



Parish of St Mary with St  
Peter, Bury St Edmunds



## 15 March 2020

### Third 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

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are  
promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## At St Mary's today

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8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Presiding/Preaching: Geoff Brown  
Ephesians 5.1-14; Luke 11.14-28  
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9:30am Morning Worship

Leading: Hazel Humphreys  
Preaching: Mary Ann White  
Romans 5.1-11.

11.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: Lionel Simpkins  
Preaching: Mary Ann White  
Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Leading: Simon Harvey  
Preaching: Clive Paine  
Psalm 40; Joshua 1.1-9; Ephesians  
6.10-20

## At St Peter's today

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10.45am Morning Worship

Presiding: John Fulton  
Preaching: Simon Harvey  
Romans 5.1-11.

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

4.00pm Messy Church

Leading: Caroline Vallance

## **Coronavirus precautions**

To reduce the risks of spreading infection we have suspended the sharing of wine at Holy Communion and the exchange of handshakes at The Peace.

Please continue to follow government advice to protect those most vulnerable in our society.

## **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 'Celebrate Mums' and will be a craft morning. 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.

## **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.

## **Funeral of Heather Wilkinson**

Heather's funeral will take place on Wednesday 25 March, 10:30am at St Margaret's Church, Westhorpe, IP14 4SY. Westhorpe Village Hall will be open for refreshments and toilets prior to and after the service. Family flowers only; donations gratefully accepted to Heather's charities on the day. Guests are invited to the wake afterwards from 12 noon at Haughley Park Barn, IP14 3SY.

## **We pray for**

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

Anne Firmin and family following Peter's death last week. 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.

Bishops Martin and Mike in their leadership of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Those who are persecuted for their faith.

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 16 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's  
Tuesday 17 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's  
Thursday 19 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's  
Friday 20 Mar, 9.00-9.30am, St Mary's  
Saturday 21 Mar, 9:30-10am, St Mary's

### **St Peter's Vision Prayer Meeting**

Tuesday 17 Mar, 12pm, St Peter's

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### **Fifield Prayer meeting**

Tuesday 17 Mar, 7:45pm

### **Westgate Community Café**

Wednesday 18 Mar, 9am – 12noon,  
Hyndman Centre

### **Little Fishes Toddler Group**

Wednesday 18 Mar, 9:30 – 11:30am at the Hyndman Centre

### **Wednesday Holy Communion**

Wednesday 18 Mar, 10am at St Mary's; Geoff Brown presides and preaches

### **Parish Prayer Meeting**

Wednesday 18 Mar, 7:45pm at the Hyndman Centre

### **Lunch & Chat**

Thursday 19 Mar, 12:45pm at the Hyndman Centre

### **Women's World Day of Prayer Event**

Friday 20 March, 2pm in St Peter's

### **The Den Youth Group**

Friday 20 Mar, 6:30-8pm in Hyndman Centre

### **Men's Bible Study Discussion Breakfast**

Saturday 21 Mar, 8am at 1 Swan Lane

### **Holy Communion (BCP)**

Sunday 22 Mar, 8am, St Mary's

### **All Age Mothering Sunday Service**

Sunday 22 Mar, 9.30am, St Mary's

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Sunday 22 Mar, 10.45am, St Peter's

### **Morning Prayer**

Sunday 22 Mar, 11am, St Mary's

### **Holy Communion**

Sunday 22 Mar, 6.30pm, St Mary's

## **Further ahead**

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### **PCC meeting**

24 March, 7:45pm, Hyndman Centre

### **Time Together**

Friday 3 April, 2:30pm in St Mary's. All welcome. There will be good fellowship, a short reflection on Easter Around the World and an opportunity to try an Easter craft while we chat. This will be followed by tea and seasonal treats.

### **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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