

THE PARISH OF MALDON ST. MARY WITH MUNDON

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Sunday 21 <sup>ª</sup> April:	10am Parish Mass - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Andrew Gloria: Throne, Psalm: 23, Mass: McMillan, Organist: TB
	Anthem: Brother James Air (Junior Choir)
	Laudate: 960, 971, 809, 807.
Monday 22 <sup>™</sup> April:	10am to 12noon Harbour Coffee morning, 6pm to 7pm Yoga in Octagon
Tuesday 23 <sup>™</sup> April:	ST GEORGE 10am Mass, 6pm M3HA Fitting Out in Octagon
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April:	10am Little Earthlings Parent & Baby
	Choir Practice: Junior 6pm - 7pm, Seniors 7:15pm – 8:30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April:	5 - 6pm Gentle Yoga in the Octagon, 7:30pm Finance Meeting
Friday 26 <sup>™</sup> April:	9:30am Church Cleaning and Flowers
Saturday 27 <sup>™</sup> April:	
Sunday 28 <sup>™</sup> April:	10am Parish Mass – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

aster celebration continues: The 'Queen of Seasons' lasts 50 days - and each Sunday is a 'little Easter'. Today is called Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday: In the Gospel Jesus describes himself as a shepherd, as prefigured in Psalm 23, which we will hear after the first reading. Jesus calls his sheep (that is his followers, such as us) by name. We pray that we will know his voice and follow him where he leads: in other words, know and follow our vocation.

<u>VOCATIONS:</u> There is no greater joy than to follow Christ. The Church of England is encouraging all Christians to think about their vocation, and, as part of this, whether they may be called to licensed lay ministry or ordination. In the past two years the number of people entering training for ordination has grown by a fifth. This is a testimony to the Church responding to the work of the Spirit. Please do get in touch with Fr. Andrew and together discern what God might be calling you to.

<u>A CALL TO LIGHT UP THE WORLD IN PRAYER</u>: From Ascension Day (May 9<sup>th</sup>) to Pentecost (May 19<sup>th</sup>), Fr. Andrew is asking everyone to join in Prayers for the mission of God in Maldon, Latchingdon, Mayland and in the wider communion.

Have you considered joining the PCC and help shape the future of the Fishermen's Church for the next 1000 years? For more information, contact Fr. Andrew.

THE FOOD BANK: Please put your donations into the Collection box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Weekly Bulletin items to anthony-aldridge@sky.com or: junedavies1@hotmail.com by Tuesday-Thank you. St Mary's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England. Here we try to practise the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living which is inspired by joyful worship and take seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this inclusive community of health and