

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 24th March	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th March	6:30pm	Homegroup @ The Mill
Tuesday 26th March	7:30pm	Compline @ St Mary's
Thursday 28th March	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday 29th March	11am	Prayers & Reflections
	1pm	Walk of Witness
	2pm	Service of the Word
Sunday 31st March	10am	Holy Communion

Holy Week

Holy Week is a busy week in any church calendar as we try to turn our attention away from the typical daily activities and our 'must do' lists and focus our attention on the Lord.

Today is Palm Sunday - and we celebrate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, but with our perspective from this side of Easter; knowing our Messiah came not to overthrow the Romans and become an earthly King, but to overcome the power of sin and death.

There are many opportunities across the benefice to enjoy a time of quiet reflection this week

- at Compline at St Mary's in Chilton on Tuesday, at The Maundy Thursday service at All Saints', where we join with our Baptist brothers and sisters too, or at All Saints' from 11am on Good Friday.

We will walk from there at 1pm through the runners and farmer's market (!) as witness to the Easter story, arriving at St Gregory's for a 2pm service. Do join us for any part of this time if you are able.

We are then still and wait with anticipation on Saturday, ready to shout 'Alleluia, He is Risen' on Sunday morning, with services held at both churches at 10am.



Rector: Revd Andrew Doarks

In the same missional way that the beacon project is progressing, momentum is gathering for Alpha, and the volunteering has begun. A dress rehearsal at Eden's Project is set for Wednesday 17th April and our first session will then to start on Wednesday 24th April at 6:45pm. We are working in partnership with All Saints' and New Life church.

We still need help with catering and welcoming; also prayerfully consider who you might invite. You are welcome to come alone but please bear in mind that this is a basic course for enquirers, so congregants are invited in a supportive capacity primarily and not to score 10/10 for answering questions!

Andrew

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The Newsletter	Sunday 24th March 2024
<div>TODAY</div> <div>Bible Passages</div> <div>Palm Sunday</div> <div>First Reading</div> <div>Psalm 118.1-2, 19-24</div> <div>Second Reading:</div> <div>Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16</div> <div>Children's work:</div> <div>Creche (0-2) in the south transept.</div> <div>Junior Church will be meeting in the vestry</div> <div>Open to reception to Yr 6, but 2-3s welcome if accompanied.</div> <div>QR code to give to the work of the church</div> <div></div> <div>Contacts</div> <div>Reverend Andrew Doarks sudburyrector@gmail.com 07970495654</div> <div>Church Administrator Claire Walker parishsecretary@stgregspcc.uk 07956456126</div> <div>All contributions for the Newsletter to be received by Thursday at 9am for Sunday. email stgregsnewsletter@gmail.com</div> <div>Andrew and Claire are available this week on Thursday 12:30pm at The Rectory.</div>	<div>A Date for your Diary</div> <div>The annual Rectory Garden Party will take place on <b>Sunday 5th May from 2:30pm</b> All members of St Gregory's and All Saints' Churches are warmly invited. Church members are asked to provide cakes and puddings - the residents of Christopher Lane will provide the savouries this year. More details to follow!</div> <div>Churches Together Sunrise Service</div> <div>6.30am Easter Day, on Friars Meadow (behind Kingfisher Leisure Centre). All Welcome! The service will last about 30 minutes, please dress warmly. If it is raining very hard, we will meet in the Salvation Army Hall. If it is drizzling, we will be outside!</div> <div>Help Needed</div> <div>We need some able-bodied folk to help set up and put away our Coffee Morning on April 6th at St Gregory's. Please speak to Pauline or Avis if you can help.</div> <div>"Who-Dunnit" Mystery Evening</div> <div>'Death at the 19th Hole'. Performed by the New Venture Players. Saturday 6th April 2024, 7.30 pm, at All Saints' Church Hall. Ploughman's Supper included. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets £12.50 in advance no later than Sunday 31st March from Malcolm Snow 01787 374096 or Sue Attride 0787 881928. In aid of Church Funds More information at the back of church. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment!</div> <div>Electoral Roll</div> <div>The Church electoral roll is being revised so if you are not already on it, and would like to be, please speak to Pam Arbon, electoral roll officer. Being on the roll entitles you to vote at the APCM which will be held on Sunday 21st April, after the service.</div> <div>Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts</div> <div>We meet from 8 to 9.30am for a light breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer. Do join us if you can. You will be most welcome, whether you have never been before, or have not been for a couple of years, or are a regular!</div> <div>30 March      No prayer breakfast 6 April        St Lawrence, Gt Waldingfield</div> <div>Time to Pray</div> <div>The leaflet for the four weeks from Sunday 3rd March <a href="#">here</a> There are usually a few printed copies on the shelves near the church door.</div> <div>Singles Lunch</div> <div>The March meal will be on Sunday 24th at The Victory, Wickham St Paul. Then in April we will meet on the 29th. Please sign up at the back of church this Sunday with menu choices. Sue Ayers</div> <div>Christian Aid Week</div> <div>This year the dates are Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 May. If you are a regular, we look forward to your help again. If not, we ask you to consider volunteering to deliver envelopes in Sudbury, or in the surrounding area. Please speak to Malcolm Snow (374096) or Pam Hunter (375817).</div> <div>We are especially in need of people to cover Churchill Drive and Hillcrest Road, parts of Great Cornard and Long Melford, and also the Taylor Wimpey and Greensleeves Avenue developments on the northeast edge of Sudbury.</div> <div>Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. It acts on behalf of British churches.</div> <div>Kettle and Fish</div> <div>We will be serving the same delicious food and providing the same friendly welcome as always, 10am to 1.30pm at Suffolk Road Church, next to Aldi. The dates for the coming weeks are: 11, 18, 25 April 2024. 9, 16, 23, 30 May 2024. Great food, an opportunity to chat, and always someone on hand for a conversation about the Christian faith or to pray with you.</div> <div>Hand Bells</div> <div>Come and join our free, friendly group. No experience necessary. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month . Next session Sat 13th April 10am-12pm. Contact Sue on 07779854199</div> <div>Heads Up!</div> <div>Andrew and family will be taking annual leave immediately after Easter Sunday for a week. Claire will also be taking annual leave that week to coincide.</div>
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