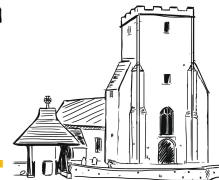


9 May 2021:
Sixth Sunday of
Easter
Year B

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Welcome to St Mary's! Grateful thanks to Fr Richard for keeping the home fires burning last Sunday

Today we're publishing the **Banns of marriage** for Samantha Bertenshaw & Ian Dinsmore; and for Samuel Gawn & Clare Goodman, both for the third time of asking; and for Robert Stow & Cayley Parsons for the first time of asking. All couples are getting married here this summer.

Today is the start of **Christian Aid Week** - this year focussed on climate change. *John Harbidge writes:* extreme weather means that the poorest struggle to survive. Our gifts help build dams and irrigation channels to store and distribute vital water supplies. In the Christian Aid envelope you'll receive you can put cash or a cheque (payable to Christian Aid), and place it in the Christian Aid box by the font. Alternatively, you can post or deliver your envelope to: John Harbidge, Herne Farm House, 2 Park Drive, Rustington, BN16 3DZ (further details on 782014 or johnfharbidge@gmail.com) Thank you so much – your gift will really help!!

This year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is planned for 12noon next Sunday (**16 May**) in church. We still need 3 PCC Members, 2 Deanery Synod Reps and a Treasurer... Could that be you? Also the Trustees Annual Report (which is presented at the APCM) is now available. It should have gone out with the weekly mailing (along with this Notice Sheet), and there are a limited number of hard copies in church. (If you can access an electronic version you are saving the rainforests - well done!)

Ascension Day is Thrs 13 May and mass will be at 10am, so do join us if you can.

Pentecost Flowers: As it was not possible to fully decorate the church for Easter with the help of East Preston Flower Group we are planning to pull out all the stops and decorate for Pentecost (23 May) instead. Everyone is invited to give a donation towards the flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Jenny Bromfield will be happy to receive names.

Malcolm and Pauline McLelland are holding a fund raising **Garden Tea Party** for St. Mary's on Sat 3rd July restrictions permitting. Do keep the date and details to follow.

Inkjet cartridge recycling: A flying start has been made following the introduction of a box for recycling inkjet cartridges. 48 cartridges have already been sent to the recycling centre, this is a win-win situation both environmentally and financially as St Mary's receives a donation for most cartridges. (please no laser jet cartridges)

Our Vaccine Champions write: Please remember to attend your second vaccination when it's offered, this is most important. Now that the lower age groups are being reached pregnant women are included. It is recommended that they receive either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine (Moderna is only currently offered at the Brighton Centre). Always make a note of your booking reference number.

Eco-Church. *Mary Jeavons writes:* I am looking for old spare tins of emulsion paint, or colour match pots, preferably colour, not magnolia. We're also looking for any unwanted old garden canes... canes and paint (for terracotta flower pots) are for the making of "bug hotels". If you have any spares, please let me know! Thanks! Mary (212840)

A Date for your Diary: St Mary's will be taking part in **Love Your Burial Ground Week** (including **Churches Count on Nature**) from **Saturday 5-Sunday 13 June 2021**. More details coming soon.

People have been *incredibly* generous with donations to the FSW **Food bank during lockdown** - thank you so much for your practical love in action. However we're going to take a break from collecting here at St Mary's, partly to try and avoid compassion fatigue. We will start again as Harvest approaches, and obviously if you wish to keep supporting personally you can, but as a collection point we will be on hold from **Fri 14 May (that will be our last collection)**

We're very grateful to **Mike Baldock** who has organised the Coffee Rota at St Mary's for many years. Mike's stepping back, so once things return to normal we'll need a new Coffee Champion!

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; June Kirkham; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Sue Douglas; Angie Jackson; Ruth Sherwin; Lou; Andrew Moore; Mary Davey; John White; Mary Wyatt; Hilary.
We remember those who've died recently: David Penfold; Jenny Banks; Patricia Churchill
and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Sister Freda of the Cross; Anne Forester; Walter Etherington; Winifred Egan; Constance Drury; Charles Norris; Margaret Gale; Guy Murphy; Frederick Bluck; Clifford (Digger) Wakefield; Ivy Richards; Mavis Stenning; Ronald Goodliffe; Betty Bodley; Fred Little.

Next Sunday's readings (16 May: Easter 7): Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; I John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

Fr Andrew is "being clever" this week attending Chichester University's May Theology School on Tues, Weds & Thrs this week, so won't be around as much. Fortunately Rev Emma is already clever, so will be around as much.

Using your smartphone this QR code enables you to support St Mary's via a debit or credit card:



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www.stmarysep.org.uk : www.facebook.com/groups/stmaryseastpreston (Monday is Rev Emma's day off: Friday is Fr Andrew's day off)
St Mary's is a Registered Charity and our number is: 1180544

Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

A reading from the first letter of John:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A reading from the Gospel of St John:

Jesus said to his disciples "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Post Communion:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.