

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer

3rd MAY 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am	FirstSunday@10 service	
	Music:	St Mary's music group
	Sidespeople:	Christine Smith and Chris Kingswood
6.30pm	Celtic Eucharist in the Chancel. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please see one of the sidespeople.	
	Music before the service:	Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel (German organist, 1653-1706)
	Readers:	David Booth and Murray Brickell
	Readings:	Acts 7.55-60, John 14.1-14
	Intercessions:	Martine Bailey
	Sidespeople:	Chris Gebbie and Murray Brickell
	Hymns:	365, 128, 814 (omit vv3 & 5)

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for

Those affected by the stabbing of the Jewish men in Golders Green
All the couples who have been married here at St Mary's
People living in Fairlight Field and Shelley Road
In memory: Robert Galletly, George Pelling

Floodlighting

If you would like St Mary's church floodlit on a specific evening to remember a loved one please contact Shirley on 01273 725167 / 07552 492354. A donation of £15 is gratefully received.

St Mary's is open daily between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Morning Prayer is said most mornings Monday – Saturday at 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:

Monday – Psalm 145; Numbers 9.15-3, 10.33-end; Luke 4.38-end

Tuesday – Psalm 19; Numbers 11.1-33; Luke 5.1-11

Wednesday – Psalm 30; Number 12; Luke 5.12-26

Thursday – Psalm 57 Numbers 13.1-3, 17-end; Luke 5.27-end

Friday (Julian of Norwich) – Psalm 138; Number 14.1-25; Luke 6.1-11

Saturday – Psalm 146; Numbers 14.26-end; Luke 6.12-26

The revision of the **Electoral Roll** (membership of St Mary's Church), will be completed by the end of today. There is a list of current members at the back of the church. If you would like to join, there are forms also at the back of church, with information about eligibility. Do speak to Meriel Vincent if you want to know more.

Our **Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings** will be held on **Monday 18th May**. Enjoy refreshments of wine, juice and nibbles from 7.15pm for a **7.30pm** start. Please come and hear all that's been achieved over the past year, vote for new churchwardens, PCC members, and Deanery Synod reps and be part of the plans for our future together. Nomination forms for churchwardens and PCC members are at the back of the church. Please give completed forms to Meriel Vincent, the PCC secretary.



Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until 26th May. We welcome responses from everyone. Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at

www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/ A QR code linking to the survey is attached.

Our current Bible Study course continues on Thursday 7th May at 3.45pm (refreshments from 3.30pm) in the Church Room. It is entitled "Beyond Easter: The Birth of the Church", and we shall be looking at Acts chapter 5. Everyone is welcome.

Family Fun on a Sunday - Please join us in the Village Hall next Sunday 2-5pm as we provide crafts, songs and games for the families of Ringmer. We will focus on God's marvellous creation. Let Marisa or Sara know how you would like to support our valuable outreach. Fun for everyone.

Another date for your diaries: Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years during 2026 so Ringmer Branch is organising an Afternoon Tea on Friday 22nd May at 3.00pm in the garden of Old Cottage, Lewes Road to which everyone is invited. Entrance will be £5. Please let Shirley know (01273 752167 / 07552492354 or ad-sasquires@talktalk.net) if you would like to come.

Purple Plant Sale in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer. Please come to the charity plant fair, coffee and cake sale on Saturday 23rd May in Ringmer Village Hall. Open 2 - 3.45pm. Admission is free, there is a raffle and tombola. Please let Marisa have any tombola prizes.

CAR - Less SUNDAY service, 17th May 10.00am Eucharist. As an Eco Church we are aiming to focus on reducing our CO2 emissions. This time by as many as possible not using a car to come to church. We realise it is essential for some and we have offers of lifts. Please fill in the sheet at the door as you leave, and we will arrange a lift. There is a 28 bus from Lewes that arrives at the Old PO at c 9.15.... and one leaving the top of Broyle Lane at 9.29. On the return journey one at 11.39 to Lewes and one back to the Broyle at 11.21,.....may have to reduce the number of verses in the last hymn and have a take away coffee!

Walking and bicycling perfect for most, but we will check the weather is helpful!!! Many thanks. Rosemary and Eco Team.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Parris Lawn
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in the Symons Hall in the VH
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10.00am	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	3.45pm	Bible Study in the Church Room
Friday	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10.00am	Eco-themed Eucharist for Rogation
	2-5pm	Family Fun on a Sunday in the Village Hall

Readings for the Evening Eucharist

First Reading at 6.30pm - Acts 7.55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Second Reading at 6.30pm – John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'
