



26 APRIL 2026

With prayer & faith in God we seek to engage with the community - inside we enrich & equip: outside we give & care.

A warm "Welcome Home" from Rev Sally Letman and everyone at St Mary's!

**TODAY'S LINK NEWSLETTER FOR:
26 APRIL 2026 to 17 MAY**

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WORSHIP TIMELINE

St Mary's is open for private prayer every day.

2026

26 Apr, 9.30am, St John's, *Family Service*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion*
and recommissioning of Elders led by Rev Sally

29 Apr, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

3 May, 9.30am, St John's, *Holy Communion.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion*

6 May, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

10 May, 9.30am, St John's, *Morning Prayer.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion & Baptism.*

13 May, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

17 May, 9.30am, St John's, *Holy Communion.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Family Service on*
"Chaplaincy": Led by Jenny

18 May, 2.00pm St Mary's Hall. *Compassionate Cafe*

19 May, 12.30pm, St Mary's *Luncheon Club*

20 May, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

24 May, 9.30am, St John's, *Family Service.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion*
led by *Rev Anthony Lurie.*

27 May, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion.*

31 May, 9.30am, St John's, *Morning Prayer.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*
Led by *Rev Sally*

6.30pm, *Churches Together at Methodist Church.*



NEW TESTAMENT READINGS 26 APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2: 42 to end.

The Fellowship of the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 10: 1-10

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate

for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, *"Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.*

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."



Sally's Reflection

Acts 2: 42-end, John 10: 1-10.

"Heavenly Father, through weak human words, give us grace to hear your true and living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord" Amen

I wonder how good you are at queuing? There will be expert queuers amongst you, there will be ranters, irritated people and rude people who push through and tut loudly!

The EU's new digital border system has everyone complaining about 3 hour waits, there are additional steps, scans, fingerprints and a photo before you even get to a border guard.

Going through the right gate takes control and discipline even when you are tempted to climb over the wall and shout loudly.

Though our Easter readings over the past weeks, we have seen Jesus speaking to lots of people, to Mary, who came in the dark and found the grave empty. She came in belief, and to slowly understand.

She asks the man she believes is the gardener, '*Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him*'. Then Jesus spoke and called her, '*Mary*'.



The outsiders, on the road to Emmaus, they listened to Jesus' voice without recognising him, until the moment he broke bread with them.

Jesus is telling us to listen to his voice, to stand in the queue and enter through the gate.

A shepherd can go into a crowded sheepfold and call out for his sheep, one by one and the sheep will come to his voice.

Jesus calls himself the good shepherd because he is a shepherd who personally cares, protects and shows his love for us, by his sacrificial love. He also calls himself the gatekeeper, he guides us through the gate, whilst we grumble and mumble and try to

push to the front.

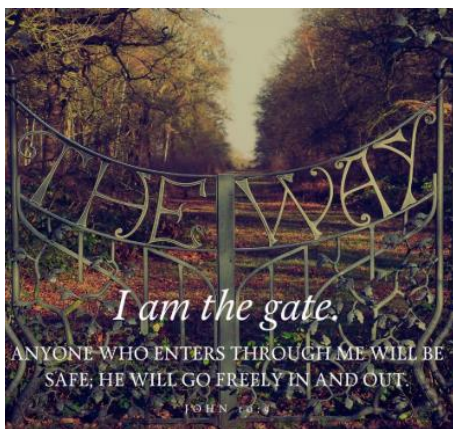
To go through the gate requires patience, fortitude, determination and humility. We can't push, we can only wait and listen, and then our reward will be an abundant life.

In the East, shepherds lie down at night in the gateway, to stop the sheep getting out, and predators getting in.

There are always people who nip over the wall, the bandits and thieves, and who are they? Are they the rulers, the people jostling for power, they are the ones shouting and pushing to the front.

Jesus speaks of himself in the third person, in humility, not as a self-proclaimed King but as the true shepherd, the anointed one. A real King has a response that comes from the heart, when people hear his voice, they follow him.

The shepherd has no interest in himself, he doesn't look after his own interests, his only priority are his sheep. Find a King like that and you are through the gate; you have hit the bingo and found the anointed one.



And what about us queuing at the gate? Have you queued patiently, followed His voice and obeyed the shepherd's voice. To obey his command means we are safe, together as a community, breaking bread, spending time together with glad and generous hearts because, 'The lord is my shepherd, I will not want' - I will be guided, revived, feared no evil, we are comforted and protected, and goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

Amen



Happy Birthday in May to:



- 4 May Elaine Pendorf
- 9 May Kim Osborne
Peter Hollis
- 20 May Jenny Hickley
- 21 May Jim Kelland
- 23 May Carole Cowgill
- 27 May Bob Morrison
- 30 May Karen Rodrigues
Paul W. Pendorf
Patricia Beck

With thanks to Trevor Bailey





**FRIENDS
OF ST
MARY'S CHURCH**



A packed St Mary's Hall celebrated the wines of Germany & Austria.

Following a welcoming drink Jim introduced us to two whites:

- Austrian Wimmer Czerny from Fumberg on the Danube (£12.50 from Mayfly)
- German Wolfer 2020 from Traben-Trarbach on the Mosel (£14.50).

(Right) Thank goodness Christina was on hand to assist with translation. *Vielen dank Christina!*



(Left) more pouring awaiting the sommeliers.

The tasting continued with two reds:

- German Pinot Noir Ziereisen 2023 (£15).
- Austrian Umathum Frauen

kircher, Burgerland. (£30).



The Kelland's wine tasting evenings continue to attract full support.

(Right) Amy gets stuck into calling the raffle winners:





*One prize winner got double helpings - while **another** a single helping (but deserved a medal for bravery in attending so soon post-op)*



(Right) On an evening when wine was paramount, Mel diverted and went for the beer-selection prize.



(Left) On a night of festivity none was more deserved than the vote of thanks to June for her generosity in placing a box of chocolates on each table for her birthday celebration. Here she is toasted by Mel and John.



Immense thanks to Val and Sarah for all the valuable work with comestibles and catering in general. Jim revealed that the total profit of the evening was north of £900 - and all to go to face the impending huge bill for church roof repairs.

(Left) Bob and Linda Morrison enjoy the evening.



And we must give especial thanks to Christina for her creation of the German specialist dish *Teufel zu Pferd* (Devils on horseback). These turned out to be a delightful appetizer that combined the flavours of salty bacon, sweet prunes, and crunchy almonds.



Fourth of May is Churchyard Clean-up Day

Do you remember last year (2025) when Imogen (Magical Owl) led a team of over 20 Brownies and their adult helpers to St Mary's Church to assist Mel and Paul clear weeds from the footway?



(Left) Imogen (junior) assisted Rev Sally in weeding the Easter Garden. While..

(Right) Cheryl did a terrific job mowing the upper churchyard.



(Left) Meanwhile, Imogen (Magical Owl) headed down to the lower churchyard with a wild-flower seeding team...



And later there were much-needed refreshments in the church hall



WELL WERE DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN AND JOIN IMOGEN AND THE BROWNIES FROM 4.00pm to 5.30pm on May Bank Holiday Monday afternoon to bring St Mary's Churchyard into springtime.



CHRISSIE'S GREAT-SHOT PHOTO CORNER

A surprised arrival

or

Peek-a-boo!

Chrissie Hart says:

Whilst visiting northern Sweden last month to capture birds of the north, this Great Tit seemed surprised to see the Greater Spotted Woodpecker already on the tree.



Interesting to see that the Scandinavian version of the Great Spotted Woodpecker and Great Tit appear to be identical to those in the UK.

The woodpecker is a male - shown by the red patch on the back of the head. The female has no red nape. Ed.,





A service of thanksgiving for the lives of
John and Glenda Druce
1934 - 2026

St Giles The Abbot
Farnborough, Kent
April 17 2026

REV JOHN DRUCE & GLENDA DRUCE

We at St Mary's are sorry to hear that Rev John Druce and his wife Glenda have both recently died at Farnborough in Kent.

John frequently took services for us in our interregnum prior to Rev Sally being appointed.

Rev John who was 91-years old, was a priest for over 60 years and inspired many in his incumbencies prior retiring from his final post in East Bergholt.

Glenda was a formidable champion for Christian Aid amongst other things.

Rev John Perry Druce was initially vicar of Walsall Wood (1964-74); then rector of Farnborough (1974-87); East Bergholt (1987-99); and priest-in-charge of Bentley with Tattingstone (1995-99).

It is envisaged that a memorial service will be held at St Mary's Hadleigh "sometime in the future".



WELL DONE JULIE!!



Julie says:

"The

Friends Quiz Night on Friday 27

March was a huge success with all tables taken and a total of £478 raised for our charity on the night".



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**DONATIONS
URGENTLY
WANTED!**



Sue and Julie say:

St Mary's Church is organising a **Fashion Show** in September (*date to be confirmed*) of pre-loved clothing, accessories, shoes and handbags and would appreciate any donations of good quality items you no longer wear. Male, Female or teens.

Either drop of in church hallway or call:
Sue 07773042910 or Julie 07539249234 to
arrange pick up.

Watch this space for future updates

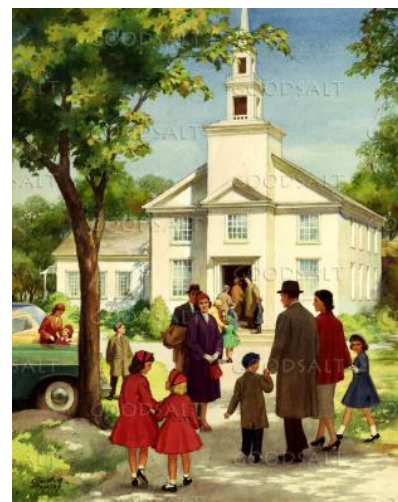
Many thanks in advance, Sue Dale and Julie
Wardley



Trying to increase attendance is biggest challenge for church leaders

A survey of church leaders has suggested that the most pressing concern remains how to grow attendance, while others include improving discipleship and engaging younger generations.

The Christian Resources Exhibition surveyed 147 church leaders in the areas of administration, youth, worship and building management, with the aim of providing more focused content for its exhibition this October.



When asked what their greatest challenges were, the most common responses (62%) were growing the church's attendance, discipleship and engaging younger generations.

Nearly half (47%) said that community outreach and mission was their greatest challenge, with 42% citing financial sustainability and fundraising as a major issue. Two in five (41%) said leadership development and burnout were their main challenge, while over a third (39%) said church buildings and maintenance.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, when asked where they would most like practical support and training, the answers were similar.

Over half (53%) said they wanted practical support with church growth and evangelism, 43% said community engagement and social action, 37% asked for help with youth, children and families, leadership and wellbeing, while 27% most wanted help with building projects and grants.

The survey is intended to improve the effectiveness of the October conference by providing church leaders with what they most need. The vast majority (77%) said they wanted practical takeaways that could be immediately implemented, while just over a third (38%) said they hoped to use the exhibition as an opportunity to network with other church leaders.



The exhibition will feature a two-day Church Leaders Conference, which will be moderated by Andy Flannagan (pic left), executive director of Christians in Politics.

Flannagan said, "Church leaders are navigating incredibly complex cultural, pastoral and organisational challenges.

"I'm really looking forward to hosting the Church Leaders Conference. This is about listening well to church leaders and shaping a programme that genuinely supports them in the realities of ministry today."





Bob identifies the mystery artist of our superb Madonna & Child picture on the vestry wall.



When Bob and Linda Morrison donated the picture to St Mary's upon the death of Linda's mum (who had displayed it in her bedroom for years), the church was delighted to receive it. It shows a very tender Virgin Mary and a joyful Jesus painted in the unmistakable Art Nouveau style - but who was the artist? Is it an original painting - and does it have any intrinsic value? Art Nouveau (c. 1890-1910) is defined (as here) by its organic, sinuous lines inspired heavily by nature, featuring stylized flora and fauna to bring beauty into daily life

Bob sought the view of the resident art expert at the auctioneers Bishop & Miller of Stowmarket. He was advised that the artist was **Joseph Leydencker** a pioneering American illustrator, whose work defined early 20th-century visual culture, producing over 400 magazine covers and iconic advertising imagery.

Joseph Christian Leydencker was born on March 23, 1874, in Montabaur, Germany, In 1882, the family immigrated to Chicago, Illinois, where Leydencker began his artistic training. As a teenager, he apprenticed at J. Manz & Company, a Chicago printing and engraving firm, while attending night classes at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He later studied drawing and anatomy under John Vanderpoel and, along with his brother Frank, attended the Académie Julian in Paris from 1895 to 1897, where he was influenced by European artists such as Toulouse-Lautrec and Alphonse Mucha. He died in 1951.

Bob learnt that our picture is in fact a print (by the expert assessing the brush strokes) - which in no way lessens the symbolic value of this beautiful portrayal to all who worship in St Mary's - or indeed those who merely visit.

(Below) more work by Joseph Leydencker.....



ST MARY'S CHURCH IS:



The Great St Marys Melt Down continues

Jim Kelland explains this important new fundraising initiative:

Here at St Marys, we are starting to oil the wheels of the mission that has been set before us.

Raising funds for the new repairs that the church requires are starting in earnest.

One such way you can help is to have a look around for any pieces of gold jewellery.

We are looking literally for any odd pieces: broken items, odd earrings or cufflinks and the like,

We are not looking for anything that is precious to you but things that you have forgotten about sitting in a drawer somewhere.

We have had our first melt and will be collecting throughout the whole process.

May thanks in advance

STOP PRESS!! - to date Jim has converted almost £10,000 of your gold into cash savings towards the roof repairs.

PLEASE KEEP SEARCHING FOR THAT OLD UNWANTED GOLD!

If you have something to donate, please contact Jim Kelland on 07803133183





NEWS from the PEWS

'Breakfast on the Beach'
Booking at: Maggie3@btinternet.com



Messy Church
All Welcome

Families
Friends
Prayer
Games
Songs
Bible Stories
Hot Food
Fun
Crafts

Kids don't forget to bring an adult!

It's FREE!
Donations Welcome

SATURDAY 2nd MAY.
3.30-5.30PM
Capel Methodist Church

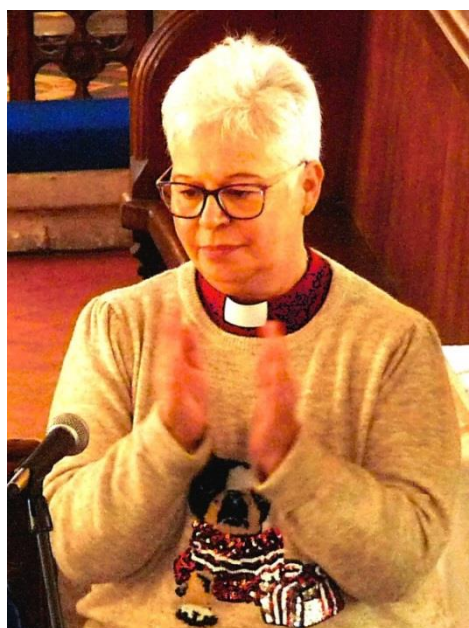
With thanks to Maggie Boswell





COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS CAFÉ

At St Mary's Church Hall has its next meeting on Monday 18 May @ 2.00pm

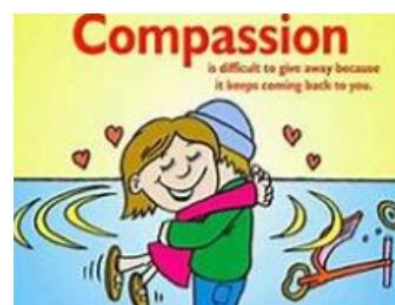


Rev Sally says:

Our compassionate café has become The In-place to share our stories with each other, with people who understand what it means to lose someone you love.

There is much chatting, laughter, reminiscing and cake enjoyed by all. The café enables us to help each other - and build a community together.

The next Café is on 18 May at 2.00pm. Do come and bring a friend. You will leave feeling better! Rev Sally x





Beverley announces a "Big Success" for St Mary's Church's inaugural

MAKE & MINGLE

Starting Wednesday 8 April on a monthly basis.

From 1.30pm to 3.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.



Beverley says: "This is an

opportunity for us to come together for two hours to Make and/or Mingle.

"At our first meeting eight of us came together and we had a go at decoupage and some people worked on their own projects. Good conversations over tea and biscuits.

Next meeting 6 May at 1.30pm

Knitting, crochet, sewing, cross stitch, tapestry, decoupage, banner making or anything you enjoy making.

Bring your own craft project to do while chatting, share your skills with others and just have fun or come and have a go.

If you are not into craft making just come and enjoy some company.

Open to all - No charge just a donation towards tea and coffee.

REGARDS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! BEVERLEY



DO YA WANNA BUILD A SCARECROW?

For the 2026 Capel St Mary Scarecrow Trail - Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th June



It can be as sophisticated or simple as you like and there are no themes so anything goes. Here are some of the Scarecrows from the last few years that got voted for as Favourite Scarecrows, and the positions they achieved - "No rest for the wicket" 1st, "Men at Work" 2nd (as you can see, just some inflatable Mr Men, a ladder, and some clever imagination), "Take It Off" 2nd, "Thank you for bringing this in" 1st, "Who came to tea?" 3rd (Pretty simple but the children loved it. In case you hadn't guessed, it was the Tiger).

If you have made a Scarecrow in the last two years, we will be contacting you in April to ask if you would like to make one again this year.

If you haven't made one before but would like to have a go, please either Message me, Jim Hill, on 07951 411720 or email me at jim.hill1@live.co.uk NB Don't miss out the "1" or your email will disappear into the ether and you will NOT get a failure notification. Please provide your name, street address, mobile number and email. Myself or my wife Mo, will then be in touch to answer any questions you may have. Any contact information you provide will be held for Scarecrow Trail use only.

Jim Hill

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With thanks to Jim Hill





**LADIES MEETING
POINT - 2026
NEWS UPDATE**



Ondra Butler Says:

As you know we have decided to meet during the summer months only this year. Hopefully this will encourage more ladies to come along, as we appreciate that turning out on dark cold winter evenings is not so appealing.

The committee remains the same and volunteers for prayers, vote of thanks and refreshments would be appreciated.

The charge for membership will be £5, plus £2.50 per meeting. Guests will be charged £4. These charges will hopefully cover ongoing expenses. Below is the planned programme and we hope that you and any friends will support this group.

2026

- APRIL 7. Truffle Making. *Val Bridgeman*
- MAY 5. The Role of a Parish Nurse. *Caroline Ursell*
- JUNE 2. Women of Felixstowe. *Catherine Buchanan*
- JULY 7. The Canary Girls - Muniton workers *Sandra Gold-Wood*
- AUG 4. More Royal Occasions. *Ken Stone*
- SEPT 1. AGM & Fish & Chip Lunch
- DEC 1st. Christmas Lunch



BENTLEY'S FIRST VEHICLE SHOW

Village Vehicles - Cars at the Case

This summer, we are organising Bentley's first vehicle show.

If you have an interesting (classic, rare, restored, unusual or just plain loved) vehicle (car, tractor, motorbike, scooter, commercial, military) it would be great if you could park it on the village playing field on **Sunday, 5 July**.



We hope this will be an occasion which the village families and their friends can turn out for and enjoy. Sponsored by our community pub, the Case, and agreed by the Playing Field Trustees, the pub and garden will be open for refreshments and a seat, there will be a BBQ to enjoy, the community shop will be open - and of course we hope there will be many interesting vehicles to be amazed by on the field.

It will be free to park your car, tractor, motorbike, scooter, commercial or military vehicle and free for all to visit, though donations to the Case charity of the year will be encouraged. More details on this later.

So, save the date: Sunday 5 July 2026!

We will welcome vehicles for display by 10.30 am, and earlier if possible; visitors from 11.00 am; with the event closing at 15.00 (3 pm). These times are flexible but it is important that we minimise vehicle movements while visitors are around. More information will be available soon but if you have a vehicle you might be prepared to bring along to the show, please get in touch – carsatthecase@gmail.com.



MELISSA'S NATURE PAGE



Singing love down from the sky

There are worse things to come back from a brief holiday in Tuscany to than an English April.

In Suffolk the bluebells, which were just beginning to appear before I left, are now in flower, and the little woods and copses where they grow are footed in an ultraviolet haze; when the breeze drops and the sun warms them, the perfume

is delicate but very beautiful.

The wild garlic is coming out too, and with it the yellow archangel, and the margins of many of our village lanes are constellated with greater stitchwort.

The roadside daffs may be fading, but we no longer need them: like the boosters that fall away from a rocket, their job of powering us into spring is done, and we have our own momentum now.



My friend in the next village heard her first nightingale of the year while I was in Italy, and I hope this week to hear mine.

Each year there are four or five pairs at a Woodland Trust site near me, and usually we'll hear one or two more in open countryside.

The males arrive first and choose a good location, usually - depending on its condition, and whether he has competition - close to wherever he bred the previous year. Straight away he begins his loud and long nocturnal recitals to attract the attention of females flying in: a tiny, dun bird, black eyes wide in the darkness, singing love down from the sky.



Once he has found a mate the night-time singing all but stops, bar dawn and dusk; you will hear them during the daytime sending out short volleys of song, but without a practiced ear it can be hard to disentangle, at this time of year, from all the other birdsong going on.

So to hear a male in full voice it's good to go at night, when nothing else is singing, and early in the season, before they have

all paired up.

Not all do, of course; one year, when I lived in another village, a nightingale sang all summer from a thicket very close to the A12.

Although it was wonderful to hear him - and I could, from my bedroom - it was heart-breaking to know he hadn't found a partner and that in all likelihood the sound of the traffic had drowned him out.

Nightingales are vulnerable in so many ways. They're already at the northern edge of their breeding range here, so they've always been more concentrated in southern counties, but that range has been contracting and their numbers falling for decades and it's thought that only around 5,500 pairs breed on these islands now.

They nest very close to the ground and need thick scrub to protect them: blackthorn is good, or banks of bramble, or the dense understory that can form in woods. But we've been tidying up what's dismissively termed 'scrub', and a barely controlled deer explosion has done the rest, removing the kind of thickety fastnesses nightingales need.

And we allow our dogs to go crashing about in the undergrowth (*I've been guilty of this*) which makes fewer and fewer places feel safe for them to nest.

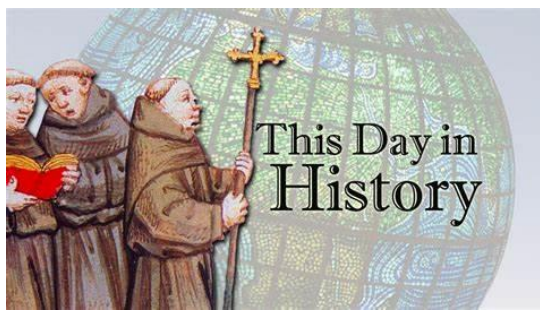


And as their song fades we hear instead the loudening hum of a growing catastrophe: for nightingales are insectivores and insect numbers are crashing, with study after study showing terrifying declines. We could lose our few remaining night-time singers for good, and it might not be long now.

Little sacrifices to human indifference: our own, all but literal, canaries in the mine.

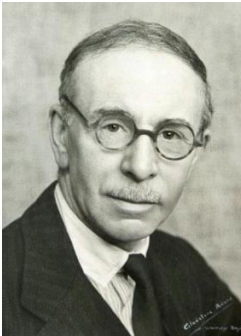
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26 APRIL 1908

A Geordie invents the Windscreen Wiper



It's snowing so hard, today in 1908, as Mr Gladstone Adams motors back to Newcastle after visiting London to watch the FA Cup Final that he has to stop continually to clear snow from his windscreen.

In a bad mood anyway (Newcastle United lost 3-1 to Wolverhampton Wanderers) he eventually becomes so exasperated that he folds down the windscreen altogether - and then gets so cold, he vows to do something about it.

When he gets home he invents the windscreen wiper.

Adams registers the patent for his invention in 1911, but numerous others later claim the idea. Prince Henry of Russia fits a hand-operated rubber wiper to his Benz car when he sets off from Hamburg to London in 1911, while in America Mary Anderson files a patent operated rubber wiper blade as early as 1905.



Adams has great difficulty in interesting anyone in his invention, and wipers don't become standard equipment until 1916.

"Automatic" wipers arrive after the First World War, frequently vacuum-operated so that they slow down or speed up with engine speed.

The major British importer reports selling six in 1920, but in 1924, when companies like Sunbeam and Daimler start fitting them, they finally catch on.



Clock-O'-Clay (A Poem for Springtime)

In the cowslip pips I lie,
Hidden from the buzzing fly,
While green grass beneath me lies,
Pearled with dew like fishes' eyes,
Here I lie, a clock-o'-clay,
Waiting for the time o' day.

While the forest quakes surprise,
And the wild wind sobs and sighs,
My home rocks as like to fall,
On its pillar green and tall;
When the pattering rain drives by
Clock-o'-clay keeps warm and dry.

Day by day and night by night,
All the week I hide from sight;
In the cowslip pips I lie,
In the rain still warm and dry;
Day and night, and night and day,
Red, black-spotted clock-o'-clay.

My home shakes in wind and showers,
Pale green pillar topped with flowers,
Bending at the wild wind's breath,
Till I touch the grass beneath;
Here I live, lone clock-o'-clay,
Watching for the time of day.

John Clare (1793-1864)

Clock-o'-Clay is a colloquial country term for Ladybirds favoured by John Clare. Since this spring seems to be a bumper one for both ladybirds and cowslips I thought it would be fun to retell this appropriate poem by our greatest green-poet.
Ed.,



ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS - with thanks to Valerie Franklin

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Maundy Thursday 19.00 Compline	Good Friday 09.30 Walk of Witness 19.00 Compline	Holy Saturday 19.00 Compline
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10.45 Easter Sunday/Christening Rev Adrian		19.30 Ladies Meeting Point	10.00 Midweek Communion		19.00 Wine Evening	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10.45 Easter 2 Communion 14.30-17.30 Irish Set Dancing	10.00-12.30 Art Club 18.15-19.30 Brownies	11.00 Funeral 18.00-19.00 Rainbows	10.00 Midweek Communion 17.00-20.00 Street Dance	9.30-10.30 Pilates 18.15-19.30 Qi Gong		
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ST MARY'S PRAYER LIST



FOR 26 APRIL 2026

We pray for all the conflicts in the world, especially the war in the Middle East and Ukraine.

We continue to pray for David Jacobs as he bravely travels back and forth to Ukraine.

Please continue prayer support for Becky Garland the new East Bergholt school chaplain.

LONG-TERM SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Pat Gladwin, Becky Carpendale, Rachael Martin, Brenda Green, Zoe and family.

SICK

Kevin Austin, Penny & David Thompson, Rev Stephne, Molly & Mike Johannsen, Sandy Mansfield, Geoff Cox, Pauline Stark, Andrew Skinner, Barbara Rogers, Doreen Parker. Eric Doe, Malcolm & Chris Fenn, Peter Ellis (Methodist), Angie Heath, Jane Hubert, Rosie Waller, Norman Peartree, Canon Jim Pendorf & Sharon Pendorf

FOR THOSE MAKING A RECOVERY

Shirley Streatfield, Laura Towells, Zena Steward, Carol Cowgill, Rev Sally Letman

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Pauline Doshier



Please contact Maureen Hill mo.hill02@live.co.uk

For new entries - or if people have made a recovery.

And with thanks to St Mary's Prayer Team





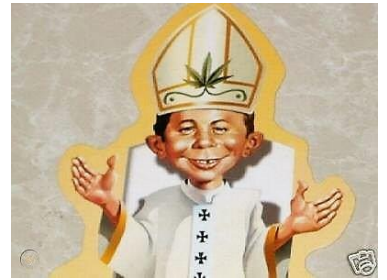
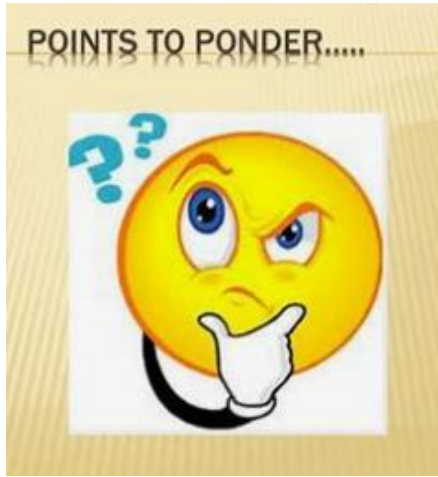
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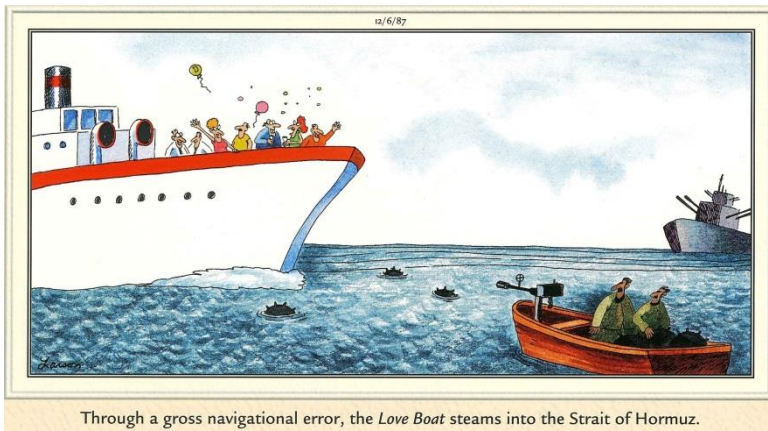
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2 May	Eileen Bywater	2017
4 May	John Reginald Ling	2009
5 May	Graham Moore	2019
6 May	Alexander Perry	2000
	Clarice Rita King	2006
	Colin Arthur Hurcombe	2007
10 May	Clara Evelyn Lawes	2016
15 May	Doris Winifred Allbutt	2000
18 May	Hazel Rowena Cowan	2008
20 May	Eileen Helen Maud Campany	1997
	Charles Broyden	2011
23 May	Graham Whybrow	2021
25 May	Christine Ann Finnegan	2020
28 May	Margaret Mann	2020
29 May	Kathleen Nunn	2019





Archaeological Dig Uncovers Ancient Race Of Skeleton People



Through a gross navigational error, the Love Boat steams into the Strait of Hormuz.



(Left) It's good to see that some stores are now using teenager mannequins



Inside a nuclear power plant

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***AND FINALLY- HOW WE INTERPRET THOSE CONFUSING
MEDIEVAL PAINTINGS***

When you work in the service industry and someone starts his sentence with "I know you are really busy, but...."



I was told that after a vasectomy I wouldn't have kids anymore. Imagine my shock when I got home and they were still there.....



Celebrate Columbus Day the right way - go into someone's house and tell them you live there now



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