

Sunday 29th March 2009 - 5th Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00am** Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)
- 9:15am** Parish Eucharist (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
Hymns: 2, 200, 494, 333
- 10:45am** Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
Hymns: 282 69 303 68 356
Anthem: Lord for Thy tender mercies' sake - Farrant
Junior Anthem: O Lord God - Buck
- 6:30pm** Wholeness & Healing Eucharist (St Mary's)
A&M 20 360 310 409 366
Anthem : Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus - Schutz

NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday 5th: Palm Sunday**
- 8:00am Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)
- 10:15am Family Service (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
- 10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
- 6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:
**Stan Aldridge, Gill, Andy, Barbara Nye,
John Mark, Christine Scholfield and
Catherine Dunlop**



And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died including:
Mark Mitchell

Do join us in the evening service of **Wholeness and Healing** at St Mary's - this quiet Eucharistic service will give each of us time to reflect: to realise our need of God and to seek his plan in our lives. During this service there is the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing: A service for all.

St Mary's Lent Course 'Alternative' Eucharist.

The Wednesday at St Mary's we finish our lent course looking at liturgy by engaging in a 'different' format of service with a Special Communion service in the setting of a meal. Food provided, so please don't eat before you come: You may like to bring a bottle and a donation to cover costs of the meal. 8:00pm the Wednesday - Not to be missed.



Holy Week Services at St Mary's

Mon 6th	Sung Compline	9pm
Tue 7th	Sung Compline	9pm
Wed 8th	Midweek Communion	10am
	Sung Compline	9pm
Maundy Thur	Parish Eucharist	8pm
Good Fri	Meditation	1pm
	Last Hour service	2pm
Easter Day	The Dawn Service	5am
	Parish Eucharist	10:45am
	Festal Evensong	6:30pm

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**: Meet outside the Parish Room for the Procession into church.



Easter Day:

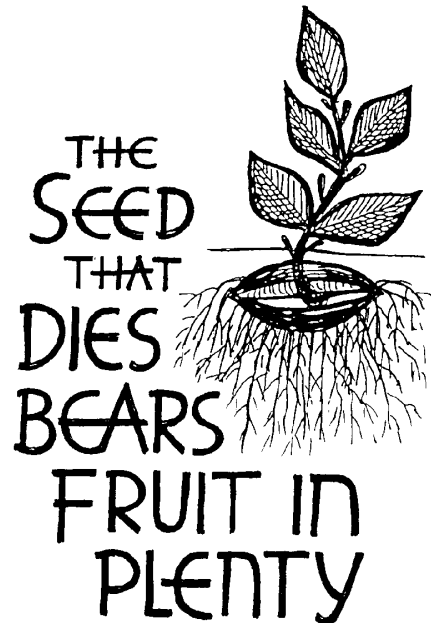
The 'Big Service' on Easter day is the Dawn service. Why not make the effort this year and join us in this very moving and symbolic celebration of the Easter Event.



THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

- Monday 30th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
- Tuesday 31st**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)
6:15pm Beavers visit Church (St Mary's)
- Wednesday 1st**
9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)
1:30pm-2:45pm School Visit (St Mary's)
2:30pm Church Cleaning (St Mary's)
8:00pm Lent course (St Mary's)
- Thursday 2nd**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
1:30pm-3:00pm School Visit (St Mary's)
8:00pm-9:00pm Bellingring Practice (St Mary's)
- Friday 3rd**
2:30am Funeral - Mark Mitchell (St Nicholas)
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am Prayer Group (Parish Room)
7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
8:15pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
- Saturday 4th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Special Service



John 12.20-33

Easter Egg Hunt.

The 'Traditional' Church Easter Egg Hunt for under 8s will start in the Rectory Garden at 10.30am on Good Friday.

Followed by activities in church.
Just turn up, or for more info contact Jo Adams.



Lots of Fun!

Please Check your event on the Parish diary.

The on-line parish diary is *the* reference point for events and their timings. Please check if you are organising an event and either make changes yourself, or contact Antje in the office.

<http://www.stmarysashwell.org.uk>



29 March, 2009 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collect of the Day

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm

Psalm 51.1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in¹ your great¹ goodness; ♦
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out¹ my of¹ fences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly¹ from my¹ wickedness ♦
and¹ cleanse me¹ from my¹ sin.
- 3 For I ac¹ knowledge my¹ faults ♦
and my¹ sin is¹ ever be¹ fore me.
- 4 Against you only¹ have I¹ sinned ♦
and done what is¹ evil¹ in your¹ sight,
- ±5 So that you are justified¹ in your¹ sentence ♦
and¹ righteous¹ in your¹ judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even¹ from my¹ birth, ♦
a sinner¹ when my¹ mother con¹ ceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth¹ deep with¹ in me ♦
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the¹ depths • of my¹ heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and¹ I • shall be¹ clean; ♦
wash me and¹ I • shall be¹ whiter • than¹ snow.
- 9 Make me hear of¹ joy and¹ gladness, ♦
that the bones you have¹ broken¹ may re¹ joice.
- 10 Turn your¹ face • from my¹ sins ♦
and¹ blot out¹ all my • mis¹ deeds.
- 11 Make me a clean¹ heart, O¹ God, ♦
and re¹ new a • right¹ spirit • with¹ in me.

- 12 Cast me not a¹ way from • your¹ presence ♦
and take not your¹ holy¹ spirit¹ from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of¹ your sal¹ vation ♦
and sustain me¹ with your¹ gracious¹ spirit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**