

# Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## SUNDAY SERVICES

- 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)  
 Hymns: 468, 490, 504, 571  
**6:30pm** Choral Eucharist (St Mary's)  
 Hymns: HON 484 195 33 117 354  
 1st Reading: Acts 4.5-12  
 Psalm 23  
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3.16-end  
 Gospel: John 10.11-18  
 Anthem: The winter's sleep - Trad May Day Carol

## NEXT SUNDAY

- Sunday 10th: 5th Sunday of Easter**  
**8:00am** Holy Communion - BCP (St Mary's)  
**9:15am** Parish Eucharist (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:

**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**



## THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

- Monday 4th**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)  
**Tuesday 5th**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)  
 3:00pm Rosary Group (St Mary's)  
**Wednesday 6th**  
 9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)  
 10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)  
 2:30pm Church Cleaning (St Mary's)  
**Thursday 7th**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)  
 8:00pm-9:00pm Bellringing Practice (St Mary's)  
**Friday 8th**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)  
 7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)  
 8:15pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)  
**Saturday 9th**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

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

# Next Sunday is Ashwell at Home!

The week after next 10-16th May is Christian Aid week:



Please pray for the work of Christian Aid throughout all the world and for all those who will be collecting during the week and give generously.  
[christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk) - thanks

## St Mary's Church Cleaning

this Wednesday 2:30pm

Many helping hands needed!



## Baptism Anniversaries for May

**1<sup>st</sup> anniversary:** Jordan Chikanya

**2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary:** Iona Cunningham, Lucy Gilbertson,

Sophie Warren and Henry McCutcheon

**5<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** Mariella Hodson

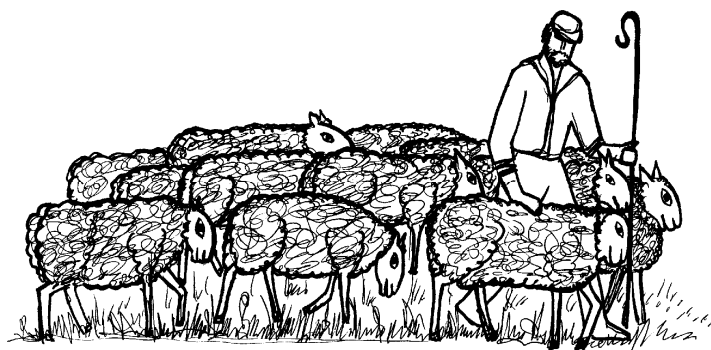
Love and prayers go to their parents and Godparents from us all.

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 Gilbertson

## 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



Jesus said "I am the good shepherd ...  
So there will be one flock, one shepherd"

John 10.11-18

An updated version of St Mary's Parish Prayer Diary is coming out next Sunday, please let the Office know if you would like to add or remove someone.



**Don't Miss Out** Ashwell Music Festival tickets are going fast!

## 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. Thank you.  
Eileen ten Hove (742746)

# 3 May, 2009 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts 4.5-12*

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## Psalm

*Psalm 23*

- 1 The Lord<sup>1</sup> is my<sup>1</sup> shepherd; ♦  
therefore<sup>1</sup> can I<sup>1</sup> lack<sup>1</sup> nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in<sup>1</sup> green<sup>1</sup> pastures ♦  
and leads me be<sup>1</sup> side<sup>1</sup> still<sup>1</sup> waters.
- 3 He shall re<sup>1</sup> fresh my<sup>1</sup> soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness<sup>1</sup>  
for his<sup>1</sup> name's<sup>1</sup> sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death I will<sup>1</sup> fear no<sup>1</sup> evil; ♦  
for you are with me;  
your<sup>1</sup> rod • and your<sup>1</sup> staff they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> those who<sup>1</sup> trouble me; ♦  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my<sup>1</sup> cup • shall be<sup>1</sup> full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the<sup>1</sup> days of • my<sup>1</sup> life, ♦  
and I will dwell in the<sup>1</sup> house • of the<sup>1</sup> Lord for<sup>1</sup> ever.

## Second Reading

*1 John 3.16-24*

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Gospel

*John 10.11-18*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away - because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**