



St Mary's  
Bures

# Church News

Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

## Today's Services – *Lent 5*

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*  
10.30 Benefice Communion, Bures: *Steve Morley*

## Next Sunday's Services – *Palm Sunday*

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*  
10.30 Morning Worship, Bures: *John Symons* (no Younger Church)  
10.30 Family Communion, Assington: *Steve Morley*  
10.30 Morning Prayer, Little Cornard: *Murray Emerson*

## What's happening this week (see notices)

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| <b>Today</b> | 3pm    | Fundraising Concert, Little Cornard       |
| <b>Tue</b>   | 10-4pm | 'Open Church', Little Cornard             |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 9.15   | Prayers in the South Porch, Bures         |
|              | 10.00  | Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures |
|              | 10.30  | 'Open Door' Drop-in café, Bures           |
| <b>Thur</b>  | 7.30pm | APCM Bures                                |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 9.00   | Morning Prayer, Little Cornard            |
|              | 12-2pm | First Friday Lunch Club                   |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 9-11am | Church Spring Cleaning                    |

**Welcome**      ***We are glad you are here.*** If this is your first visit, then please complete a welcome card. If you need to know anything at all, please speak to one of our Welcome Team.

**For more details of what's on and to view the church calendar see:**

[www.parishchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishchurch.co.uk)



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## Coming Up This Week

**GAINSBOROUGH CONCERT GROUP** - All Saints Church, Little Cornard - **today at 3 pm.** Songs from the Shows and Light Classical Music. Tea and Cakes available – entry free, donations to the Bell Fund. Enquiries to Robert Mackman 228077.

**LITTLE CORNARD 'OPEN CHURCH'** – Tuesday - The schoolroom and church will be open from 10:00 to 4:00 pm. Join us for refreshments, lunch and good company. For further information, contact Brenda on 227615 or Virginia 228077.

**APCM – Bures** - Thursday 7.30pm, St Mary's Church. Following the meeting we shall have a bring and share supper. Please bring a small plate of finger food if you are able.

**FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB – Friday** 12-2pm – Garrad Room, Bures Community Centre. We will be serving tea and coffee from 11am followed by hot lunches in a warm, friendly environment. All welcome. If transport is required, please contact Carol 228417 or Carolyn 228296.

**ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN** – Saturday - St Mary's 9-11am. All materials provided. Join us for plenty of good company and hearty refreshments. 'Many hands make light work'...

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm in St Mary's. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list on the table just inside the church door.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – 14<sup>th</sup> April – will start at 9.30am with Messy Church and breakfast followed by a short All Age service at 10.30am and a walk of the cross at 11.00am. At 2.00pm there will be a quiet and meditative service in St Mary's. Please refer to the Church Magazine for full details

## Notices

**APCM** - The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be held in our three churches this month (see above). These are an opportunity to thank God for his blessings to us and thank those who work so hard to serve God in our churches. We consider the business aspects, our vision and where is God leading us in the coming year. Please come to the APCM at your church on the following dates:

**Bures** 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 **Assington** 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 **Little Cornard** 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30

**EASTER LILIES** – Every Easter the church is decorated with a glorious display of lilies. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor blooms in memory of a loved one please contact: June Underwood (227921), Angela Morley (227407) or Carol Barnham (228417). Names of those remembered will be recorded and displayed in the church.



**EASTER BUNNIES AND CHICKS** will be on sale on Palm Sunday and Good Friday to raise funds for the Leprosy Hospital in Nepal and the Kagera Appeal 2017. Please give generously.

**CALLING ALL CATERERS – Can you help?** St Mary's has a great reputation for providing delicious refreshments for special events e.g. Confirmation Services, Archdeacons visits etc. and we would like to continue to do but need a few additional volunteers. If you would be happy to make the occasional cake or sandwiches (once, maybe twice a year), please contact Sue Ryman (227715) and add your name to the list.

**BENEFICE WEEKEND AWAY, LETTON HALL** Join us for another fantastic church weekend away at Letton Hall. The dates are Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May (evening) to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> (lunchtime). It will be a great opportunity to spend time together, to relax, to worship, to learn and develop new friendships.

We are pleased to announce that our speaker is Rev'd Matt Thomson. Matt has been a Diocesan Healing Advisor for some time now and will be talking on the theme of prayer. We also have a visiting team to run our exciting youth programme. There are still places available, so if you would like to attend, please pick up a brochure from the back of church, download it from the website or speak to Steve, Angela or Sue Ryman (or indeed anyone who has been before).

### We Pray For...

**The Alpha Course** Pray for those who attended the Holy Spirit day on Saturday and for the Leaders.

**If you know of someone who might like prayer**, needs a home visit or is unable to get to church and would like communion in their home, please speak to a member of the clergy or one of the Welcome Team or contact us via the details on the back page of this bulletin.

**HOME GROUPS: Have you ever considered joining a Home Group?** We have several groups meeting in various homes to learn more about our faith, study the Bible and support one another in prayer. The groups are always happy to welcome new members. Why not take a look at our parish magazine for further details.

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*(Please note Monday is the clergy day off)*

*Notice Sheet items should be sent to [office@parishchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@parishchurch.co.uk)*

**Loop System:** For people who are hard of hearing the church has a 'loop system'. Please adjust your hearing aid to 'T' and if possible sit at least 2 feet away from church walls.

**Toilet Facilities:** The toilet is located at the back of the church through the doors to the kitchen.

**Prayer:** After the Service, members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available in the South Porch to pray for you, or with you on behalf of someone else.

**Alcohol Free Wine for Communion:** Please inform the minister at the communion rail if you would prefer alcohol free wine.

**Large Print Versions** of the Hymn Books are available. Please speak to one of the sidespeople at the door.

