



## Parish Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Easter Sunday

#### Collect

*God of glory  
By the raising of your Son  
You have broken the chains of death and hell:  
Fill your Church with faith and hope;  
For a new day has dawned  
And the way to life stands open  
In our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

#### **What's happening in the Parish of Goring by Sea next week.**

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

#### **Easter Services (at St Mary's unless specified otherwise)**

##### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th MARCH:**

**7.45pm**      **Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot-washing followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose**

##### **GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH:**

**10.00am**      **Stations of the Cross (St Laurence's, Sea Place)**

**2:00pm**      **Good Friday Liturgy**

##### **HOLY SATURDAY 30th MARCH:**

**9.00am**      **Parish Prayers**

**8:00pm**      **Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter**

##### **EASTER SUNDAY 31st MARCH:**

**10.00am**      **Breathing Space Eucharist**

**11.00am**      **Sung Eucharist (St Laurence's, Sea Place)**

**Please note that, with regret, there is NO 8.00 am Holy Communion Service on Easter Day.**

**The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Maundy Thursday) until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Parish Prayers** are being held on Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March and will continue every following Saturday morning in St Mary's Church, at 9.30. Please join us around the font if you can. All welcome.

**Other Services from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April St Laurence's Church</b>
<b>10.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<b>10.00 am Said Eucharist (CW)</b>

**Services from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April St Mary's Church</b>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April St Laurence's Church</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
<b>8.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<b>10.00 am All Age Worship</b>	<b>10.00 am Said Eucharist (CW)</b>	<b>10.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<b>10.00 am Said Eucharist (CW)</b>

## Advance Notice



### Games Afternoon Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 pm St Laurence's Church Hall

A great afternoon of fun and fellowship. Refreshments available. **All Welcome!**

### Easter Resurrection Garden



Before Easter Sunday we should like as many of our families, individuals and groups as possible to make an Easter Resurrection Garden. These will be displayed on Easter Sunday in St Mary's Church. You can bring your garden from Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March) to Holy Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> March). Please place your garden in the porch with a label saying who made the garden, and maybe some words or prayers. We shall store the gardens in the vestries until Easter Sunday.

### Easter flowers in Church



After the "bleakness" of Lent, we all love to see the Churches decked in a fine array of flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers, please leave your donation with Lucinda Cox, Jane Black or Janice Lelliott. Alternatively, at the Parish Office or through the card reader, but please let our Treasurer know that your donation is for flowers.

### Family Support Work

A massive thank you for the response to the appeal for Easter Eggs – we have sent a veritable mountain of them to our local Support Worker.

Please see last week's newsletter for the current wish-list of items they are needing.

## Help!! Your church needs you

### We need volunteers to help with the following:



#### **Putting out tables and chairs on a Sunday morning –**

We would like to set up a rota to do this. **Please let Steve Coe know if you can help with this.**

**Office Volunteers** – we are in desperate need of occasional office “supply staff” to cover sickness and holidays. **Please contact Janice Lelliott for more details.**

Please help if you can, with any of the above.

**As we approach the Annual Meeting, there will be further announcements about how you can “help your church”. So, to start the ball rolling, please see the following message:**

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY**

Early in May we will be having our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) when we will receive reports about the work of the parish in the past year and elect members to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

#### **ARE YOU ON THE ROLL?**

To be able to vote at the APCM or be nominated for the PCC, your name needs to be on the parish Electoral Roll. This is not the same as the government electoral role or simply giving your contact details to receive the Newsletter.

If you are unsure that your name is on the Roll, please contact the Parish Office or our Electoral Roll Officer, Ginny Ward ( [ginnvandrayward@gmail.com](mailto:ginnvandrayward@gmail.com))

Electoral Roll forms are at the back of the Church.

## The Season of Generosity



We shall be hearing a lot more about this in the coming weeks, and the blue notice board at the back of St Mary's Church will be the focal point for information. A poster is already on it – please read it when you are next in the Church.

## Spring Fair – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – 3.00pm



Our upcoming fabulous FUN and FUNdraising Fair is a great opportunity to invite local people to St Mary's Church!

Many thanks to all of you who have offered to run stalls and have brought along donations of goods! You have been more than generous!

- We still have a few stalls where we could use an extra pair of hands, so each stall has two staff.
- We still need offers of plants for the plant stall – this can include accessories such as vgc pots or vases etc.
- We still need prizes for the regular Tombola such as brand-new gift sets and similar.
- We could use some beads for the children's jewellery making stall.
- Tin cans and bottles for our Hula Hoop Tin Can Alley and the Bottle Tombola.

**BUT WE NEED ALSO TO GET PEOPLE THERE ON THE DAY!**

Please see me after church if you could distribute flyers or posters to local shops and cafes.

Please invite your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

If you are involved with any schools or youth groups, please give them some flyers too!

If you can help, please email me [clareverity@ntworld.com](mailto:clareverity@ntworld.com) and bring any items you may have to the back of St Mary's Church, or see me after church on Sunday mornings (10.00 am service)

Many thanks – teamwork is dreamwork.

### Pastoral Visits

Please let the Vicar or Churchwardens know if you have a personal or pastoral concern or may know of someone in need.

### Prayer Circles

If you, your family or friends have any special concerns for prayer, please contact either [Barbara Webber 01903 240613](tel:01903240613) or [Julie Marlow 07940 588880](tel:07940588880) to request that these are passed to the Prayer Circles.

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### **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.

### **The Parish Office is normally open from 10.00am-12.00noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**

There are days when we are unable to cover absence. If you wish to be sure your planned visit is not wasted, **ring first to check the office is open.**

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. There is also a card-reader in St Mary's Church for donations, and a donations box to receive cash, if you prefer.

