

St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 19th February 2012



SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

11.00am Parish Eucharist

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WE WELCOME all who join us for our services today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Eucharist – the time to meet and greet.

The experience of the Transfiguration is a foretaste of Jesus' high status as God's full representative for all humankind becoming plain in his death and resurrection.

- ⬆ Pray for the gift to discern true from false spokespersons on God's behalf.
- ⬆ Pray to see below the surface – and so to recognize in Christ the full glory of God.
- ⬆ Pray to hold on to our experience of the depth of Christ's true self.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

MARY JENNINGS R.I.P.

We are very sad to have to report that Mary Jennings died peacefully in her sleep at St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger on Wednesday morning, 15th February 2012. As well as serving two terms as churchwarden at St Andrew's, Mary was a very practical Christian who was forever working acts of kindness for everyone she knew. Only last week she was doing things for other people and so her death seems to have come very suddenly. There will be a Celebration of Mary's Life at St Andrew's Church on Monday 5th March at 2.45pm. Please pray for her husband Peter and all who knew her.

....All who work as Street Evangelists
....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Val Heaps; John Seal; Pam Marsh; Janet Bradford; JeanMattock; Tom & Eileen Vincent; Julia Noikovich, Peter Pringle; Jasmine Dorricott
....those in care homes: Florence Emery; Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.
....R.I.P. Mary Jennings

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 20th February - 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 21st - 7.00pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 22nd - **ASH WEDNESDAY** -

9.00am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Holy Communion & imposition of ashes
Friday 23rd - 9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY – 26th February 2012

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Church Lunch at the Five Bells

NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told, "Remember, you are but dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

Lent Courses will be starting in Henlow on Wednesdays (first one on 29/2) at 2 pm at 1 Jordan Close for 5 sessions. The York Course booklets are available for anyone interested in coming along - £3.25p each. There are three other courses running - two in Langford (Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings) and one in Langford/Henlow on Thursday evenings. If anyone is interested in any of these please contact the vicar or churchwardens.

Diamond Jubilee in June. Looking ahead to this, the church will be running a Tombola stall with proceeds to St Mary's. This will be another of this year's fund raising events so could you please start to look out items and bring them along.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR, JAMES BURGESS (Tel 01462 700115) BY THURSDAY, PLEASE

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