



Church News

14th May 2017

Today'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*

Next Sunday's Services – *Easter 6 Benefice Weekend Away*

No 8am Service

- 10.30 Holy Communion (CW), Bures: *Viv Brooks*

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, Bures
Fri	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard
Fri-Sun		<i>Benefice weekend Away – Letton Hall</i>

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.

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

www.parishchurch.co.uk



www.facebook.com/Messy-Church-St-Marys-Bures

Coming up this week

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – During this week, Churches across the country will be putting their energy into raising money to bring relief and hope to those in need. 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 weekend. Please pray for all those who are taking part, that this will be a time for refreshment, fun, exploration of faith, sharing with others and relaxation.

Coming up this month

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

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.

CHANGALA CHALLENGE Charles & Rachel van Oppen invite you to Bures Community Hall on **Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7.30 pm** to hear about our uphill cycle challenge “Le Tour de Dore” starting in July. We are raising awareness & funds for Mary’s Meals. Mary’s Meals is a charity close to our hearts which operates in deprived countries around the world where hunger is a barrier to school attendance and learning. Our campaign is to feed more than 1000 kids every day for a year at Changalu School in Malawi. We will be showing a Mary’s Meals short documentary and serving a simple “Mary’s Meal”.

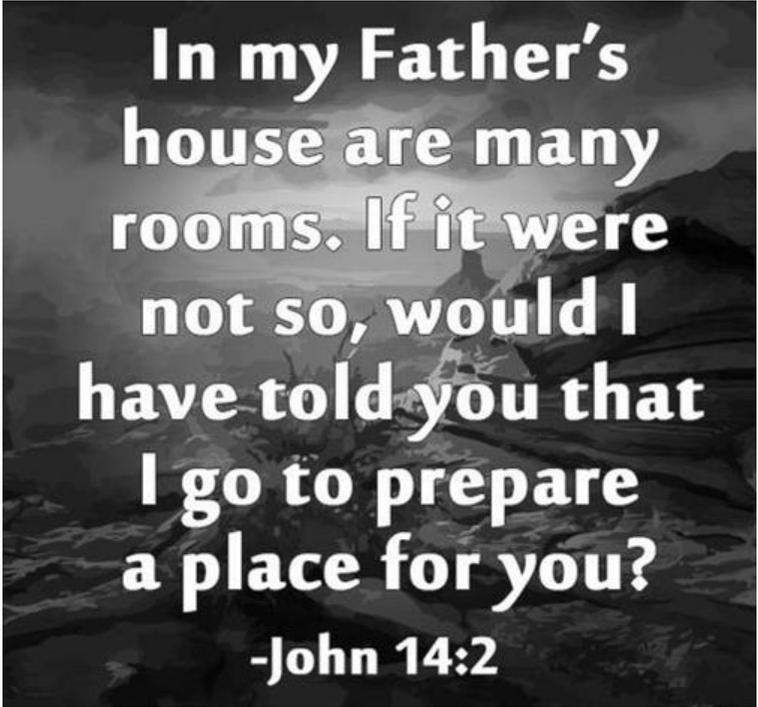
If you would like to have a read or sponsor us see our web link at: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/charles-van-oppen/pedal-for-changalu> The Mary’s Meal supper will be served free of charge (first come first served). To book please let us know: rachelvanoppen@hotmail.co.uk or tel 01787 228451

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. 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.



**In my Father's
house are many
rooms. If it were
not so, would I
have told you that
I go to prepare
a place for you?**

-John 14:2

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