

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 31st March	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 4th April	6pm	Meditation
Sunday 7th April	10am	Holy Communion

**Extract from 'Writing from the Rectory' April 2024**

Have you ever wondered whether life would be so much better if more people were like you? It's a tempting idea but when I consider my own shortcomings the appeal quickly wears off! We are all made differently and wonderfully unique: different abilities, interests and perspectives. All of these enrich life and enable society to function. You'll remember that tricky question – if you only had six people to send into space to save the human race whom would you choose? So difficult when we are all uniquely made. Many of us would accept that we are all of equal value, despite our wide and obvious contrasts. How then do we measure value? During an assembly once, I asked the children whether they thought some people are worth more than others. Surprisingly a year six boy raised his hand and answered

“Yes”. Intrigued, I pressed him further and he cited Elon Musk. Ah, I realised he understood the question to mean financial worth. The value of a human life could be measured in all sorts of ways but only one gives us the result we demand – namely this, we are all of equal worth because we are children of the same living God. Knowing this gives us a permanent identity with status, purpose and meaning whatever else happens in our lives. No one can alter the fact that we are children of God despite everything that happens to us: neither success nor failure, health nor sickness, happiness nor sadness. Knowing we are loved and forgiven by the creator of the universe can give us the motivation to press on each and every day.



Rector: Revd Andrew Doarks



**Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
He is Risen indeed  
Alleluia!**



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**TODAY**

**Bible Passages**

Easter Day  
 First Reading  
 Acts 10: 34-44

Second Reading:  
 John 20:1-18

Children's work:

Creche (0-2) in the south  
 transept.

Junior Church will be meeting  
 in the vestry  
 Open to reception to Yr 6, but  
 2-3s welcome if accompanied.

**QR code to give to the work of  
 the church**



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All contributions for the  
 Newsletter to be received by  
 Thursday at 9am for Sunday.  
 email  
 stgregsnewsletter@gmail.com

Andrew and Claire are not  
 available this week on  
 Thursday 12:30pm at  
 The Rectory.

**A Date for your Diary**

The annual Rectory Garden Party will take place on **Sunday 5th May from 2:30pm**  
 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!

**Churches Together Sunrise Service**

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!

**"Who-Dunnit" Mystery Evening**

'Death at the 19th Hole'.

Performed by the New Venture Players.  
 Saturday 6th April 2024, 7.30 pm, at All  
 Saints' Church Hall.

This has now sold out - great news from a  
 fundraising perspective! Thank you  
 Malcolm.

**Electoral Roll**

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.

**Churches Together  
 Prayer Breakfasts**

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!

6 April	St Lawrence, Gt Waldingfield
13 April	St Gregory's, Sudbury
20 April	All Saints, Little Cornard
27 April	Holy Trinity, Long Melford

**Congratulations to St Greg's Primary**

Steffen, Andrew C and Kate are delighted  
 to be able to inform you all that the school  
 passed the SIAMS inspection with a  
 glowing report. *'Leaders ensure that the  
 school's Christian vision is at the heart of  
 all their actions.'* *'Collective Worship is  
 inspiring and inclusive'* - just a taster!

**Time to Pray**

The leaflet for the four weeks from Easter  
 Sunday, 31 March, is [here](#) .  
 There are usually a few printed copies on  
 the shelves near the church door.

**Christian Aid Week**

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).

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.

Christian Aid exists to create a world  
 where everyone can live a full life, free  
 from poverty. It acts on behalf of British  
 churches.

**Kettle and Fish**

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.

**Hand Bells**

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

**Heads Up!**

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.

**Help Needed**

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.