

Services & Meetings

5th May	Easter 3	
9.30am:	Holy Communion (hymns)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Faith's
8th May	Wednesday	
7.30pm:	Finding out about 'one to one' at Peterborough Cathedral	
11th May	Saturday	
11.00am:	Churchwardens' Admission Service at All Saints' Northampton	
12th May	Easter 4	
9.30am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion (said)	St Faith's
19th May	Easter 5	
9.30am:	Holy Communion (said)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Faith's
21st May	Tuesday	
7.30pm:	Finding out about 'one to one'	Bouverie Court
25th May	Saturday	
5.30pm:	'Thy Kingdom come' - Inspire and Celebrate Service at Peterborough Cathedral	
26th May	Easter 6	
9.30am:	Morning Worship (hymns)	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion (sung)	St Faith's

The Benefice of St Mary's & St Faith's

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St Mary's + St Faith's

Benefice Newsletter

The third Sunday of Easter presents us with the final chapter of the Gospel John. It's the last lap of the Jesus journey; the last reel of his earthly life; and it brings together many of the elements used throughout this telling of the good news to make significant points about Jesus' purpose, our commitment, and the heart of love:

They're fishing in the dark: they've given up and gone back to their old ways.

They're catching nothing, because they're relying on their own 'expertise'; God is left out of it.

They're excited by Jesus' presence, but reluctant to commit to his way.

They're fishing for fish when Jesus called them to be fishers of man.

Don't you remember that other day on the lake when you were fishing and I was on the shore? When you left everything - all this, to follow me? I remember. I remember your enthusiasm and your response; it was immediate. You left your nets and followed me. You left the very things you were working on; the tools of your trade; what you relied on for your livelihood; your means of survival. You left everything... to follow me. Now here you are scratching around in the dark, back to your old ways. Didn't you learn anything?

You're back to leaning on your own understanding - and not even catching

anything! And you're leaving me out completely. No wonder you've slaved away all night for nothing. Labouring in vain again. Haven't you remembered anything I taught you? Stop flogging yourselves, 'Come away... and rest a while'.

Of course it's great to see you all again - and I can see you're excited too; just like the first time - maybe more so. Relieved maybe? What about those who won't get to see me? The ones you're just going to tell. Or will you? Tell them that is. As soon as I've moved on again will you be back in your boat, back to the familiar, back in your comfort zones; settling for the mediocre?

Remember. Come on, remember! Not just the excitement, not just that it was a nice day. This isn't about nostalgia. You'll be fishers of man! Not just these fish. You love me... more than that... don't you?

Peter rushes to the shore. He likes a charcoal fire does Peter - and he's been up all night out at sea with no clothes on. Remember warming yourself at one of these recently Peter? Sorry, I didn't quite catch that. We'll have a chat about that after.

So, they all share a breakfast. Breaking a fast as we have done this Easter after Lent. The writer paints a vivid, exhilarating scene. ➡➡

Easter Season - May 2019

Barby News...

Thank you to all who have supported St. Mary's at Soup and Roll during the past year. We will be taking a break during the summer months, and start again in September.

Christian Aid Week - 12th -18th May 2019. There will be a door-to-door collection in Barby. Anyone able to help with the delivery or collection of the envelopes, please contact Jenny Whitt on 891050.

The April **Taps and Toilet draw** was won by Rachel Grocott, No. 21. The May draw will take place at the Breakfast Casfe on Sunday, 19th May. This will be last Cafe until September.

This year's **Barby Village Garage Sale** will take place on Sunday, 9th June, from 10.00pm to 2.00pm. Now is the time to tackle the loft, garage, spare room or wherever you hoard all those things that might one day come in useful, but never do! They might be just what someone is looking for. Contact Karen on 01788 891299 for more information.

St Mary's Church Fete, Sunday 16th June. We are looking for 'crafters' who would like to donate items or give a percentage of their sales to the Fete. If you prefer, you can have a stall for a fee. Please contact Ellie Bates, Ellie@evolution-pr.co.uk or on Facebook. Lisa on 891825. Any help on the day will be appreciated: ➔

➔ Help getting out stalls and putting them away is always welcome.

Date for your dairy:
Piano Recital, Saturday, 13th July.
More details next month.

Soup and a Roll

St Mary's Church will be open on **Saturday 4th May** 12 noon to 2pm. Homemade soup and a roll, homemade desserts and cream, tea or coffee will be available for £4.50. Games and activities for children.

All proceeds to
St Mary's Church.



Items for the June Newsletter should be sent to
Ann Maiden,
6 Castle Mound, Barby, or to
maidenann@aol.com
by the 23rd May. Thank you.

URC Café
Everyone welcome



9am-12noon
Mondays
and Thursdays

➔ We have sea and sand, jumping and running, impetuosity and excitement, daybreak, freshness, and the aroma of grilled fish. We have an appetite for this story, there's something heavenly about it: A new day, light after darkness; the presence of Jesus, face to face; a new beginning. ➔

Kilsby News...

From the Registers:

Holy Baptism:

28th April : Aurora Leah FINNEY

Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May 2019. You will receive a Christian Aid envelope with this newsletter. If you wish to support the work of Christian Aid, please bring your envelope to Church, drop it in at the Village Shop, or through the letter boxes at No. 8 or 28 Main Road. Thank you.

St Faith's 100 Club - March winners:
£40 (45). M. Longmore. £30 (44) M. Grainger. £20 (82) M. Hunt. £20 (37) M. Mills. £10 (14) C. Lomas.

➔ But, then there's the challenge: commitment, following, not counting the cost. Come and join in with my work, 'my yolk is easy and my burden is light'.

This is a Gospel like no other. Wouldn't it be good to use it as more than a 'filler' in the 3 year lectionary? Wouldn't it be good to read it all the way through and experience all the highs and lows for Jesus, his followers, his enemies, and the crowds? Wouldn't it be good to really begin to appreciate the purpose of the writer?

Yes, and it would be good to have that sense, as the gospel ends and begins, of standing on the sand of that shoreline, of conversing with Jesus, of defending our love for him, and of rising anew to his challenge.

Rev Nigel Fry

Interested in sharing the Good News using John's Gospel? Find out about 'the Word, One to One' on the Peterborough Diocese website. Introductory evenings at Bouverie Court and Peterborough Cathedral. See service listing.

And at Kilsby United Reformed Church...

Services at 11am:

5th May

Revd Geoff Townsend
(Holy Communion)

12th May

Mrs Dorn Margetts

19th May

Mr Cecil Gill

26th May

Revd Geoff Townsend



Come and play...

SCRABBLE

...on Wednesdays at 1.30pm at Kilsby...

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