

2 May 2021:  
Fifth Sunday of  
Easter  
Year B

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Welcome to St Mary's! We're very grateful to Fr Richard for holding the fort this week - Fr Andrew is on his post-Easter break and Rev Emma is helping out at Rustington while their vicar is elsewhere.

Today we're publishing the **Banns of marriage** for Samantha Bertenshaw & Ian Dinsmore; and for Samuel Gawn & Clare Goodman, both for the second time of asking. Both couples are getting married here this summer.

Carol White writes: Daphne, Carol and family would like to thank everyone at St Mary's for all the cards, messages, phone calls and prayers received on the sad loss of Colin. They are very much appreciated and have been a great source of strength and comfort to us. God bless you all.

Next Sunday (9 May) sees the start of **Christian Aid Week** - this year this year focussed on climate change. John Harbidge writes: extreme weather mean 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](mailto:johnfharbidge@gmail.com)) Thank you so much - your gift will really help!!

**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)**

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

This year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is planned for 12noon on Sun **16 May** in church. There are 3 places on the PCC, two places on the Deanery Synod and Kathy is keen to hand over the Treasurer's role - so plenty to get involved with! Both Church Wardens are also stepping down - but we have two willing volunteers to step up, which is great! Also if you haven't joined the Electoral Roll and you want to vote at this APCM, a reminder that you'll need to sign a form and get it to Nova Brookes before 1 May.

There is now a **recycling point for old ink cartridges** from printers, in church (under the Tower), so don't throw them away - give them a new lease of life!

Ann Bird writes: A huge thank you to everyone who has been munching their way through cheese and chocolate etc.. during lockdown just to pop the wrappers in our recycling bin at the back of church! It all helps raise money for Aspens, a charity in the South East, which provides care and support to help people living with disabilities, complex needs and autism. Not only can we accept crisp, popcorn, pretzel and nut packets, as well as biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers, we can also collect dishwasher tablet/salt packaging, plastic wipe packaging and flexible tubes (including toothpaste tubes) used for personal care and beauty products. Plus, you can drop off the triggers on cleaning products and liquid soap dispensers too. So please carry on collecting! If you have any questions, please [email Abird@waitrose.com](mailto:Abird@waitrose.com) Thank you.

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; David Penfold; Mary Davey; John White; Mary Wyatt; Hilary.

**We remember those who've died recently:** Jenny Monk.

**and those whose anniversary falls this coming week:** John Coldstream; Edna Fisher; Edith Marshall; Fred Penny; Ada Gibbins; James Simpson; Elsie Sparkes; Henry Sayers; Florence Chitty.

**Next Sunday's readings** (9 May: Easter 6): Acts 10.44-end; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

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**Collect:**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:**

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

**A reading from the first letter of John:**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have

this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**A reading from the Gospel of St Luke:**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

**Post Communion:**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.