

**St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ROGATION / CREATION**

**9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**



**We invite you to our** lay-led service today in St Mary's at 10.00am with the theme of ROGATION / CREATION led by Rosemary Colebourn and Anne Franklin. **If you have not already let Shirley know you are coming, could you please contact Rosemary Colebourn**

**Thursday is ASCENSION DAY** and we are having a said Eucharist at 6.30pm and Revd Malcolm Elwis is kindly taking this for us.

**Next Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> May** – We have a Eucharist at 10.00am and we are delighted that Bishop Will, The Rt Revd Bishop of Lewes, will preside. **Don't forget to let Shirley know at [ad-sasquires@talktalk.net](mailto:ad-sasquires@talktalk.net) or 01273 812417 if you will be attending either or both of the above services.**

**Christian Aid week (10 – 16<sup>th</sup> May)** - From this morning our cashless card system is set up until Saturday so that donations will automatically go to Christian Aid, with gift aid up to £30 added. Alternatively, hopefully, you will be receiving, if not already, an envelope within your parish magazine delivery to drop back to collection points in the village shops.

**Eco Church** - If you have not spotted it already, do go and look at the new wildflower area in the old churchyard planted last Saturday. It is below the tree to the right of the route to Delves House. A great team worked on the area last Friday and planted all 90 little plant plugs on Saturday. If you would like to contribute to paying for them do donate a £1 and help us fill in the chart to raise £150 costs over the next few weeks.

With many thanks, Rosemary

**St Mary's APCM** - The Churchwardens have decided to move the date of this to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at about 10.45am, after the Pentecost morning service. This decision was made following advice from the Church of England and the Charity Commission to hold the meeting after the expected lessening of Covid restrictions from 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**St Mary's continues to be open daily for individual private prayer** – 8.00am to approximately 5.00pm. Morning Prayer will continue to be said at 8.15am Monday to Friday each week. Do contact Sue Howes (01273 812394) if you have requests for prayer.

**The daily set psalms and readings** for this coming week are:

Monday – Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 26, 1 Peter 4.1-11

Tuesday – Psalm 126; Deuteronomy 28.1-14, 1 Peter 4.12-end

Wednesday – Psalm 132; Deuteronomy 28.58-end, 1 Peter 5

Thursday (Ascension) – Psalm 110; Isaiah 52.7-end, Hebrews 7.26-end

Friday (Matthias) – Psalm 16; 1 Samuel 2.27-35, Acts 2.37-end

Saturday – Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 30, 1 John 2.7-17

**Please note that there is no Thursday afternoon Bible study this**

**The latest issue of the Diocesan Magazine, Faith in Sussex, is now available.** You will find encouraging stories of faith, the vocation journeys of the new deacons, as well as stories from our parishes. We also hear from our partners including Mothers' Union, Family Support Work and others. Just click on the link <https://online.fliphtml5.com/gmzrd/rppf/> and it will take you to our latest issue which is a flipbook and easier to turn the pages.

**Please send** items for next week's newsheet to Shirley, 01273 812417, or e-mail: [ad-sasquires@talktalk.net](mailto:ad-sasquires@talktalk.net) - by **Thursday morning** please.

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## **Floodlighting**

13<sup>th</sup> May

Bill Small

In loving memory

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The work of Christian Aid and all their staff  
Local farmers and the farming community  
People living in Broyle Paddock

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## **PRAYER FOR ROGATION**

Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea  
should bear fruit in due season;  
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

## **READING - Acts 10. 44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter

said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### **GOSPEL - John 6. 1-13**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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### **PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**, kindly written by Meriel Vincent

Through faith in Christ, and by the interceding of the Holy Spirit, let us approach God with freedom and confidence, and pray together:

Creator God, we rejoice in the beauty of the countryside, especially at this springtime. But we are aware of the damage we are causing to the delicate balance of life. We ask for forgiveness and for the courage to make changes that will reverse the destruction we are causing. May we who have so much, make the sacrifices necessary to save the lives of those suffering as a result of our greed. O Lord, hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we pray for all those working the land to provide food. We pray for our local farmers and ask that you hear their prayers for good health, kind weather, clear and sympathetic political leadership. They ask for your strength and peace in anxiety about the continuing threat of bovine TB. So much is held within these requests...

May the Wildflower Ringmer project help to make us aware of the fact that the future health of this planet is largely up to our own behaviour.

O Lord, hear our prayer

Sovereign Lord, we pray for our national and local leaders: for their courage in taking action to reverse climate change; for justice and compassion for those suffering now, and in the future. We pray that they may show a distinctive generosity in supporting international development. And we ask for a generation of world leaders who will act justly so that the vulnerable and marginalised are not left to shoulder our burden.

O Lord, hear our prayer

Merciful Lord, we pray for those whose livelihoods and futures have been devastated by flooding or fire, by destruction of crops through locusts or infestations, by adverse weather, or by violent conflict. We have been asked to pray specifically for rain in south-west Uganda where the planting season has started in drought.

O Lord, hear our prayer

Compassionate Father, we ask for your mercy on the people of India and the other nations whose plight through the Covid pandemic is overwhelming. May their governments and the leaders of wealthy nations bring help through medical equipment, personnel and vaccines. Give wisdom to those also who are wrestling with restoring mental and economic health in the wake of this disease.

O Lord, hear our prayer

May we, as followers of Christ, be at the forefront of care for our community. In silence we remember all those who are suffering in spirit ... in mind ... and in body ..... please bring them your peace, your comfort, your healing, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen

We draw all these prayers together with the words that Jesus himself taught his disciples:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come; your will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.