

MAY LECTIONARY DATES

Friday 1: Philip and James, apostles
Saturday 2: Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher, 373
SUNDAY 3: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday 4: English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era
Friday 8: Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, 1417
SUNDAY 10: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Thursday 14: Matthias the Apostle
Saturday 16: Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877
SUNDAY 17: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION
Monday 18: Rogation Day
Tuesday 19: Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, restorer of monastic life, 988
Wednesday 20: Alcuin of York, deacon, abbot of Tours, 804
Thursday 21: ASCENSION DAY
SUNDAY 24: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
Monday 25: The Venerable Bede, monk at Jarrow, scholar, historian, 735
Tuesday: Augustine, first archbishop of Canterbury, 605
Monday 27: Rogation Day
Thursday 28: Lanfranc, prior of Le Bec, archbishop of Canterbury, scholar, 1089
Friday 30: Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906
SUNDAY 31: WHITSUNDAY

A Prayer for those who are lonely

O God, our sovereign and our shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting presence
and your angels of goodness and love,
that we also may come home
and dwell with him in your house for ever.
Amen.

St Mary's and St Agnes' Newmarket



May 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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| 2 nd | Gurney Bonnett (1984) Winifred Howick (1990) Ruth Moss (1998) Alan Scott (2011) | 17 th Peter Bigmore (2004) Owen Cornwell (2008) |
| 3 rd | Ivy Southgate (2002) Edward Cowling (2012) | 18 th Marie Rose Wildash (1998) James Sully (2004) Hazel Frankham (2019) |
| 4 th | Ella Harris (1987) Sarah Cartwright (2006) Ena White (2010) | 19 th Gladys Boneham (1993) Keith Millington (2000) Aimee Ellis (1978) |
| 5 th | Freda Brumby (1994) Janet Gardiner (2012) | 20 th Mary Morgan (1994) |
| 6 th | Frederick Mingay (1993) George Challice (1994) Ena Searles (2008) Iris Stillman (2009) | 21 st Florence Coe (1989) Andrew White (1994) Hilda Mace (1998) |
| 8 th | Jack Doore (1979) Sydney Patmore (1991) Arthur Webb (1992) Jesse Ball (1992) Minnie Pilkington (1994) Mildred Daly (1994) Lionel Barber (2000) Charles Lake (2000) Ken Hammond (2009) Mary Everitt (2010) | 22 nd Heather Newton (2000) Christopher Troman (2012) |
| 9 th | John Cracknell (1974) Mary Foster (1991) Sherriff Hallett (1996) Marion Lockwood (1997) David Smith (1997) Janet Foster (1999) Gladys Cottrell (2013) Irene Webb (2015) | 25 th Wayne Parfitt (2017) 26 th Edward Roberts (1989) Vince Bray (2009) 27 th Kathleen Lancaster (1992) Florence Benstead (1994) Pearl Parmenter (1998) Violet White (1999) Ken England (2004) |
| 10 th | Neil Howcutt (1994) | 28 th Hilary Thompson (2012) |
| 11 th | Eliza Sandford (1994) John Ingrey (1996) Dick Shuttleworth (2008) Doris Cant (2012) | 29 th Christopher O'Sullivan (1999) 30 th Ada Grice (1999) Leana Lebish (2015) |
| 12 th | John Fletcher (1991) Jae Woods (1994) | 31 st Mary Bursford (1989) Frederick Honey (1993) William Payne (2000) |
| 13 th | Philip Balls (1992) Mary Chadwick (1996) Dora Grimes (2014) Dennis Ingham (2015) Margaret Forster (2016) | |
| 14 th | Arthur Parker (1971) Irene Wilberley (1993) | |
| 15 th | Hilda Clutterham (1994) | |
| 16 th | Eva Watson (1987) | |

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

Resurrection

The drab garments of winter are, thankfully, long gone from our trees and hedgerows; cast off in favour of the best and brightest blossoms. Easter-tide is the season for unusual messengers, and good-news messages. According to the biblical narrative, angels – God's messengers – arrived at the tomb on the first Easter morning in time to surprise, frighten, and finally delight the laggardly disciples who weren't sure what on earth was going on.

In his brief poem, Resurrection, R. S. Thomas (a poet who, for many years, earned his living as a regular country rector in north Wales) introduces various ordinary messengers – characters of the present day – who need to be heard as heralds of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Their message is that, yes, 'the stone has been rolled away from the mind': our minds, yours and mine.

For R. S. Thomas, it's often the mind (not the heart) that is burdened or blocked for some reason. At this lovely time of year, the light comes back, literally, into our lives' darkness: the sunshine and the April blossom, each in their own way, lighten our minds, and help us remember that Christ has come again, and that we live in a time of hope.

Specifically, Thomas mentions 'travellers upon the roads'. Now there's an evocative phrase. One thinks of the couple who walked to Emmaus the first Easter evening, and only later, when the sun went down, realised the risen Christ had been with them. We think of gipsy-travellers, traditionally learned in all kinds of lore, and often marginalised or rejected by folks in the mainstream; which reminds us that much wisdom can come from a community sometimes seen as 'on the edge'.

We think, too, of those who travel to work as key workers in care homes and hospitals and supermarkets, thereby carrying on Christ's work of supply and healing. Hopefully, they're each able to enjoy a bit of peace (maybe a Gordon's and tonic, even) when their day is far spent, at the end of their shift – back home, and, ideally, out of doors, in the sunset (or as the sun comes up).

And R. S. Thomas also speaks of a child-messenger: a child reporting how last year's car-wreck has become covered with blossom – perhaps the said car crashed into a blackthorn hedge, one of the earliest trees or hedges to bloom every year.

What the child sees (and I think presently of Greta Thunberg), we need to see, too, at this strange time: the possibility of resurrection amid the global sickness, and amid the damage of our created world. Even when the oil and petrol run out, God will be still at work in his world (our environment), bringing resurrection to what we invent (and damage); bringing healing to our illnesses. All will still be subject to God's glory, till that day when the whole earth shall cry 'Glory'. Mind how you go. *Fr John*

COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

In memoriam: Phyllis Baker. Phyllis was most recently known to the congregation at SS Philip & Etheldreda's, when she would arrive on her mobility scooter from her home on Scaltback for Sunday worship or for Songs of Praise. She loved attending 'the old hospital chapel', especially as she knew the hospital from her working days, and when I used to visit her at home she always used to ask how things were going.

She also used to ask about St Agnes's, a church of which she had fond memories, from when she lived on the Bury Road. Of St Agnes's she would say that she received a memorably warm welcome, from the people and from the building. 'It was like being given a hug' she told me, when she first walked in.

She played an active part in life at St Agnes's, and would ride her bicycle on the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' to raise money for the parish. She was also a member of the Mothers' Union at St Mary's, and remained an indoor member even when she was unable to attend meetings. She kept her strong faith alive to the end of her days, and although she remained a private individual, she valued the sense of community that churches of our two benefices had given her.

She was interred in a private ceremony at Newmarket Cemetery with her late husband, Fred Baker. She had no children of her own, but the service will be attended by her step-grandson, as well as close friends from Newmarket, including from St Agnes's. Donations in her memory are to be offered to SS Philip & Etheldreda's.

May she rest in peace. *Fr Max Drinkwater*

Fr John adds: Let it not be forgotten that Phyllis was also an expert marmalade maker, a skill which she regularly exercised for fundraising purposes, to the financial advantage of St Agnes' parish church. I always enjoyed my frank and honest conversations with Phyllis, although it's true to say we saw rather less of one another

in the course of business over recent years, partly because she wasn't able to get out and about the town as much as she had done in previous days. She was a strong-minded woman of independent views and high principles, who added much value to the corporate life of St Agnes, as well as 'P's & E's'. *Lux perpetua luceat in ei.*

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 (subject to change).

The next **Joint Benefice Service** is scheduled for Whitsunday, 31 May, at Exning St Martin's, beginning at 10am. Please note: for obvious reasons, this is a highly provisional date still. If it goes ahead, there will be no morning services at St Mary's or St Agnes on that day.

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

The Kirbye 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*

APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings)

All our parish meetings across the joint benefice will be held (separately, of course) on dates TBA) sometime before this year's specially permitted cut-off date of 31 October.

