

# St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**11.00am Sung Eucharist**

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

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

...those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Val Heaps; John Seal; Pam Marsh; Janet Bradford; Jean Mattock; Tom Vincent; Julia Noikovich, Peter Pringle; Jasmine Dorricott; Archdeacon Paul Hughes  
...those in care homes: Florence Emery; Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.  
...R.I.P. Peter Danie  
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### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> - NO Morning Prayer**  
**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm Choir Practice**  
**8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice**  
**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> - NO Morning Prayer**  
**3.00pm Bereavement Team meeting at 1 Jordan Close**  
**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**NEXT SUNDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**11.00am Benefice Family Communion Service plus Henlow and Langford Methodist Churches. Collection to Christian Aid. Bring & Share Lunch at Henlow Methodist Church Hall**

### NOTICES

There is a meeting of the **Standing Committee** of the PCC at 3 pm on Monday 30 April at 1 Jordan Close.

The **Welcome Service** for the new Bishop of Bedford is at St Paul's, Bedford on Sat 19th May at 4pm.

Rev Sue needs to know numbers of those wanting to attend by Sun 29th April.



**Confirmation Classes** will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2012; Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>

N.B. no class on May 23<sup>rd</sup> as I shall be on holiday. Classes will take place at the home of Alan and

Jackie Painter, 6 Oak Drive, Henlow. Many thanks to them!

Classes are not limited to confirmation candidates. Anyone who would like a refresher course / chance for more exploration of what it means to live a Christian life will be very welcome. Patsy

**A request for help:** With having the church open every Saturday from the beginning of May people are needed to be here. Please help - a list at the back of the church!

**The Rufus Lunch** will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at Northill Village Hall

Newly designed **Friends of St Mary's** Leaflets have been prepared, with grateful thanks to Phil Groom., and are at the back of the church. Help is needed to distribute these around the village, with heartfelt thanks to Jackie and Alan Painter for all their efforts in this respect over many years. Please try to take a bundle as this brings in much needed additional funds for all the necessary work to keep St Mary's in good repair and to aid our worship.

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On Sunday 29th April there is to be a **combined service in St Mary's** for both Anglican churches in the Benefice and both Methodist churches. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Henlow Methodist Hall. There is yet another list at the back of the church for attendance and contributions to the food. The Methodist churches will be bringing the first course and the two Anglican churches will be providing the puddings please.

**Diamond Jubilee in June.** Looking ahead, 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 look out items and bring them along. The box for Tombola items is at the back of the church.

**Hardly Athletic Badminton Club** meet every Wednesday at The Robert Bloomfield School New Sports Hall from 2000 - 2200 and would like to warmly invite residents / parishioners to join us for a game.

The cost is £4 per session and players can come as often or little as they want. For insurance purposes players need to be 16 or over.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR, JAMES BURGESS (Tel 01462 700115)**

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