

The Windmill United Benefice
St Bartholomew, Burstow ■ St Mary the Virgin,
Horne ■ St John the Baptist, Outwood

Church Calendar for May

As restrictions begin to lift, services in the churches are resuming. This month in church there will be a mix of 'live' services and the playing of audio versions of the online services. Please note that social distancing measures remain in place, masks must be worn and singing is not yet allowed inside the churches. In addition, the online Sunday services will continue and can be found on the benefice website, www.windmillchurches.co.uk, or on CD (contact Nicholas if you would like one delivered to you)

Sunday 2 May

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Burstow
10 am Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
11 am Holy Communion at St John, Outwood

Sunday 9 May

A recorded service of Morning Worship:
9.30 am at St Bartholomew, Burstow
10 am at St Mary, Horne
11 am at St John, Outwood

Ascension Day, Thursday 13 May

7 pm A benefice service of Holy Communion
in the churchyard of St Mary, Horne

Sunday 16 May

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Burstow
10 am Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
11 am Holy Communion at St John, Outwood

Sunday 23 May

A recorded service of Morning Worship:
9.30 am at St Bartholomew, Burstow
10 am at St Mary, Horne
11 am at St John, Outwood

Trinity Sunday, 30 May

10 am A benefice service of Holy Communion
in the churchyard of St Mary, Horne

St Mary the Virgin

Church Road, Horne RH6 9LA
(The church is open to visitors every day)



Diary for May 2021

Calling all gardeners!

As restrictions ease, we shall hope to restart some events. As a first step, we are planning to hold a plant sale on Saturday 22 May in the churchyard. Please could you think of planting a few extra seeds for the sale or pot up any excess plants that you might be splitting up. Rosemary Spruce (rosemary.spruce@btinternet.com; 07813 981 202) would be happy to pot up plants and look after seeds, if anyone needs help. See posters for details nearer the time.

Rector's Ramblings

I always think May is a lovely month. It feels like the first time in the year when I can really begin to get my vegetable seedlings and plants into the ground. I couldn't resist buying a load of plants when they first appeared in the garden centre and planted some out on the warm Easter weekend – I have some beetroot and chard seedlings in already, along with some broad beans. But there's not been much warmth since then and I've lovingly tucked up my outside seedlings with fleece and sacking each night to protect them from some of the pretty hard frosts we've been having. Most of my plants are still in pots and I have put them out each morning and brought in at night – with a notice stuck on a kitchen cupboard saying FROST in large letters lest I forget to bring them in! But in May they can go out (though I will keep a careful eye on the weather forecast – we can still get frosts in May).

So for me, May is the first proper getting outside in the garden month of the year and as a getting outside month it's appropriate that this year we shall be having a couple of special services outside, along the lines of the one we had in Horne churchyard on Easter day.

The first of these will be on Ascension Day, always 40 days after Easter and therefore always on a Thursday. This year it is on Thursday 13 May. Ascension has always been one of my favourite feasts in the church's year – something that goes back to childhood memories, I think. Ascension Day was one of the days I would climb the ladders on the inside of the church tower with my father to hoist the flag of St George and then, somewhat unusually for me as a boy, go off to church on a weekday evening. My memory of Ascension Day evenings is both that the weather was always nice (but for me childhood memories are probable somewhat selective – summers were always long and hot and winters were always cold and snowy!) and also that I could smell the May blossom wafting into the church on the type of spring evening that I always associate with the day. Those are outside memories but celebrating Ascension outside also seems appropriate as the Bible describes that event as taking place outside at Bethany, on the top of the Mount of Olives and a cloud hiding Jesus from his disciples' sight. Let's hope it's a nice evening this year and if there are clouds they're not full of rain!

Our other outside service will be on Trinity Sunday, which is always the third Sunday after Ascension Day so this year is on Sunday 30 May. Again it is an appropriate time to have an outside service, especially if we look to the Celtic roots of Christianity in this country. Some of the earliest Christians in this country were Celts and they had a deep awareness of the interwoven nature of God, creation and humanity and their prayers and blessings as well as their artwork (intricate interwoven knots and patterns) reflected both the threefold nature of God as Trinity and God's presence in the natural world.

I'll leave you with a modern Celtic prayer from David Adam's book, *The edge of Glory, prayers in the celtic tradition*, not only as an example of this but also as something you might like to use yourself.

The Trinity, protecting me, The Father be over me,
The Saviour be under me, The Spirit be about me,
The Holy Three, defending me.
As evening comes, bless my home,
Holy Three, watching me;
As shadows fall, hear my call,
Sacred Three, encircle me, so it may be;
Amen to thee, Holy Three about me.

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GOING GREEN – TANDRIDGE TREASURES?

As St Mary's takes steps to becoming an eco-church, **Lauma Kazusa** looks at ways in which we can all make our lives more environmentally friendly:

There is no waste in nature, only resources. Our bins are resource mines, too – resources for new packaging, bottles, cans, and other valuable objects.

The recycling rate in England is 44.7 per cent, and that of Tandridge reaches 59.1 per cent. Yet, it is not all that it seems. The current definition considers materials put in the recycling bins, not the actual amount recycled into new products. In short, we are overestimating our success and ignoring the rejects unsuitable for use in new products.

Tandridge and Guildford have the highest recycling contamination levels in Surrey, mainly through putting in the wrong or dirty items. If we want to see more paper made into new boxes or old milk bottles becoming new, we need to pay attention. Otherwise, what cannot be recycled is made into fuel for cement production or sent to power plants in Sweden. Tandridge recyclables mostly stay in the UK to produce new bottles, cans, and cardboard boxes.

So here are some ideas for improving the resources that we put into our recycling bins:

- Empty your bottles and rinse them with a little water if necessary. Leave the caps on for plastic bottles; remove them from glass bottles or jars.
- Clean any food containers, soak off stubborn stains. Dirty plastic trays will be rejected from recycling. Food remnants left on paper packaging will make it unrecyclable.
- Items do not have to be spotless, just clean enough so the other materials stay clean.
- Remove that pesky plastic film from trays; this belongs in the general waste.
- Greasy pizza boxes are not recyclable! You can cut out the oily parts and recycle the rest.
- Some supermarkets have plastic bag recycling points; use these if you can.
- Crisp crazy – collect crisp packets and pop over to The Bell, Outwood, where they have a Terracycle collection point for crisp packets.

Still unsure what can be recycled and how? Check the Tandridge Council website, or download the helpful Surrey Recycles App. Remember – the better resources we provide, the more recycling options become available, and the resource cycle can continue.