



Church News

7th May 2017

Today's Services – *Easter 4*

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*
10.30 Benefice Communion (with Baptism), Bures: *Steve Morley*

Next Sunday's Services – *Easter 5*

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*
10.30 Breakfast Service (with Baptism), Bures: *Tricia Box*
10.30 Holy Communion (CW), Assington: *Mary Cantacuzene*
6.30pm Evensong (Flower Festival), Little Cornard: *Steve Morley*

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

Wed	9.15	Prayers in the South Porch, Bures
	10.00	Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures
	10.30	'Open Door' Drop-in café (with Community agent), Bures
Fri	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard
Sat & Sun	11-4pm	Little Cornard Flower Festival

Welcome It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again. Tea or coffee is served at the back of church after the service.

A warm welcome to Danny and Carly today. We pray every blessing up on you, your family and friends as you bring Arthur for baptism.

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

www.parishchurch.co.uk



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Coming up this week

LITTLE CORNARD FLOWER FESTIVAL Saturday and Sunday, 11am -4pm. The church will be decorated with beautiful floral arrangements and there will be an exhibition of paintings and local craftwork for sale. Join us for refreshments, cake stall, plant sale and raffle. All proceeds will be split between the Great Cornard Porch Project and the upkeep of the church and churchyard. The flower festival will close with Evensong at 6.30pm on Sunday.

ALL AGE BREAKFAST SERVICE next Sunday, St Mary's, Bures. Bacon rolls from 10.00, followed at 10.30 by a short family friendly service with hymns and songs led by our band. All welcome.

Coming up this month

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – Christian Aid week is soon to be here. During the week of 14-20 May Churches across the country will be putting their energy into raising money to bring relief and hope to those in need. This year, please look out for places where collections are taking place or donate online at



www.christianaid.org.uk.

LETTON HALL

The much-anticipated Benefice weekend away is due to take place next month at Letton Hall in Norfolk from the 19th to the 21st May.

It's not too late to book - if you are still thinking about it please get in touch with Sue Ryman on 227715. We can assure you of a warm welcome and a thoroughly relaxing few days away.



STEPPING STONES – Wednesday 24th - 2pm, St Mary's. Midweek Pre-School group for parents/carers and children under five. 20 minutes of fun, stories and song, followed by refreshments and play.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION: Wednesday 24th May – 7.30pm at St Gregory's, Sudbury.

MOTHERS' UNION – Thursday 25th, meet at **7.20pm outside St Mary's**. This month we will be heading up to Ferriers Barn where John Buckle will be showing us some of the work that the members do there and telling us about the Barn. If you would like to join the MU on this visit you are most welcome. Please speak to Sue Ryman 227715.

SOLOS IN SUNDAY 28th, 12.30pm St Mary's – All who would otherwise be 'home alone' are welcome to come along to our bring and share lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet just inside the church door.

ANNUAL ROGATION WALK - Sunday 28th, 2.30pm, meet at St Mary's Church for a gentle walk around the Essex side of the village to bless the crops, gardens, waters, animals etc., then back to the church for tea and cake!! Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome.

Notices

Easter Chicks and Bunnies

We were delighted that the knitted chicks and bunnies made by members of St Mary's congregation and filled with chocolate eggs were sold for £206. This sum was divided between the Anandaban Leprosy Mission Hospital in Nepal and the Kagera Link Lent Appeal.

Thank you for the ladies that knitted, the ladies that bought the eggs and a very big "Thank You" to the people who bought the little critters!



OPEN GARDENS – Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June. St Mary's is at the heart of this superb weekend and there are lots of opportunities for volunteers. *If you can help, please have a word with Ken Jackson (227860), Mary Turner 228334 or Jenny Tanner 229156.*

MESSY CHURCH – there will be no Messy Church this month. Our next Messy Church will be on the 10th June.

HOME GROUPS: We have several groups meeting in people's homes to learn more about our faith, study the Bible and support one another in prayer. We are always happy to welcome new members. Please see our parish magazine for further details or find out more from a member of our Welcome team after the service.

We pray for

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 this bulletin.

NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER – ‘THY KINGDOM COME’ The Archbishops’ are encouraging all churches to take part in a focussed time of prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost. At St Mary’s we are once again engaging with this initiative. Last Wednesday evening we undertook a moving and inspiring prayer walk around the village. In the run up to Pentecost week we will be encouraged to think of five people for whom to pray each day.



This is a wonderful opportunity to join with others across the country as we pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing our life-transforming faith.



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