

## ***SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER***



### **SPRING 2016**

#### **Services – March/April/May**

*All services are BCP unless otherwise stated*

6 March	8.45am	Holy Communion
13 ..	11.15am	Matins
20 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
27 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
3 April	8.45am	Holy Communion
10 ..	11.15am	Matins and APCM
17 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
24 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
1 May	8.45am	Holy Communion
8 ..	11.15am	Rogation service procession
15 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
22 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
29 ..	3.30pm	Benefice Evensong

#### **SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES**

##### **Maundy Thursday –24 March**

There will be an Evening Eucharist in St Giles, Mountnessing at 7.30pm.

##### **Good Friday – 25 March**

There will be “An Hour at the Cross” in St Giles, Mountnessing at 2pm.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 9 April** in aid of Church funds **Lambing Day** at White Tyrrells Ingestone Road Stock from 2 - 4.30pm. Come and see and bottle feed the lambs, Refreshments, raffle, Games etc.

**The Vesper Singers** led by Bruce Pennick will sing Evensong at the Benefice Service to be held in Buttsbury church at 3.30pm on **Sunday 31 May**.

There will be an open **afternoon** at the church on **Saturday 11 June** from 2pm to 4.30pm – flowers in church – cream teas

### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

Associate Priest	Rev'd Celia Parkes	Tel: 0782151387
Churchwarden	Christopher Hayward	Tel: 356836
Deputy Churchwarden	Trevor Reeves	Tel: 07595826300
Secretary	Vacancy	
Treasurer	Bryan Shedel	Tel: 352213
Flower Rota	Christine Makings	Tel: 840615
Sidesmen	John Bishop Arline Leaves & Christine Makings	
Pianists	Jean Bourne	Tel: 840466
	Mary Cole	Tel: 840485
	Frank Hatch	Tel: 658186

### **MOTHERS DAY**

*There is an old Jewish saying:  
"God could not be everywhere,  
and therefore He made mothers".*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mothers' Day with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

The Annual Meetings will be held on **Sunday 26 April** in the church immediately following Evensong. Tea and biscuits will be served. The meetings are important in the life of the church as not only are Reports and Accounts of the past year presented but the meeting also has the responsibility of electing Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Parochial Church Councillors for the ensuing year.

### **INGATESTONE CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**Good Friday - 25 March**

There is the usual three hour devotion in Ingatestone commencing with stations of the cross in the Catholic Church at 12 noon followed by a procession of Witness, pausing at the Elim and United Reformed Churches for short acts of worship, to arrive at the Parish Church by 1.00pm where there will first be a Family Service followed by a more formal act of worship for the last hour. All are welcome to all or just part of the devotion.

### **SPIRIT OF FAITH**

By Ralph Church  
(A Big Issue Vendor)

Do not make more of life than there is meant to be,  
For there is much more after death  
for us to do and see.  
Your immortal soul within this space  
needs a body of clay.  
It trains your senses to be in touch with  
time and passing day.  
Look not too much to history  
for there lay your mistakes.  
Look you not into tomorrow lest you  
panic and hit the brakes.  
Time today is all that matters for it is when you learn.  
That infinite spirit is all of you  
wherever you twist or turn.  
Walk your path in spirit of faith  
with loving in your heart.  
What you give to your fellow man  
they will to you impart.

