

NOTICES



St Michael with St Mary

Gorhambury House and Gardens - Events 2024

- **Gorhambury Garden tours with Head Gardener, Gill Hewis**
10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. on 25th April & 1st May (spring bulb and rhododendron special events); **11th & 18th June, 30th July & 19th September.**
Tickets cost **£30** per person. (**Please note that there are several steps to be navigated**)
- **Gorhambury House tours led by Viscountess Grimston**
10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. on 1st & 8th October
Tickets cost **£40** per person. (**Please note that there are stone steps and uneven floors throughout the mansion**)

Admission to all events is by pre-booked ticket only. Please email Olivia Berry for more information and to book tickets - office@grimstontrust.co.uk

Before the **Annual Meetings on 19th May**, the parish **Electoral Roll** needs to be revised, and it is **now open for revision**. Please note that:

- If you are already a member of the Roll, you do not need to complete a form.
- If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, and not yet on the Roll, please take an Electoral Roll Application Form from the back of either church, fill it in, and return to the Parish Office at the Vicarage. Membership of the Electoral Roll gives you voting rights at parish meetings and helps keep our pastoral contacts up to date.

Services this Week

All services take place at St Michael's unless otherwise stated.

Sunday, 7th April 2024: Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday, 10th April

10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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Sunday, 14th April 2024: Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

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Welcome to our service this morning. Junior church is not meeting today so please feel free to use the children's corner in the north aisle or the Tower Room if you need privacy (e.g. nappy change) which has a sound relay of the service.

Toilets are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard; please see a steward for access. All are welcome to stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

Collect

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

New Testament Reading: Acts 4: 32-45

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accept the offerings of your people and bring us to eternal redemption. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- the recently baptized and confirmed
- the joy of Easter may fill the whole world
- those who are ill, including:, Nicola Cann, Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, Alison Munro, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Mike Clasby and Rhoda Limebear, and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Courage to live one's faith as a witness to others*