

SERVICES

All are warmly invited to come and worship on Sundays at 10.30am and all other services.

5 th	May	Morning Prayer
12 th	May	Holy Communion
		<i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
19 th	May	Morning Prayer
26 th	May	Holy Communion
29 th	May	Holy Communion at 9.30am
2 nd	June	Morning Prayer
9 th	June	Holy Communion
		<i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
16 th	June	Morning Prayer
23 rd	June	Holy Communion
30 th	June	Holy Communion
7 th	July	Morning Prayer
14 th	July	Holy Communion
		<i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
21 st	July	Morning Prayer
28 th	July	Holy Communion
31 st	July	Holy Communion at 9.30am

Children are welcome at all services.

Please note that the new website www.stjohnsbourneend.org is now operational so please check for changes or updates to services.



Parish Room for Hire

St John's Parish Room is available to hire for events and meetings. Please contact the Treasurer or the Churchwardens to check availability and for more details.

St John's Church Bourne End



NEWSLETTER

May 2019 - July 2019

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Message from the Vicar

I am writing this on a glorious, sunny Bank Holiday afternoon with signs of new life all around. The vicarage apple trees are full of blossom, the bluebells are out and the birds are singing in the sunshine.

At St John's we have just finished marking Lent during which we spent time reflecting on the Wondrous Cross and what it means. We then contemplated the enormity of what Jesus did for us on Good Friday and have just celebrated the joy of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. This is not the end of the story, in fact, the Easter season has only just begun and will take us through to Ascension and Pentecost when we will remember that Jesus ascended to heaven and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to live in all believers. Although Easter is rightly a day of joy, it was not seeing the empty tomb that Sunday morning that transformed Jesus' disciples. In fact, it left them rather confused and amazed because despite all that Jesus had told them before he died, they understandably did not believe that he had risen from the dead. It was spending time with their Risen Lord that enabled them to understand what Jesus had done and it was the coming of the Holy Spirit that transformed them so they had the courage and ability to tell others the good news that Jesus was alive.

Jesus is alive is the reason that Easter is full of hope. The empty tomb is the proof that Jesus is who he said he is. The empty tomb is the proof that death does not get the final word and that the love of God wins. The empty tomb is the guarantee that we can enjoy new life with Jesus. If we want to truly experience the joy of Easter and the new life which Jesus offers, we need to meet with the Risen Lord, spend time with him and ask him to give us the fullness of life which is possible because the cross was not the end of the story.

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' **1 Peter 1.3**

With love and prayers Rebecca

Dates for Your Diary

Pot Luck Lunches



Third Wednesday of the month 1pm in the Parish Room.
15th May, 19th June and 17th July.

Lent Lunches

This was a successful series of weekly Wednesday lunches during Lent. A simple meal, good fellowship and a thoughtful reflection was enjoyed by those who attended. Donations received (£750) have been sent to "Mary's Meals".

Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10-12 in the Parish Room.
31st May, 28th June and 26th July.

Meet the Vicar

First Thursday of every month between 8 and 10pm.
2nd May, 6th June and 4th July.

Rebecca will be in The Anchor and looks forward to meeting village residents there.

Village Prayers: Prayers in church each Sunday include ones for the residents in each of the village roads in turn. Please continue to post your prayer requests on the board in the porch and do encourage us by giving us feedback if you can.

May: Pouchen End **June:** Pix Farm Lane & Sharpes Lane

July: London Road West & Lauries Close