

4 April 2021:
Easter Sunday
Year B

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Congratulations to everybody who took on the final Lent Challenge - to learn a prayer by heart. Some inventive prayers selected and some hard work put in - well done!

At a recent PCC we decided to open the church for private prayer from 1 April, and, depending on government announcements, re-open for worship from Sunday 18 April.

100 Club: The next 100 Club draw will take place on 18 April. There are six draws per year, each with three prizes: £150, £75, and £25. The subscription is £5.00 per month or £60.00 per annum. The 100 Club raises funds for St Mary's. If you would like to join and be included in the draw, please contact Ann at annridley00@gmail.com or phone 07711 942497.

Congratulation to all those who've been saving pennies during 2020 for the **Children's Society**. The boxes have been opened and counted and the impressive sum of £852.55 is on its way to helping keep vulnerable children safe. There are a load of boxes to return - perhaps we could do that on the first Sunday back in church? (hopefully 18 April).

Fr Andrew is doing a piece of **research** in the parish about whether (& how) online worship has been received during lockdown. As part of this you're invited to fill in a 15 min **questionnaire** (anonymously if you wish!) - please ask if you've missed this and would like to take part. It's incredibly helpful and huge thanks to those who have helped so far.

This year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is planned for 12noon on Sun **16 May** in church. There are 3 places on the PCC, Lois is stepping down as Church Warden and Kathy is keen to hand over the Treasurer's role - so plenty to get involved with!

We're very grateful to **Mike Baldock** who has organised the Coffee Rota at St Mary's for many

years.
Mike's stepping back, so once things return to normal we'll need a new Coffee Champion!

I'm delighted to say that Nova Brookes has offered to take over as **Electoral Roll Officer** for our parish, following Brian Cooke's death. We are very grateful - thank you!

Covid Champions Richard & Jenny write: If you're over 50 and want your COVID-19 vaccination there are appointments available at centres in Chichester, Crawley, Brighton and Eastbourne on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Book yours now at nhs.uk/covidvaccine or call 119. April could be the perfect time as vaccination centres will be quieter and there will be plenty of staff and volunteers on hand to support you.

The last **Virtual Coffee Mornings** on Zoom will be at 10am on Thursdays 8 & 15 April - after that the Thursday morning mass will recommence. The passwords you need are available from the clergy. You can join by telephone too.

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; June Kirkham; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Sue Douglas; Angie Jackson; John White; Ruth Sherwin; Lou.
We remember those who've died recently: Grace (Chic) Droy.

and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: John Masters; Cath Engelbach; Lionel Haines; Sisters Mildred & Gertrude of The Cross; Herbert Medhurst; Stuart Claridge; Penny Andrews; Mary Bishop; Brenda Header; Bette Storey; John Clare; Margaret Chisholm

Next Sunday's readings (11 April: Easter 2): Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 1.1 - 2.2; John 20.19-end

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Collect:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians:

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them though it was not I, but the grace of

God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A reading from the Gospel of St John:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion:

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.