

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

VIRAL BULLETIN

17th March 2024

5th Sunday of Lent

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St Joseph of Nazareth (detail from the Epiphany window at St John's by C E Kempe)

Feast Day 19th March

Photo: Myke Clifford

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5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 51.1-13 or 119.9-16 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

Passion Sunday

On this fifth Sunday in Lent we enter Passiontide, which brings changes in our liturgy both in the daily offices and in the eucharist, for a new depth of solemnity. The word 'passion' is evocative, and doubly so with two opposing meanings. The meaning for this season now is very different from the usual one connected with the mundane life of 'getting and striving'.

A 'grand passion' is an overwhelming direction of activity in desire, often with a compulsion to obtain, or collect, for example rare objects. Also, it may be of erotic desire, that strong, intense urge of ardent human love. The words 'passionate' and 'passionately' belong to this meaning. It can extend to devotion to a worthy and unselfish cause, but it is still quite distinct from the Passion of this church season, the Passion of Our Lord.

Passiontide, now upon us, has the overriding emphasis on his suffering. His incarnate earthly life was active, with divine initiative pouring through him, a recognised power. This was either welcomed (usually by the poor and disadvantaged) or it aroused suspicion and antipathy (mainly in the comfortable elite). We know that on some occasions attempts were made to arrest him, which failed. For, as he said, his hour had not yet come.

But come it did, as he knew it must, with a visible reversal of power; now things were done **to** him, to him who had always actively led. Active was turned into passive, and this is the root meaning of Passiontide. In any language the grammar has active and passive moods; 'passive' comes from the Latin 'patior', 'I suffer'. 'Passus sum' is 'I have suffered'. In the Latin creed, used for so many centuries by the Christian Church, still known and used by many in sacred music, are the stark words:

.....Crucifixus.....sub Pontio Pilato. Passus et sepultus est.
(you see the link with 'sepulchre'.) The author of life itself had to accept the extinguishing of his own life.

Every year we keep this remembrance, though the event was once for all time. But in every year there is the cycle of new growth, that will mature to yield a harvest of essential nourishment, for the maintenance of earthly life. Having given of their good substance, the old plants die. Other religions have acknowledged this perpetual movement from death in the old year leading to new life in the new. Linking this annual provision with the sacred representative nature of their sovereign ruler, some ancient cultures would annually kill their

king in the springtime, and crown a successor, to ensure a fresh harvest that year and the people's continuing life.

We need to see the fundamental difference in this from the Christian account of a once-for-all event in that unique Passion, or suffering to death, which goes beyond this world. But Our Lord himself, in today's Gospel passage, used the symbolic illustration of the unavoidable need of seed to disintegrate in order to germinate and flourish with new life. 'Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains but a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.' And not only he, but anyone willing to hazard their life in this world, in his service, will reap eternal life and the Father's honouring.

In the teaching document called the Didache, of the late 1st century, are words we may use in preparing the altar:

'As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth, into your kingdom.'

The world today has a renewed consciousness, with its growing populations, of the importance of food fairly provided from the earth. 'No farmers, no food' is now being newly shouted at us. There needs to be a balance and consideration for the needs of the earth itself. And there is a balance always needed of the physical with the spiritual for human well-being. We should remember, for our survival, that every good thing comes from God the Creator. In our worship we receive spiritual food which is inextricably part of physical life. A poem by John Masefield, entitled 'The Everlasting Mercy', contains these lines:

..... O Christ, who holds the open gate,
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,
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And Thou wilt bring the young green corn
The young green corn divinely springing
The young green corn for ever singing;
.....
The corn that makes the holy bread
By which the soul of man is fed,
The holy bread, the food unpriced,
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ.

In the grimness of Passiontide, as we draw closer once more to the extreme and profound suffering Our Lord endured upon the cross for our sake, more than ever does the Eucharist embody for us God's new Covenant of the everlasting mercy.

Marianne Atkinson

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 17 MARCH

SUNDAY 17 March 5th SUNDAY OF LENT Passiontide begins

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Matins (BCP)	Timworth
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham All Saints
10.00am	All Age Worship (gathering at 9.15am)	West Stow
10.30am	All Age Worship	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Monday 18 March Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith

Tuesday 19 March JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham St Martin
6.00pm	Solemn Eucharist	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 20 March Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 21 March Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556

9.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
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Friday 22 March

5.30pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
6.00pm	Stations of the Cross	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Saturday 23 March

10.00am	Lent Course: Bread of Life	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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SUNDAY 24 March PALM SUNDAY Holy Week begins

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Culford
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham St Martin
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Flempton

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP

The Parish Eucharist is usually live-streamed from St John's on Sundays at 11am on Facebook [@StJohnsBSE](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBSE) and later posted onto www.northburychurches.org.uk

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES 24-29 MARCH

SUNDAY 24 March PALM SUNDAY Holy Week begins

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Culford
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham St Martin
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Flempton

Monday 25 March Monday of Holy Week

9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Compline	Lackford

Tuesday 26 March Tuesday of Holy Week

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Compline	West Stow

Wednesday 27 March Wednesday of Holy Week

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Compline	Flempton

Thursday 28 March MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.00am	Chrism Eucharist	St Edmundsbury Cathedral
6.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper (CW)	
	<i>preceded by supper at 5.30pm</i>	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper (CW)	Culford
8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper (CW) with Washing of Feet, <i>Procession to Altar of Repose, Watch 'til Midnight.</i>	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Friday 29 March GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am	Stations of the Cross	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Matins (BCP)	Timworth
10.30am	Churches Together Walk of Witness	gathering at the Cathedral
2.00pm	Liturgy of Good Friday (CW)	Culford
2.00pm	Liturgy of Good Friday (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

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EASTER WEEK SERVICES 30 MARCH - 7 APRIL

Saturday 30 March EASTER EVE

8.00pm Team Easter Eve Ceremonies (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

SUNDAY 31 March EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) St George's, Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

10.00am Benefice Eucharist (CW) Fornham All Saints

11.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Monday 1 April Monday of Easter Week

6.00pm Eucharist (CW)
Jesus appears to the women St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Tuesday 2 April Tuesday of Easter Week

6.00pm Eucharist (CW)
Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 3 April Wednesday of Easter Week

8.30am Morning Prayer (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Eucharist (CW)
The Road to Emmaus St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 4 April Thursday of Easter Week

11.00am Eucharist (BCP)
Jesus appears to the Apostles All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

Friday 5 April Friday of Easter Week

5.30pm Evening Prayer (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

6.00pm Eucharist (CW)
Jesus by the sea of Tiberias St John's, Bury St Edmunds

SUNDAY 7 April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) St George's, Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Timworth

10.00am All Age Worship Fornham All Saints

10.00am Eucharist (CW) West Stow

11.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

3.00pm Wonder Club Lackford

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CAPTION COMPETITION RESULT



A good selection of entries this week, including:

Little did the Team Rector know that whilst he was singing that "the wise man built his house upon the rock" the Team Vicar had already arranged the hosepipe for when "the rain came tumbling down."
(Mr Edwin L Lear)

The new Ikea self-assembly pews weren't quite what Fr Andy expected ...
(Mary McGuire)

"Don't worry Rector, the new credence table may look a bit rickety, but I doubt it needs a faculty."
(Mr Edwin L Lear)

The new pedestals for flower arrangements hadn't arrived in time so the Vicar had to improvise.
(Mary McGuire)

Andy with his interpretation of Equivalent VIII**.
(Gina Robertson)

The Team Rector was a little concerned when he saw the visual aid the Diocese had provided to show the current state of clergy job security.
(Mr Edwin L Lear)

Although the Team Rector was happy with his assembly of the plate-stand, he was wondering if he may have been missing a few screws.
(Steve Robertson)

And the winner is Hugh Belsey with:

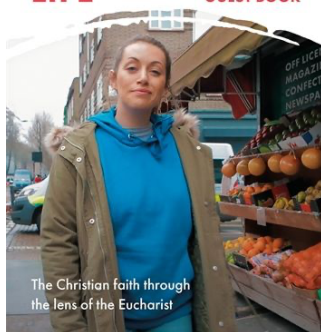
Confronted by a tower of shortbread fingers, Andy has noticed that those on the top are way past their sell-by date.

**** Gina reminds us that this is the correct name for the sculpture by Carl Andre, one of a series of eight, also known as the Tate Gallery's "pile of bricks".**

LARK VALLEY NORTH BURY TEAM BENEFICE

BREAD OF LIFE

GUEST BOOK



BREAD OF LIFE

A 6 session course for Lent

Saturdays, 10am, St John's, Bury St Edmunds

17th and 24th February

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

Each session stands alone

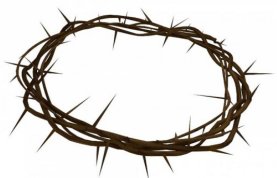
For more info, phone Revd Ali Miller: 01284 728714

Bring your faith to life this Lent!

This year we are doing the **Bread of Life** course - six sessions all at 10am at St John's, Bury St Edmunds. Each session is stand-alone, so it's not an issue if people cannot make all of them. The course is free and open to everyone. We'll watch videos, listen to short talks, and have time for discussion with opening and closing prayers. We'll be looking at themes of togetherness, reconciliation, scripture, prayer, Christ's presence, and mission and how this relates to the Eucharist. It is a great way to deepen our faith!

Ali Miller

The MEAD SINGERS



proudly present

SONGS FROM THE PASSION

with accompanying narration

at St George's Church,
Anselm Avenue, IP32 6JZ

3pm on Sunday 17th March

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Followed by hot cross buns &  
refreshments.

Donations for St George's Church

## KIRBYE VOICES



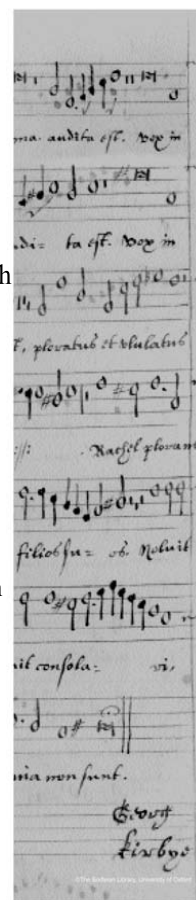
Reflective choral music with  
Kirbye Voices and friends

To include music by  
Purcell, Poulenc,  
Mozart and Elgar

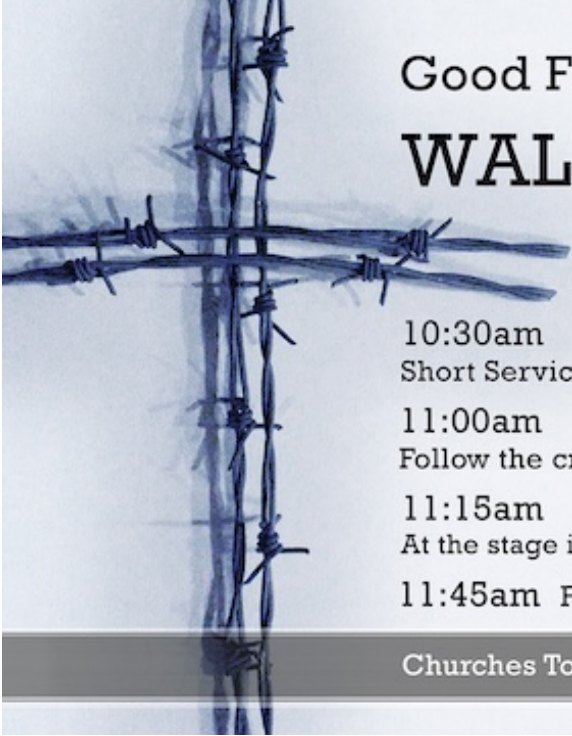
Thursday 21 March, 7:30pm  
St John's Church  
St John's Street  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP33 1JY

Retiring collection

[www.kirbyvoices.org.uk](http://www.kirbyvoices.org.uk)







Good Friday 29th March 2024

# WALK OF WITNESS

10:30am

Short Service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

11:00am

Follow the cross. Silent procession into town.

11:15am

At the stage in Market Square. Speaker Emma Denton.

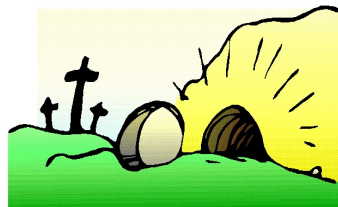
11:45am Finish.

Churches Together Bury St Edmunds and District



## The Wonder Club

**Story**  
**Wondering**  
**Craft**  
**Prayer**  
**Cake**



**St**  
**Lawrence,**  
**Lackford**  
**7<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm**

# Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

## Praying Together ~ April 2024

### ***For the wider community and church***

- 1 M All affected badly by cost of living difficulties
- 2 T Homeless people; Tayfen House & Britannia House
- 3 W All who work in and visit the King's Forest
- 4 T For our initiatives in dealing with the climate change emergency
- 5 F Lark Valley farms and all who walk on the Lark Valley Path  
and St Edmunds Way
- 6 S All Saints' Church, Wordwell (Churches Conservation Trust)
- 7 S All who live in Wordwell
- 8 M Moseley's Farm Business Centre
- 9 T All who live in Fornham St Genevieve
- 10 W Hall Farm Business Park
- 11 T Park Farm Business Centre
- 12 F All who take care of the fabric of our churches
- 13 S All who visit our churches as tourists
- 14 S All those preparing for baptism, marriage or confirmation
- 15 M All whose funerals have taken place recently
- 16 T All who mourn
- 17 W West Stow Country Park & Kings Forest Caravan Park
- 18 T West Stow Club
- 19 F St Mary's Church, West Stow
- 20 S *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at West Stow
- 21 S All who live in West Stow
- 22 M Sports clubs & golf courses
- 23 T Fullers Mill Garden; Chimney Mills Gallery
- 24 W *The Suffolk Wildlife Trust* at Lackford Lakes
- 25 T St Lawrence's Church, Lackford
- 26 F *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Lackford
- 27 S All who live in Lackford
- 28 S All our Clergy, our Reader & Lay Elders
- 29 M For vocations to the ordained and other ministries
- 30 T That our congregations may grow in faith and numbers

# CAPTION COMPETITION

A choice of fairtrade wine or chocolate awaits the person providing the winning caption for this photograph (*with thanks to Ali Miller*).



Please send in your entries by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
to the Viral Bulletin at [adrian.mann@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian.mann@btinternet.com)

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## From the Registers

### Holy Baptism

|                           |                        |                      |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> February | Elijah Harry Dow       | St Mary's, West Stow |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Sofia Rosaline Beckett | Fornham All Saints   |

### Funerals

|                           |                       |                                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20 <sup>th</sup> February | Patrick William Smith | St George's & Borough Cemetery |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March     | Lillian Amy Currell   | St John's & WSC                |

WSC - West Suffolk Crematorium

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*We also have assistance from priests within the benefice with permission to officiate.*

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## Please don't forget ...

to let Julie Hooton [NBTLVB@outlook.com](mailto:NBTLVB@outlook.com)  
and the 'Viral Bulletin' [adrian.mann@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian.mann@btinternet.com)

have details of events which have happened  
and events which are coming up at your church.

And your photos are always welcome, jpeg or png format preferred.

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