

## SERVICES

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

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | February | Morning Prayer                             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | February | Holy Communion                             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | February | Morning Prayer                             |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | February | Holy Communion                             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | March    | Morning Prayer                             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | March    | Holy Communion                             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | March    | Morning Prayer                             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | March    | Holy Communion ( <b>Mothering Sunday</b> ) |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | March    | Holy Communion                             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | April    | Morning Prayer ( <b>Palm Sunday</b> )      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | April    | <b>Good Friday</b> 9.00 am                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | April    | Holy Communion ( <b>Easter Sunday</b> )    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | April    | Morning Prayer                             |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | April    | Holy Communion                             |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | April    | Fifth Wednesday 9.30 am                    |

*Children are welcome at all services.*

*Please note that the new website [www.stjohnsbourneend.org](http://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

February 2020 - April 2020

[www.stjohnsbourneend.org](http://www.stjohnsbourneend.org)

### Church Officers:

|               |                 |        |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| Vicar         | Rebecca Fardell | 865100 |
| Churchwardens | Helen King      | 862327 |
|               | John Marshall   | 219776 |
| Treasurer     | Edith Harkins   | 871040 |

## Message from the Vicar

I am writing this on a cold, damp, grey winter's day. It is the sort of day where curling up in front of a fire is infinitely more attractive than venturing out for a walk. It is the sort of day that makes you feel as though January is far more than 31 days long. It is the sort of day that can make you believe that winter will never end. Yet, closer examination of the world outside shows signs of spring are all around: buds are forming on branches; bulbs are pushing through; brave flowers are blooming. These glimpses of spring are the promise that winter will not be eternal, they give us hope that summer will come.

In a few short months we will be celebrating Easter. I love the fact that Easter falls during spring in this country as it too gives us hope that new life is on the way. Easter is the proof that Jesus was who he said he was. At Christmas we celebrated the truth that the baby in the manger was Immanuel, God with us. At Easter we see that he is the Lord of Life who came to bring life to the whole earth for the grave could not contain him. Easter is the promise that a day will come when sin and death and war and pain will be no more. But first we travel through the pain and death of Jesus' journey to the cross. Before spring is winter; before resurrection is the cross.

I wonder what life looks like for you and the people you love at the moment. Maybe is it full of joy and reasons to be thankful or maybe it is a dark and painful season. Whether you are living through the death of winter or enjoying the new life of spring, I pray that you would know God's love for you now and that the hope of summer to come will lighten your days.

**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 Lunch



1pm in the Parish Room.  
19<sup>th</sup> February

### Lent Lunches



Light lunch of soup and bread followed by a short reflection.  
26<sup>th</sup> February; 4<sup>th</sup> March; 11<sup>th</sup> March;  
18<sup>th</sup> March; 25<sup>th</sup> March; 1<sup>st</sup> April; 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10-12 in the Parish Room.  
28<sup>th</sup> February; 27<sup>th</sup> March; 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### Meet the Vicar

First Thursday of every month between 8 and 10pm.  
6<sup>th</sup> February; 5<sup>th</sup> March; 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Rebecca will be in The Anchor and looks forward to meeting both church members and 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.

**February:** Lond