

Some dates for April 2012

Sun 1	PALM SUNDAY
9.30am	Family Service (Offord)
10:30am	Family Eucharist
6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
6.30pm	Concert in St Peter's, Offord Darcy
Wed 4	Holy Communion
10.15am	Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
Thur 5	MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.00pm	Holy Communion (Offord)
8.00pm	Holy Communion (Buckden)
Fri 6	GOOD FRIDAY
9.30am	Prayers (Offord)
10.45am	Children's workshop (Methodist Hall)
11.00am	Buckden Churches Together
	Good Friday service (Hunts End)
	Followed by hot cross buns
	at Buckden Methodist Hall
2.00pm	The Last Hour (Buckden)
Sun 8	EASTER DAY
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion (Offord)
10:30am	Family Eucharist
4.00pm	Stepping Stones
Mon 9	10.00am All Saints Coffee Morning
	and Egg Hunt (Offord Village Hall)
Wed 11	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
	10.15am Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
Sun 15	9:30am BCP Matins (Offord)
	10.30am Family Eucharist
	4.00pm Messy Church (Offord Church Rooms)
	6.00pm BCP Evensong
Tue 17	7.30pm Offord APCM and PCC meetings
	in Offord Church Rooms
Wed 18	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
	10.15am Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
Thur 19	8.00pm Ground Floor Group (Vicarage)
Fri 20	3.30pm Tea, chat and toys (Vicarage)
Sat 21	12.15pm Lunchtime concert with
	'The Silver Swan' madrigal group
Sun 22	8:00am BCP Holy Communion
	9:30am Holy Communion (Offord)
	10:30am Family Communion
	11.45am APCM (Buckden)
Wed 25	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
	10.15am Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
Thur 26	7.30pm 'The Mardling Acre' East Anglian
	Tales, legends & songs
	from Hugh Lupton
Sun 29	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am Holy Communion (Offord)
	10.30am Family Eucharist
	12.00noon Wedding couples' lunch (Lion Hotel)
	6.00pm Ministry Team meeting (LSR)

Prayer Corner

In the life of the local church, please pray for:

- All who will take up or relinquish positions in the running of the church at the APCM (22nd April)

In the local community, please pray for:

- Local businesses at the turn of the financial year

In the wider world, please pray for:

- All who live in fear of violence or oppression

St Mary's The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter, April 2012

Dear Friends

When Jesus rose from the dead, nobody witnessed it directly, and each of the disciples heard about it in their own way: Mary saw Jesus herself in the garden; the women ran and told Peter and the other disciples; they themselves saw the empty tomb, and then saw Jesus himself when he came to them in the upper room; the two disciples on the road to Emmaus recognised the truth when Jesus broke bread with them; Thomas couldn't bring himself to believe until he too had seen Jesus with his own eyes.

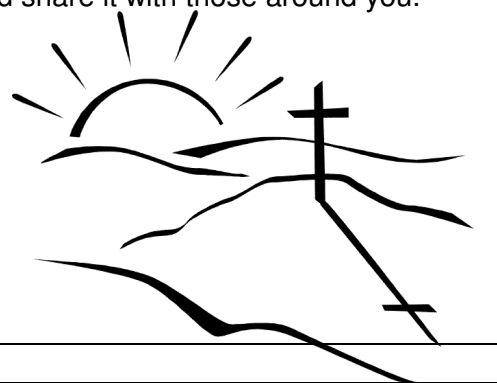
It can sometimes seem like a miracle that the story of Jesus' death and resurrection spread from this handful of ordinary people to encompass the whole world. The desire to communicate the gospel, the good news, must have been immense.

Today, we are still faced with the challenge of how to speak the gospel to a very different world. What will people find it hard to believe? What signs can we point to that demonstrate the work of the risen Christ? What have we ourselves experienced that makes us want to share it with others?

The Easter story asks all those things of us. As you travel the way of the cross with Christ this Holy Week, keep walking with him, with his disciples and with the early church after Easter, too, so that you may catch from them something of the courage, the enthusiasm, the passion and the love that the first Easter brought to the world, and share it with those around you.

Yours in Christ

Ally



Communications Review

The PCC is keen to gather a small group of people who would be willing to undertake a review of the way that St Mary's communicates (within church, between the PCC and congregation, and outside the church to the wider world). If you would like to be part of such a group, please speak to Ally as soon as possible. There have already been some great ideas about how we might communicate better, and it would be really good to add to these, and to approach the issue thoroughly and carefully, and ideally with input from a variety of age-groups to make sure we have thought of as near everything as possible!

General Notices

Saturday 21ST APRIL at St Mary's

**COFFEE AND CAKES from 10.30am
followed by a
LUNCHTIME CONCERT from 12.15 til 1pm**

**THE SILVER SWAN
MADIGRAL GROUP**

(Cambridge)

Donations for Church funds.

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Closing Date for May Newsletter: Sunday 22nd April
Items to Ken Gray by hand or by E Mail to:
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We are now able to distribute the St Mary's newsletter by email. If you would like to receive your copy electronically, and haven't already told us, please be in touch. If you have already told us you're happy to go paperless, thank you! Electronic distribution saves paper (and, for those outside the parish, postage, too) and also on website. Please send your request by E Mail to Philip Mowat, Church Secretary at E Mail address: secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Hymn Books

The new orange hymn books have been in use at the 10.30am service for a few months now. They were chosen to enable us to sing a full range of hymns and songs without having to juggle two books, and to add some new hymns and songs to our repertoire. We are still using the red books at the smaller services, with the 'dedicated' books (those bought in memory of loved ones) being out on the hymn book trolley so that they are the ones we use.

St Mary's Fundraisers

'The Mardling Acre'

East Anglian Tales, legends & songs

Come and hear **Hugh Lupton** one of England's greatest storytellers!

A programme of folk-tales, legends, music and songs from East Anglia,

In St. Mary's Church, Buckden

Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions).

Available from Costcutter, Hunts End & 'Que Sera', High Street.

Also from Revd. Ron Ingamells (01480 811608)

In aid of church funds.

Complimentary glass of interval wine

"You are in for a treat that evening; Hugh Lupton is a master story teller"

Living Stones & Church Funds

Music at St. Mary's 2012

Dates for your diaries

- Sat April 21st Lunchtime concert with **'The Silver Swan'** madrigal group will entertain with a wide variety of part-songs and madrigals-Donations.
- Fri May 18th **Stageworks**
Another spectacular evening of songs from the shows with talented young students.
- Sat June 2nd Folk music with **'Pennyless'** - three lively musicians bringing Folk to the Folk.
- Fri June 8th **Ridley Hall Gospel Choir**
Their first visit & our first Gospel Group.
- Sat June 16th **The Eagle Choir** from Bedford 'From Bach to Broadway' A return visit following their highly acclaimed concert of Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man'.
- Sat Sept 15th **'Peterborough Young Singers'** – stylish & accomplished- a welcome return visit.
- Sat Sept 22nd **'Jazz and more....'** with Ally & Sam

Details: Ron Ingamells 01480 811608

- July 6th. **Music at Hoo Cottage**,
"A journey to Russia" with the Colvilles new programme. Music by Sibelius, Grieg en route! Start 7.30pm
Details : Alan & Margaret Johnson 01480 812424