

The benefice of
St Withburga, Holkham, All Saints, Warham
All Saints, Wighton and St. Nicholas, Wells - next - the - Sea

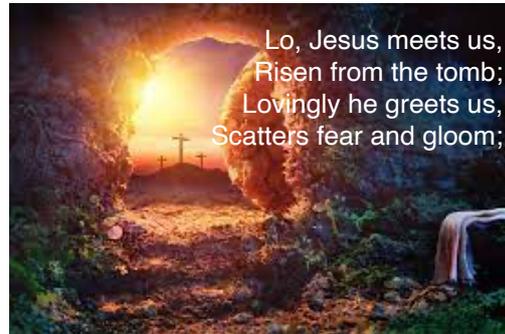


Sunday 17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

Todays Services

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Withburga, Holkham
11.00am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
This service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube later in the day
Please stay for refreshments after this service
There will be a Traidcraft stall after this service
4.00pm Holy Communion at All Saints, Warham
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St, Nicholas, Wells also via Zoom



This Week

- Wednesday 20th April
10am Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Wells
Thursday 21st April
10am Quiet Prayer at St. Nicholas, Wells
2pm Funeral of David Jagger at St. Nicholas, Wells
followed by burial in the Cemetary
Friday 22nd April
1.45-3pm Little Fishes at St. Nicholas, Wells

Next Sunday 24th April

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints, Wighton
11am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Wells
6.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer at St Nicholas, Wells

'Welcome Wheels'

Quaker Meeting House. Saturday 10am-4pm

Sale of seeds, plants, bric-a-brac, books etc. Tea, coffee and cake.

To support North Norfolk Amnesty International Group to help fund the Hi-vis Jackets 'Welcome Wheels' give to refugees and asylum seekers in Norwich along with the second hand bikes they provide

Christian Aid Week

15th-21st May. The Walsingham Way.

A group people from the Wells and Walsingham Christian Aid will be walking the 'Walsingham Way' from Norwich Cathedral to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

If you interested in joining them for all or part of the walk, please contact Judith 07751711035, Kate 07826280915, or Helena 07981097118.

If you would like to sponsor a walker please contact Margaret on 07905422151. More details to follow.

Yesterday we welcomed Mila Sherwood into our church family as she was baptised at Holkham



Our Prayers

In our benefice this week we pray especially :-

- for those who need our prayers - Archdeacon Ian Bentley, Evelyn Waits, Amanda Newton, Tony Parkington and Stella Richardson
- for those who have died recently - David Jagger
- for those who have died at this time in years past - Betty Collins, Hilda Swanson

Missions Overseas:-

USPG:- 'We are helping to provide food for refugees arriving in Hungary from Ukraine and our support will particularly help refugees without permanent Ukrainian citizenship, who receive little support from the Hungarian government.'

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters across the Anglican Communion as they celebrate Easter in their provinces.

Mission to Seafarers:- We pray for all seafarers during this Eastertide and especially for those who have not seen their families and friends for many months. May they know they are loved by God and in his loving care.

Wells Churches collect for the Food bank. The collection boxes are now back in St Nicholas' church, Wells hospital and the Co-op are working together and deliveries are made from the hospital to those who need it in Wells and villages. Assistance can also be given to those struggling due to the rising cost of fuel.

Polite notice - Could you please park on the road if at all possible as the grass is getting very muddy. Church Wardens @ St. Nicholas

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Today's Readings

The 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65.17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10.34-43

Then 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.'

The Gospel

Luke 24.1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

John 20.1-18

Only John's version has Mary Magdalene coming alone to the tomb on Easter morning - although it is always only women, and Mary is always one of them. Because of John's version in particular she is sometimes called 'the Apostle to the Apostles', for the primary task of the Apostles was to be a witness of the resurrection, and there is not doubt of Mary's title to that role (except that she is a woman and under the law of the time women were not qualified to be witnesses.)

There's a lot of (sometimes rather nasty) folklore about Mary, largely caused by running together different Bible stories, so that two and two make seventeen, but one element that comes out from today's gospel that is clearly true, is that she was personally deeply fond of Jesus, as were many people. When she meets him again in the garden she is so blinded with grief and so fixed on the disappearance of his body, that she fails to recognise the Lord she loves, until Jesus does that most powerful thing, he says her name: 'Mary'. Then he has to warn her not to cling to him. He is for all the world, and first of all he must return to the Father, who is also her Father and ours.

Mary's experience is so profound that she has to be the right person to be 'The Apostle to the Apostles'. And from her we must learn to really love Jesus, absent in body but alive in our hearts and in the people we meet and don't always understand.

Fr Peter

