

Parish Newsletter 10th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12 th May St Mary's Church	Sunday 12 th May St Mary's Church	Tuesday 14 th May St Mary's Church	Thursday 16 th May St Laurence's Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter 8.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)	Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW)	 10.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)	 10.00 am Said Eucharist (CW)

Collect

*Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.*

**READINGS for Sunday 12th May: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end, Psalm 1, 1 John 5. 9-13.
The Gospel - John 17: 6-19.**

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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 1st and 3rd Sundays via our Facebook page.

THIS WEEKEND

Parish Prayers

These are held every Saturday in St Mary's Church at 9.00am. Please join us around the font if you can. All are welcome to join us.

2nd @ Six

Sunday 12th May at 6.00 pm in St Mary's Church

Join us for an informal time of worship, this week being led by Keith and John's Group,



The Annual Church Meetings

**This Sunday, 12th May, 11:45 am
in St Mary's Hall (after coffee)**

**The agenda was sent out with the
Newsletter *Extra***

**The reports are attached and also
available in Church.**

Anyone seeking nomination should complete a nomination form before the start of the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting you may email your nomination form to keithlelliott@yahoo.co.uk by 6:00 pm on Saturday.

All are welcome, but only those on the Parish Electoral Roll may be nominated for positions and vote.

Games Afternoon Saturday 11th May at 2.00 pm **St Laurence's Church Hall.**



A great afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Refreshments available.

All Welcome!

Thy Kingdom Come 9th – 19th May

11 days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. There are some resources in Church – please take one.

CAN YOU HELP?



As we approach our 'Season of Generosity' in May and June, spend a few moments thinking about 'generosity'. What does it mean to be 'generous'? Whom do I know who is 'generous' – and why do I think that?

An important part of our "Season of Generosity" is a focus on our gifts and skills.

Please take a leaflet on Sunday morning, or when you are next in church, and prayerfully consider how you might offer your time and gifts to the church and community. Please return these to church or to the Parish Office by June 30th.



Christian Aid Week: 12th – 18th May



This year we plan to cover most of our parish with door-to-door delivery of envelopes. If you live outside the parish, or for some other reason don't receive one, there will be a few in the back of both churches. Many thanks to all our envelopes deliverers and for all donations.

Ruth Jepson

Smarties Toddler Group



St. Mary's Smarties is our church's toddler group. We have mummies, daddies, grandparents and childminders too, with children from birth to pre-school on a Wednesday morning 9.15am -11.00am at St. Mary's Church Hall. (Term time only). We charge £2 a session which includes refreshments.

Spring Fair Success £2,000 +

Just a HUGE GREAT BIG WOW!!!! I can't thank you all enough for the amazing support, incredible donations and hands on setting and sorting for the Spring Fair. God was smiling on us with fantastic weather, smooth running of the day, and a wonderful turnout. Many local people and families attended and were so generous and high spirited. This may have been their first experience of St Mary's Church what a positive and friendly welcome they received from everyone. Such fun and fundraising! I



can't even begin to name all the wonderful supporters as I would no doubt forget someone. So, whether you baked a cake, ran a stall, set up and set down, invited your friends and neighbours, blew up balloons or swept the floor at the end you were all massively appreciated, and we could not have pulled it off without you. I would also like to give a special "Thank you" to our wonderful Town Crier Bob and the kind local companies who gave vouchers for Raffle Prizes. People are already asking "When's the next one?"

Clare – Thank you. We could not have done this without your massive input, drive, energy and getting everyone involved. If anyone has photos they would like to share with us, please send them to Ginny Ward, Editor of the Extra.



Pastoral Visits and Prayer Circles

Please let the Vicar or Churchwardens know if you have a personal or pastoral concern or know of someone in need, and if your friends and family have special concerns for prayer. Please contact Barbara Webber (01903 240613) or Julie Marlow (07940 588880) who will pass them on to the Prayer Circles.

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.

Croydon Male Voice Choir St Mary's Church - Friday 17th May



The Choir at a performance in Holland in 2010

Your last chance to purchase your tickets this weekend

Croydon Male Voice Choir has been singing for more than 40 years. From modest beginnings when they were advertising for recruits in newsagents' shop windows to their current strength of almost 70 members. The choir sings at a wide variety of venues from local halls and churches to the Royal Festival Hall. Future concerts have been arranged at Arundel and Southwark Cathedrals. It has a rich and diverse repertoire including resounding English and Welsh hymns, American spirituals, classic songs from musicals and operas.

We are very fortunate that we have the opportunity to listen to some members of the Choir in our church on Friday 17th May commencing at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be available on the night.

Tickets are only £10 each and are available from the Parish Office. There will also be an opportunity to purchase tickets at coffee after the 10.00am service on Sunday.

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to one of the most accomplished male voice choirs in Britain.

Music Director - Matthew Quinn

Deputy Music Director - Andrew Moore

Accompanist - Sam Prouse

Proceeds from this concert will be given to Church funds.

And finally: **Flowers in the Church**



A donation quietly given enabled us to refresh the flowers in St.Mary's with colours especially requested. We are always grateful for any contribution to our flower arrangements.

With thanks from the Flower Ladies.

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

There are days when we may be 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.