

Personal Prayers for the COVID-19 Crisis

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.
I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

Praise to the Father,

Praise to the Son,

Praise to the Spirit,

The Three in One. *(Adapted from Alexander Carmichael, Carmina Gaedelica, 1900)*

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner. *(The Jesus Prayer)*

God our Father, by whose mercy
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:
we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only what you bless will prosper.
To your love and protection
we commit each other and all those we love,
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A prayer before sleep)*

Dear God, *(name of friend)* is ill.
They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play.
I'm sad because I miss them.
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.
Please be close to them.
Please be with the people who are looking after them.
Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.
Amen. *(A prayer for a friend who is ill)*

St Mary's and St Agnes' Newmarket



April 2020
35p

St Mary's

8am Holy Communion
9.45am Sung Mass
6.30pm Evensong

Weekday Eucharists

Monday (except Bank Holidays) 7pm
Wednesday 10am

Café Church at the Stable

10.15am (4th Tuesdays only)

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Please send copy to Father John by
20th of the month.
Thank you!

St Agnes'

9am Holy Communion
(3rd Sunday only)
11.15am Parish Communion
(1st Sunday only)
11.15am Mattins
(except 1st Sunday)

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April anniversaries

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2 nd	Olive Wright (1995)	19 th	Walter Combes (1999) Norah Byrne (2000) Albert Gallop (2005) Robert Fellowes (2012) Wendy Styles (2013) Jenny Turner (2014)
3 rd	Michael Goodchild (1978) Joseph Wills (1999) Hilda Whitaker (2019)	21 st	Eric Ingle (1985) Queenie Steady (1995) Louise Hioms (1997) Paul Dixon (2011)
4 th	Joseph O'Leary (1999) Diana Doyle (2014)	22 nd	James Lindsay (1997) Alfred Varney (2003)
5 th	Beatrice Snell (1991) Robert Grant (2004) Bop Middleton (2010)	23 rd	Lillian Cross (1991) Bernard Clements (1993)
6 th	Cyril Hopkins (1990) Ellen Bishop (1994) Elsie Isaacson (1997) Heather Wears (2006) Philip Rutherford (2010)	24 th	Audrey Powell (1998)
7 th	Gerald White (1993) Isabelle Boyce (1997) Doris Gardiner (2000) Fred Sharpe (2006) Tony Fowler (2015) Nicholas Reed Herbert (2016)	25 th	James Patterson (1987) Ian Brown (1997) Bernard Anderton (2003) Saverio Bauli (2004) Ellen Clarry (2013) Olive Marriott (1990) Sarah Moore (1991) Michael Field (2005) Mick Miller (2010) Mira Perry (2014)
8 th	Frederick Wagg (1990) Mollie Hallett (2016)	26 th	Frank Perry (1993) Yvonne Trim (1998) Paul Wray (2000) Eileen Smith (2009)
9 th	Owen Evans (1993) Marion Whitehouse (1998) Angela Hickling (1999)	27 th	Arthur Sloan (1989) David Clements (1992) Cyril Boswell (1994) Richard Collinson (1994) Elizabeth Ellis (2010) Sir Brooke Fairbairn, Bt (2017)
10 th	Nicholas Wallace (1994) Evelyn Miller (1999)	28 th	Grace Preen (1990) Nora Start (1991) Albert Bursford (1991) Irene Edgley (1994) Ada Clark (1995) Margarita Clements (1998) Ida Mason (1999) Ronald Gifkins (2000)
11 th	Douglas Smith (1989)	29 th	Leslie Bowers (1992) Margaret Evans (1995) Miriam Arden (1996) Hilda Harrison (1998)
12 th	Evelyn Moss (1980) Samuel Waldingham (1991) Kenneth Bastable (1994) Doreen Goodin (2012) Ivy Pierce (2012)	30 th	
13 th	Lottie Keane (1989) Michael Blackwell (1990) Gladys Nichols (1996) Emily Smith (2003) Dolly Skinner (2015)		
14 th	Arthur Coe (1981) Iris Akerman (1989) Olive Perry (1998) Irene Thorpe (1998) Greville Starkey (2010)		
15 th	Iris Sayers (1996) Kathleen Matthews (1998)		
16 th	Edith Avis (1998) Joan Czaho (2005) Louise Moss (2006) Rosamonde Taylor (2010) Christopher Rainer (2017)		
17 th	Ivy Woods (1993)		

**May they rest in peace and
rise in glory. Amen**

Lockdown

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.

But, they say that in Wuhan, after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet,
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing to each other
Across the empty squares, keeping their windows open
So that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number
Through the neighbourhood so that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
Are preparing to welcome
And shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.

So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

From Brother Richard, of the Capuchin Franciscans

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Mary's: fundraising and out-reach. *From Janet Ramsay-Helie:*

- **Contactless giving.** St Mary's is now the proud owner of a contactless donation point, which arrived last week. This will be available for use at services, and we expect it to be particularly useful at christenings, weddings and funerals. A big thank you to Joanne for arranging this!

Scheduled happenings around the parishes (subject to change).

Wednesday 22nd April: Exning PCC AGM

Sunday 31st May: Confirmation Service; St Martin's, 10am – Joint Benefice Service

Saturday 13th June: Exning Duck Races on the village stream & in the churchyard

- **The Kirby Singers** will be performing in **Exning St Martin's** on Saturday 11 July in the evening. They will be singing music suitable for summertime, unaccompanied, and tickets are £5 from Janet Ramsay-Helie. They have performed at several cathedrals and also Windsor Castle so we should be in for a very enjoyable evening. Music will be sacred and secular so something for everyone.

Songs of Praise.

- In the light of the Government's advice concerning the Corona virus sadly we have no alternative but to cancel our monthly Songs of Praise until further notice. *Pam Morter*

From the benefice registers. Eternal life: Mary Gweneth Hunt (26 February), Victoria Howard-Vyse (28 February); Liz Hardy (1 March), Jean Marshall (10 March).

1990 Club: March prizewinners (all £20). 333: Anthony Darling; 332: J. Clews; 340: Ian Ramsay-Helie; 313: Beryl Fawdon

Holy Week and Easter Services: *From Fr Max.* As you can image, it highly unlikely that Holy Week and Easter ceremonies will be able to be held in their usual way this year, including the Walk of Witness, so I will update you nearer the time on what we might be able to do. It will be important over the coming weeks and months, however, that we show that our faith in Jesus Christ, who suffered with us to the point of death and rose again for our sake, remains steadfast and we 'hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful' (Hebrews 10.23).

Church opening and the COVID crisis: A message from the clergy. Dear friends in Exning and North Newmarket, The clergy agreed the following schedule over the coming weeks, to keep the churches open, the clergy available as far as possible, and prayers being said. During the week, members of the clergy will be in church from 10am to 11am: Monday-

Thursday at St Mary's and Friday at St Martin's. Prayers will be said at 10am by the clergy, and the Eucharist offered on Wednesday. After this, the clergy will be around to speak to if needed. For the whole time, people are invited to come in and pray quietly and to light candles, if you are able to within the current government guidelines.

On Sundays, churches will be open for an hour at the regular service times: 9.30am at SS Philip and Etheldreda's, 9.45am at St Mary's, 11.00am at St Martin's, 11.15am at St Agnes's. Again, prayers will be said or the Eucharist offered by the clergy, with the church staying open for the remaining time for personal prayer.

It is important to say that we are trying to make the church space available to everyone, whether they are regular church goers or not, and will be advertising these opening times as widely as possible. Cathy or John P, could you please update the Exning website with this information?

We know that many people will be in isolation, and unable to visit the church even under these arrangements, and we are therefore developing ways to stay in touch and ensure people continue to feel connected to the wider church community. This is not the church shutting up or closing down, but developing new ways of expressing our faith and worship in these extraordinary circumstances. In fact, we may find that people seek the church's ministry even more in these testing times. Please do be in touch with us by phone, email or social media if there is anything we can do, and let people know what we are planning.

And a final note to say that, as the church's ministry continues and develops, we do need you to continue supporting the church if you are able, and that includes financially. Your support and your prayer is much appreciated by myself and all the clergy at this time. With prayers and best wishes, Max

Some Dates and anniversaries for the Diary

Wednesday 1:	Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872
Friday 3:	Funeral of Elizabeth Joan Hardy
SUNDAY 5:	PALM SUNDAY (MONDAY 6-WEDNESDAY 8: HOLY WEEK)
THURSDAY 9:	MAUNDY THURSDAY
FRIDAY 10:	GOOD FRIDAY
SATURDAY 11:	HOLY SATURDAY
SUNDAY 12:	EASTER DAY (MONDAY 13-SATURDAY 18: EASTER WEEK)
SUNDAY 19:	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Tuesday 21:	Anselm, abbot of Le Bec, archbishop of Canterbury, teacher, 1109
Thursday 23:	George, martyr and patron saint of England, c. 304
Friday 24:	Seven martyrs of the Melanesian Mission, Solomon Islands, 2003
Saturday 25:	Mark the Evangelist
SUNDAY 26:	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday 27:	Christine Rosetti, poet, 1894
Tuesday 28:	Peter Chanel, South Pacific missionary, martyr, 1841
Wednesday 29:	Catherine of Siena, teacher, 1380
Thursday 30:	Pandita Mary Rambai, teacher of scripture, 1922

