence's Churches are Open for Prayer**

Open Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 12.00noon to 4.00pm.

If you have an item or notice for our weekly newsletter, please make sure it reaches the parish office, preferably by e-mail, on Wednesdays by 11.30am. Hard copy can be sent but should arrive by 10.00am on Wednesdays. If sending by email, please put 'Newsletter' in the subject box. Photographs are also welcome.

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

