

**Collect for Third Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For world peace and for our world leaders to make the right decisions in the Syria crisis.
- For those suffering as a result of the war in Syria, particularly those in the chemical attacks.
- For the families of those killed in the Algerian plane crash.
- For those who are bereaved, sick and suffering in our Parish, that they might find comfort.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:**

Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Debby Cadwallader, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Marion Long, John Babb, Carol and Trevor Fitch, Michael Hopkins, Christopher and Victoria, Philippa King, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Bill Morgan, Dave and Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones

**WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:**

Anne and Tony Eccleston, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Alex Chauhan, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Rob, Julie and baby Caelen.

**WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:**

Irene Durrant, Sidney West, Mavis Finch and Ena Wood.

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# News

**Sunday 15th April 2018, Third Sunday of Easter****Dear Friends**

Over the years I have been stuffing photos into a box in the wardrobe, promising myself that I will sort them out and stick them in albums. Last week I made a start!

The first packet contained photos from 1972 so I had a way to go. As I sat going through each photo, I found it a very emotional experience. People I knew now long gone. People I knew but had lost touch with. Holidays, birthdays, weddings and our children growing up. I had to stop and try to remember people and events that I had totally forgotten.

During the three years that the disciples shared with Jesus, a great deal happened and a great deal was said. Much of it they did not understand and it's hard to remember things that don't make sense.

Then came the trauma of Jesus' death. No one can think straight after such a bereavement. Even the empty tomb, angels and the couple returning excitedly from Emmaus didn't convince them of Jesus' resurrection. Only when He stood there, showing His wounds, and eating fish, did they stop being startled and frightened and began to be joyful.

Jesus asked, "Don't you remember?" Then all the teaching began to swing into focus as He explained. God is very merciful. He knows we forget things, are puzzled and have our doubts. In my experience, when God wants us to know something important He presents it to us in many different ways and times and reminds us of past blessings.

It's good to keep a note of these and remember what God has done for us, especially if the present time is tough going. In this way we can keep a fund of joy to draw on and share with others.

**Rose Williams**

## NEWS & NOTICES.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING:** There will be a coffee morning to raise funds for this charity on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Hazel Trees, 12, Bell Crescent, Longwick. 10.30am -12 noon. Bring and Buy raffle. Please come and bring your friends.

**LIGHTHOUSE QUIZ:** There will be a quiz on 21<sup>st</sup> April in St Mary's, in aid of Lighthouse. Tables of 8, cost £5 a head. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table, please contact Jamie Carter on PR 273286.

**ST GEORGES DAY PARADE SERVICE:** This is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3pm. The scouts, cubs and beavers will be taking part in this service, hosted by St Mary's. All welcome.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING ON TUES 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** 'Is it you, is it me, is it him, is it her?' We are looking for 5 new PCC members this year. If you think you might be interested, either contact John Hardy on [john.hardy44@googlemail.com](mailto:john.hardy44@googlemail.com) or come along to the meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. The APCM is a great opportunity for all Church members to find out what St Mary's has been up to in the last year and hear about St Mary's vision, so do come along and support.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next women's breakfast will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. The speaker will be Jean Smith who will be talking about the Mother's Union. All welcome, mums, sisters, friends, aunties, grannies! Please sign the list in Church if you can come or let the Office know. If you can help, please contact Carole on [carroley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carroley@yahoo.co.uk)

**MENS BREAKFAST:** The next Men's Breakfast is on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.

**CHAPTER HOUSE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** In May it will be 10 years since the Chapter House opened. To celebrate, Bishop Alan will be joining us at the morning services on 20<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards with prayers of thanksgiving. So put the date in your diary!

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:** We need help with the facilitating of the Chapter House bookings. This may involve unlocking and locking up before and after bookings, setting up the room and being on call during the booking. If anyone is happy to go on a list to be asked, please let the Office know on PR 273300.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There are quite a few items in the lost property cupboard, by door, including glasses, gloves, scarves etc. Please check if you missing items.

**PLEASE SPONSOR DAN!** Dan is running the Marathon on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for various Christian Charities. Please support him at [virginmoneygiving.com/DanBeesley](http://virginmoneygiving.com/DanBeesley)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Third Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24: 36b-48**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**6.00pm** Choral Evensong at St Mary's  
**6.00pm** Later at the Methodist Church

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 16th April

- Weds 18<sup>th</sup>** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Children's Society Coffee Morning  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club in Church Hall  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** **7.30pm** Lighthouse Quiz at St Mary's

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion with baptism followed by coffee  
**9.00am** Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**3.00pm** St Georges Day Parade Service  
**6.00pm** Deeper at St Mary's

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**Rector:** Revd. David Williams 346984

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