

Churchwardens' Chat

A very warm welcome as we celebrate the Great Festival of Easter.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist this morning the choir and servers will process to the Lady Statue for a final act of thanksgiving for the Resurrection. Please join in the singing of the **Regina Coeli**:

Joy to thee O Queen of heaven, Alleluia! He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia! As He promised, has arisen, Alleluia! Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia! For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia! Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia! Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

5pm Solemn Evensong, Address and Benediction: Readings: Ezekial 37: 1–14, Luke 24: 13–35 Psalm: 66: 1-11, Hymns: 106, 117, 113, Setting: Stanford in Bb, Responses: Smith, Anthem: *Blessed be the God and Father* – S S Wesley, Voluntary: *Con moto maestoso* from Sonata No 3 – Felix Mendelssohn.

The Abbey's Spring Fair is next Saturday 6 April! 11am – 4pm. Please make some home-made cakes for sale and bring them on Friday or Saturday morning.

Next Sunday, 7 April Evensong will be at **3.30pm** and attended by The Ancient and Accepted Rite of East Anglia. All are most welcome.

The notice for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on Saturday 20 April is on the noticeboards. If you would like to attend and take part you should be on the church Electoral Roll. Members on email will be sent a pdf of the Annual Report and Accounts. A few printed copies will be available after next weekend.

Electoral Roll: The list of names on the current Roll is on the welcome desk. If you live in this parish or have been worshipping with us for six months you might like to apply to be on the Roll. Green forms are at the Welcome Desk. Please return to me. Barbara Randall, Electoral Roll Officer.

Nomination forms for Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members are also on the desk. Proposers and Seconders must be on the Electoral Roll.

This week we pray especially for:

The sick: Geoffrey Dorling, Catherine Mack, Julia Parker, Allan Pointer, Roy Pulsford, James, Eileen

Recently departed: Beryl Butterwick, Jill Mitton, Shirley Foulsham, Irene Woodward

Years Mind: Grace Brown, Valerie Priest, Mary Welsby
All who have lost loved ones.

Wymondham Abbey ❖ 31 March 2024 ❖ Sung Eucharist

Easter Sunday

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

The hymns, readings and prayers for the day:

Hymn	NEH 105	Christ the Lord is risen again	Württemberg
Gloria		Glory in the highest	Camberwell arr. Goodrich
Hymn	NEH 110	Jesus Christ is risen today	Easter Hymn
Hymn	NEH 296	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour	St Helen
Mass setting		Stanford in C&F	
Anthems	Jnrs	Sing out with Joy	Mark Patterson
		This Joyful Eastertide	Dutch carol arr. Ledger
Hymn	NEH 304	Once, only once and once for all	Albano
Hymn	NEH 120	Thine be the glory	Maccabeus
Voluntary		War March of the Priests – Mendelssohn	

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. **Amen**

The first 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.'

Gospel Reading John 20: 1–18

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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 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. **Amen**

This Week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon 1 April		No services today
Tue 2 April	10am 10.30am 4pm	Morning Prayer, Centering Presence Evening Prayer
Wed 3 April	10am 10.30am 10.30am 4pm	Morning Prayer, Eucharist Crochet and Conversation Evening Prayer
Thu 4 April	10am 4pm	Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer
Fri 5 April	10am 4pm	Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer
Sat 6 April	11am–4pm	ABBEY SPRING FAIR
Sun 7 April	10.30am 3.30pm	Sung Eucharist Service for the East Anglian Rose Croix NB. no Evening Prayer at 5pm

The **Abbey Duck Race** is on **Bank Holiday Monday 6 May**.

Can you help on the day? Trained first aiders also wanted! Contact Hayley pa@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Thank you to all on the **Parish Giving Scheme** (PGS) for your regular giving. We do not have a service offertory, so if you are not on the scheme you can offer cash or card donations at any of the giving stations. You can support the Abbey at www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk/giving – Thank you.

Pastoral visits:

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Christopher know: canon@wymondhamabbey.org.uk
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