



Parish of St Mary with St  
Peter, Bury St Edmunds



## 8 March 2020

### Second Sunday of Lent

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Welcome to our churches.

If you would like to find out more about the life of our churches, please do make yourself known, either to one of the staff or, complete a welcome form available at the back of church.

Our parish mission is to worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit; to teach the Bible in a way relevant to everyday life; to grow people in faith, understanding and love; to equip people to serve others; to offer people opportunities to meet Jesus and discover forgiveness and new life.

### Prayer for today

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### At St Mary's today

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8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Presiding/Preaching: Simon Harvey  
1 Thessalonians 4.1-8; Matthew  
15.21-31 (88)

9:30am Holy Communion

Presiding: Simon Harvey  
Preaching: Tim Savege  
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

11.00am Morning Prayer

Leading: Clive Paine  
Preaching: Tim Savege  
Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17;  
John 3.1-17

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Simon Harvey  
Preaching: David Hussell  
Psalm 135; Numbers 21.4-9; Luke  
14.27-33

### At St Peter's today

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10.45am Holy Communion

*followed by a farewell lunch for Nick  
and Julia Alexander*

Presiding: Simon Harvey  
Preaching: Nick Alexander  
Romans 12.1-2

*Members of the prayer team will be  
available after the service.*

## **Nick and Julia Alexander**

Today, 8 March, is Nick and Julia's last Sunday in Bury St Edmunds and we will be saying farewell to them at St Peter's morning service, which will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in the Hyndman Centre. Unfortunately, owing to space restrictions (and for health and safety reasons), we can't take any further bookings for the lunch.

All are welcome to Nick's licensing service at Moulton, Northamptonshire, on Sunday 22 March at 3pm. We hope that car-sharing will enable those without transport to get there. If you can offer a lift, please fill in the form which is available in both churches. Those seeking a lift can then contact anyone offering a seat.

## **March Mission Focus**

For the month of March, Dignity Freedom Network is the mission focus at St Mary's and at St Peter's the focus is Doxa. If you would like to make a donation, please use a giving envelope at the back of church, marking the name of the charity on the envelope.

## **Small groups**

Small groups meet during the week. If you would like to join a group, please contact the Parish Office for St Peter's, or at St Mary's – Edward Coningsby (766015).

## **St Mary's Small Groups Lent Course**

Our small groups, which meet in homes around Bury, will be using the 'Living

Faith' course during Lent. Pick up a leaflet or speak with Edward Coningsby (01284 766015 cec.fejc@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Get stuck into Jam! Jesus And Me at St Mary's**

Meets during the 9:30am service at the top of the tower in St Mary's for children in years 1 – 6. Games, praise, crafts, discovering together, stories and FUN! This week's theme is 'Baaa!'. All welcome.

## **Parish Walks and Pilgrimage**

Pick up a Parish Walks leaflet in church. This year marks the millennium anniversary of the founding of St Edmund's Abbey. There will be two pilgrimages to mark the event. One will be from Ely, the other from St Benet's Abbey, Norfolk. For information, visit <https://stedscathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Pilgrimage-2020-Itinerary-bookletFINAL.pdf>

Forthcoming parish walks follow the St Edmund's Way.

14 March Fornham St Genevieve to Hengrave

4 April Icklingham South to West Stow

2 May Icklingham North to Barton Mills

## **Annual Revision of the church Electoral Roll**

Notice is given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Monday 30 March and ending on Thursday 9 April. After the revision, a copy of the roll will be published on the notice board of both churches for 14 days. Under the

Church Representation Rules, any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is baptised, is aged 16 or over, and has applied for enrolment by completing a form available in both churches, where they will be required to make one of three declarations. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office. If your name was entered on the Electoral Roll in 2019, you will not need to complete a further form.

## **Repairs to the nave floor**

We are in the process of carrying out repairs to the damaged and subsiding floor slabs in the central aisle at St Mary's. During this time, the western end of the central aisle of the nave has been closed for safety reasons. It has also been necessary to store some of the contractor's equipment in the meeting area by the notice boards. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by this essential work.

## **Volunteers needed to join the cleaning team at St Mary's**

If you could spare some time on a Tuesday or Thursday morning each week to join one of our cleaning teams, please speak to Anne Cross or contact the Parish Office.

## **Video Installation at St Peter's**

St Peter's Church will not be accessible between 9 and 12 March while the new screen and projector are being installed.

## **We pray for**

Those in need, including: Peter Firmin, Vicky Last, Audrey Seaton.

The families and friends of Derrick Byford and Ursula Emsden as they grieve their death. Also Ricky Wilkinson and family following Heather's death.

Those couples for whom we are reading banns of marriage today: Richard Bettinson & Sharon Feveyear; Kieran Tate & Victoria Lovick.

Cathy Howes, assistant treasurer at St Mary's and church cleaner.

Guildhall Feoffment School.

All who are unemployed, on zero-hours contracts or in precarious employment.

Dignity Freedom Network (DFN) UK as they continue to work with their partners Operation Mercy India Foundation (OMIF) to provide education and healthcare for the most marginalized women and children in India. Programmes are in place to raise awareness of the sexual exploitation and trafficking of these young women.

The Doxa project which exists to serve the people in the Kwa Murugi slum in Nakuru Kenya. Check them out at [www.thedoxaproject.org](http://www.thedoxaproject.org) Please pray for Kim & Joyce, Kenyans heading up the project from the slum. Their first baby died at 24 hours old. Joyce is due to give birth again this month; pray for safety for mum and baby.

## This week

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### Daily Prayer

Monday 9 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's  
Tuesday 10 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's  
Thursday 12 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's  
Friday 13 Mar, 9.00-9.30am, St Mary's  
Saturday 14 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's

### St Peter's Vision Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 10 Mar, 12pm, St Peter's

### Men's Core Group Meeting

Tuesday 10 Mar, 7:30pm

### St Peter's DCC Meeting

Tuesday 10 Mar, 7:45pm in the  
Hyndman Centre

### Westgate Community Café

Wednesday 11 Mar, 9am – 12noon,  
Hyndman Centre

### Little Fishes Toddler Group

Wednesday 11 Mar, 9:30 – 11:30am at  
the Hyndman Centre

### Wednesday Holy Communion

Wednesday 11 Mar, 10am at St Mary's;  
Geoff Brown presides and preaches

### The Den Youth Group

Friday 13 Mar, 6:30pm, Hyndman  
Centre

### Parish Walk

Saturday 14 Mar meet 10.45 at All  
Saints Hotel, Fornham St Genevieve,  
IP28 6JQ for walk, followed by lunch.

### Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 15 Mar, 8am, St Mary's

### Morning Worship

Sunday 15 Mar, 9.30am, St Mary's

### Morning Worship

Sunday 15 Mar, 10.45am, St Peter's

### Holy Communion

Sunday 15 Mar, 11am, St Mary's

### Choral Evensong

Sunday 15 Mar, 6.30pm, St Mary's

## Further ahead

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### PCC meeting

24 March, 7:45pm, Hyndman Centre

### St Peter's Annual District Church Meeting

Sunday 5 April, 12noon, St Peter's

### St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting

Sunday 19 April, 10:30am, St Mary's

### Annual Parish Church Meeting

Sunday 26 April, 6:30pm, St Peter's

## Contact us

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