



## **Weekly Newsletter Friday 11th April 2025**

Good Morning Everyone, Here are your weekly updates, events and a special comment. Lots To Share with you this week.

### **Gospel Reading for Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday)**

#### **Luke 19:28-40 - Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

### **The Passion of Jesus Trafalgar Square 2025 Good Friday**

Witness this awe-inspiring re-enactment from the Wintershall Players commemorating Good Friday.

A cast of more than 100 actors and volunteers dressed in realistic costumes as well as horses, donkeys and doves bring the story to life in Trafalgar Square. It attracts thousands of spectators.

Running for over 10 years there is a performance at 3.15pm which will be live streamed on Facebook. It will also be available to watch at some point on Wintershall's Youtube channel.

It has a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion, so parental guidance is advised.

### **This Sunday's Services 13th April, Palm Sunday**

**St John's** (9:30am) and **St Michael's** (11:15am) – Word and Worship Led by Ian Cullingford

**St Margaret's** (9:30am) – Service Of The Word Led by The Church Wardens

**St Mary's** (11am) – Service Of The Word Led by The Church Wardens

**PLEASE NOTE – Youth Alpha will not be on Sunday 13th April or 27th April, but will return on Sunday 27th April.**



## **Events This Coming Week**

### **Monday 14th April**

**Farcet PCC Meeting** 5pm at St Mary's Church

### **Tuesday 15th April**

**Prayer Group** at St Michael's 10am-11am

**Reflection Café** at St Michael's 2pm – 4pm

### **Wednesday 16th April**

**Community Café** at St Michael's 9am – 12pm

### **Thursday 17th April**

#### **Maundy Thursday Service**

Holy Communion with foot washing at St Johns church 7pm- 8 pm

### **Friday 18th April**

**Good Friday Service** at St Michael's Church 11am – 12pm

### **Saturday 19th April**

**Easter Family Festival** at St Michael's Church 2pm-4pm

### **Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday**

**Easter Sunrise Service** at St Michael's Church 5:50am

Followed By the Holy Communion Services, Normal Times

**Easter Egg Hunt** after the Easter Sunday service at St Johns Church

## **Looking Further Ahead**

- Stanground APCM Meeting Monday 28th April in St Michael's Church
- Coffee Morning Saturday 3rd May, 10am-12pm in the hall.
- Farcet APCM 6th May at 5pm at St Mary's Church
- 80th Anniversary VE Day Celebration from 8th -11th May at St Johns
- Display at St Mary's Church 10th May 10am – 12pm commemorating VE Day, all welcome. (Tea & Coffee available)
- Colin Wood's Desert Island Discs 2pm – 5pm Saturday 10th May
- Strawberry Tea's at Throstlenest on 21st June 2pm – 5pm with various stalls

Once again, lots going on and lots to look forward to.



## **Confirmation Preparation Group**

Starting on 29th April, we will be a running Confirmation Preparation Group over 4 Tuesday evenings in St Michael's Church from 7.00 to 8:30 PM. These sessions led by Revd. Kevin Fitzgibbon are designed to help individuals explore and deepen their understanding of the Christian faith in preparation for their Confirmation or Baptism. We will be discussing key aspects of Christian belief and practice. We will offer a supportive space for questions, reflection, and spiritual growth, and it is open to people of all ages who are considering making a public affirmation of their faith and receiving the laying on of hands by a bishop during a Confirmation service. If you are interested, please contact either Revd. Kevin or the Church Office to book your place.

**Did You Know!?** - We have other events going on in our Church and Hall at St Michael's that may be of interest to you?

### **KEEP FIT – Thursday Evenings 730 – 9pm.**

'Don't exercise on your own at home or in the gym, enjoy an evening of like minded people who like to exercise to music, having fun whilst improving balance and strength.

Come and join us at St. Michaels church hall

For more information Contact Michele 07746828920'

### **BREATHE YOGA (Marys Child) - Thursdays 11am - 12pm**

Have you ever thought about doing Yoga? But maybe think you can't touch your toes, you're not 'flexible' enough, or think maybe it's just 'Not for you'?

Come and join a friendly group, for some gentle and mindful Yoga Practise.

ALL Welcome - Regardless of Ability, Age and Gender.

Contact Laura on [laura@breatheyoga.me](mailto:laura@breatheyoga.me)

Thank You. I hope you all have a lovely weekend

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## **A Special Letter To You All**

*Dear All*

*I must apologise for my tardiness in writing to you*

*Firstly I would like to thank you all collectively for your support, understanding, kindness and consideration that you have given me, and my family, during this last year, especially following Carol's untimely death. As you know I seriously struggled with this, and still do, but was and still am grateful to you all.*

*Secondly, I would like to thank you all and all of the congregations for your amazing parting gifts. I found that afternoon very emotional and maybe didn't fully show my appreciation - for which I apologise.*

*Thirdly, I would like to thank each one of you for your support in the past and in hopefully into the future, towards Mary's Child. As you know the charity was very precious to Carol, as well as me, and it was wonderful how all the churches embraced this charity. A particular thanks to Jackie who has served as a Trustee and to Derek who is now serving as a Trustee*

*Rural life is very quiet - I have yet to hear a siren!*

*The Rectory is in the grounds of Somerleyton Hall with plenty of walks for the dogs. To be honest I am finding the loneliness a struggle but the village has many activities going on, to which I have been invited. After Easter it's the outdoor bowls season - apparently!! I would be grateful if you could pass my thanks to all the congregations.*

*I am praying that the interregnum will not be too long and that a new incumbent can be found that will enable the benefice to move forward in a positive way.*

*May you all have a blessed Easter*

*Your friend  
Andrew*

*Revd Andrew Avery  
Priest-in-Charge  
Somerleyton Benefice*