



St Mary's
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PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday May 5th 2019, Third Sunday of Easter

Saints,

In our first reading from Acts 9:1-6 we read about Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus. This is a famous story and one that is often quoted when people talk about their conversion experience, although I doubt that all of them are as dramatic as this one! The change in Paul is astounding when he meets Jesus.

What we have to understand is that Paul had set out on that road to Damascus full of good intentions that he was serving God by prosecuting and imprisoning followers of The Way. For him, these men and women were going against the one true religion. For him, he was only following the way of God. Does this sound familiar? It was only after an encounter with Jesus that Paul, then Saul, changed his ways!

That is what Jesus does when we meet Him, He changes us and our ways! This is such a blessing even though sometimes at the time we can't see it or understand it. Paul didn't carry on in his old ways, he didn't start to persecute the Jews and Gentiles he encountered in the way he persecuted Christians. He started to reason with them and to show them the truth of Jesus.

That encounter with Jesus made Paul into the man that God always intended him to be and he was foundational in the Early Church. Before this, in the name of God, he thought he was doing the right thing but he never knew Jesus. This is Paul's story and there is a lot in here to think about, but my leaving question to you is... are you the person God intended you to be or are you the person you think that God wants you to be?

Many blessings, Dan.

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 Helen House
- For the bereaved families suffering after the terrible attacks in Columbo.
- For those who dedicate their lives to helping others less fortunate.
- For the people of Mozambique, suffering terrible floods.
- For the people of Venezuela, suffering a severe political crisis.
- For those working to reduce child poverty in the UK.
- For our clergy, churchwardens and PCC.

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

Emma and Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Liz Lister.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie, Bill and Marge Philips and Shirley and Don Kemp.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Arron Welland, Mary Putnam and Robert Rogers.

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NEWS & NOTICES.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: Sat May 11th in Church. The talk is entitled 'Faith can move Mountains' with speaker Kaye Lillycrop. Please sign the list in Church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next men's breakfast will also be on May 11th but in the Church Hall from 8.45am. David will be giving a talk on his Camino walk.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AND SERVICE: This is from 12-18th May and the theme this year is 'Holding Hands across the World'. St Mary's will be hosting the CTR Christian Aid Service on May 12th at 3pm. The service will be led by David and there will be a talk by Phil Evans. Refreshments will be served after the service.

CAMINO TALK: On Weds 15th May at 7.30pm, there will be a Spanish evening at St Mary's and David will be giving his Camino Talk. We will have Spanish tapas style food, wine, music and fun! Please sign the list in Church if you would like to come.

SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: David will be running a course starting on Thurs 6th June, and then on 5 Wednesdays during June and July, entitled 'The Long Road to Heaven'. The first session will be watching a film 'The Way' and each evening will start with a meal. Please see flyers and sign the list in Church if interested.

CANTILENA WINDS COFFEE CONCERT: This will be on Friday May 17th at 10.30am in St Mary's. It is a free concert with 'Cantilena Winds' concert band.

SPRING CONCERT: at St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, Saturday May 18th at 7.30 pm. Manor House Music will play popular classics by Mozart, Vivaldi, Holst, Debussy, Bach etc. Tickets £10 from Sally's Sewing Box, Duke Street, Johanna Powell, PR 343996, or www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church.

DAN'S LEAVING: If you would like to contribute to Dan's leaving gift, you can leave your donation with the parish office, or if you wish you can make a payment direct to our bank account as follows:- The NatWest Bank; A/c name St Mary's PCC; Sort Code 60-17-43; A/c Number 12513024; marked for Dan's collection. Many thanks.

FAREWELL LUNCH: There will be a farewell lunch for Dan and Paula on May 19th after TGIS. A sign up list is in Church. Photos still welcome!

ROPE RIDE: A 30 or 60 mile bike ride on May 19th in the Chilterns 'Putting the brakes on family breakdown in South Africa'. See www.rope.org.uk for details.

CHILDREN AND CHURCH: Part 3 of this series of interactive evenings will be on Thursday 23rd May at 7.45pm at Stocklake. See info@aylesburydeanery.org

HELEN HOUSE: The winner of the Springtime Quiz in aid of Helen House was Julie Rutson. Thanks to all who bought a quiz.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: The Coffee Morning at Longwick raised £332. 91. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

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8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am	TGIS
3.00pm	Open Door in the Chapter House
6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

What's on in the week beginning Monday 6th May

Weds 8th	9.00am	Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 9th	10.30am	Coffee in the Chapter House
	7.30pm	Archdeacon's visitation service
Fri 10th	2.00pm	Praise and Play
Sat 11th	8.45am	Men's breakfast in Church Hall
Sat 11th	9.00pm	Ladies breakfast in Church

Sunday 12th May, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9: 36-end, John 10: 22-30

8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am	TGIS with Baptism
3.00pm	Christian Aid Service at St Mary's

WEDDING: 'Our daughter Emma is getting married to Terry in St Marys at 13.00 on 18 May. If anyone would like to come to the service, you would be most welcome.' Peter and Anne Knight.

IVY: Hazel is collecting ivy to decorate the churchyard entrance for Emma and Terry's wedding. If anyone is chopping some down before May 17th please could you let Hazel know. Thank you.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

Assistant Clergy: Revds. David & Nancy Wallace 290670;
Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649

Churchwardens: David Stephenson and Bryan Matthew