

Sunday 26th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter / St George's Day

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9:15am Parish Eucharist (St George's Edworth)**
Hymns 301, 147, 238, 174
- 9:30am Holy Communion - BCP (St.Vincent, Newnham)**
- 10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)**
Hymns: 464 442 372a 26 81a
Anthem: God is living - Bach
Junior Anthem: Panis Angelicus - Franck
- 2:30pm District Scouts Day (St Mary's)**
Special Service Book
- 6:30pm Choral Evensong (St Mary's)**
Introit: O blessed peace - Rose
Hymns: 177 380 636 34
Psalm: 142
Canticles: Service in A - Sumsion
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 7.7-13
2nd Reading: Revelation 2.1-11,
Anthem: God liveth still - Bach

NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday 3rd: 4th Sunday of Easter**
- 8:00am Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)
10:15am Family Service (St.Nicholas, Hinxworth)
10:45am Service of the Word - Family Service (St Mary's)
6:30pm Choral Eucharist (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Gill, Andy, Barbara Nye, John Mark,
Christine Scholfield, Jerry Bottle
and Hayley Benham**

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

Mary Rowley Jones and Sadie Davies



Mary Rowley Jones Funeral
is this Tuesday 28th April 3.30pm
at Harwood Park. All Welcome.



District Scouts

Today the District Scouts are coming to
Ashwell with the
Stotfold Salvation Army Band

"Be Prepared!"

Help for the Mission Group please. We need your help to see what our next initiatives should be. Take a card from the back of the Church and let Andrew know the Mission 'Dreams to Dream': the 'Stories to Share' and/or 'the Barriers to Break' A one line on the card is fine. It will give us a new focus for the group's work - Andrew Gilborn

Memorial Concert for Revd Mike Diggle

Bank Holiday Monday May 4th 3pm
at St Andrew's Church Biggleswade.

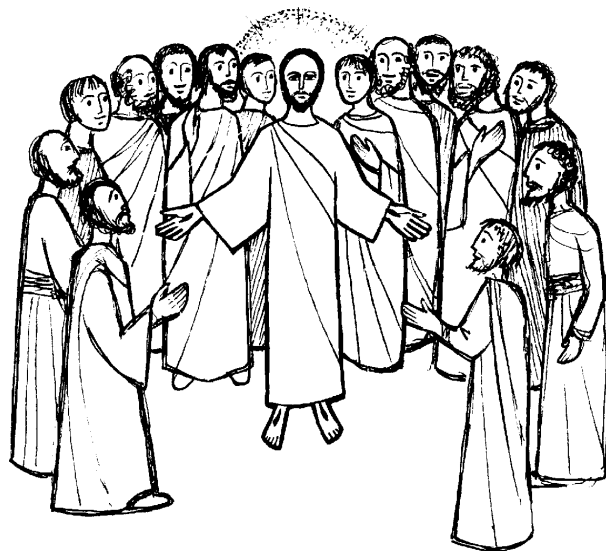
"We do hope you'll be able to be with us for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of Mike's life and the music he loved do much" - Sue



THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

- Monday 27th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
- Tuesday 28th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)
3:30pm Funeral - Mary Rowley Jones (Harwood Park)
8:00pm Deanery Synod (Parish Church Room)
- Wednesday 29th**
9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)
8:00pm Hinxworth PCC (Dewmead) ← **PCC**
- Thursday 30th**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
8:00pm-9:00pm Bellingring Practice (St Mary's)
- Friday 1st**
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 2nd**
9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Please take this sheet home with you, and use it in your prayers during the week.



Jesus stood among them and said to them
"Peace be with you"

Luke 24.36b-48



NEW ROTA - Please pick up your new readers/Intercessors Rota at the back of church today.

Ashwell At Home

Sunday, 10 May is an important day in Ashwell's calendar.

Our village provides a welcome to many hundreds of visitors who, in their turn, provide us with much needed income for our Museum, School and Church. Part of our welcome is to provide tea or coffee and delicious homemade cake in the Church Parish Room. As can be imagined this involves many cakes and many helpers to ensure its success. I would therefore ask anyone who can make a cake or cakes or who would be willing to offer help on the day for just two hours to sign the sheet at the back of the Church. I can't believe that anyone will be away on that day but, if you are, then please make your cakes ahead of 10 May and I will freeze them. I look forward to being overwhelmed with offers! Thank you.

Eileen ten Hove (742746)

26 April, 2009 - The Third Sunday of Easter

Collect of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.' **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call,
O¹ God of • my¹ righteousness; ♦
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on¹ me and¹ hear my¹ prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dis¹ honour • my¹ glory; ♦
how long will you love vain¹ things
and¹ seek • after¹ falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me
his¹ marvellous¹ kindness; ♦
when I call upon the¹ Lord¹ he will¹ hear me.
- 4 Stand in¹ awe and¹ sin not; ♦
commune with your own heart upon your¹ bed¹
and be¹ still.
- 5 Offer the¹ sacrifices of¹ righteousness ♦
and¹ put your¹ trust • in the¹ Lord.
- 6 There are many that say;
'Who will show us¹ any¹ good?' ♦
Lord, lift up the¹ light • of your¹ countenance • up¹
on us.

- 7 You have put gladness¹ in my¹ heart, ♦
more than when their corn and¹ wine and¹ oil
in¹ crease.
- 8 In peace I will lie¹ down and¹ sleep, ♦
for it is you Lord, only, who¹ makes me¹ dwell
in¹ safety.

Second Reading

1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel

Luke 24.36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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.**