



THE PARISH OF MALDON ST. MARY WITH MUNDON

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Sunday 28 TH April:	10am Parish Mass - 5 th Sunday of Easter, Celebrant & Preacher: Revd. Noelle Taylor, Gloria: Throne, Psalm: 22:25-end, Mass: McMillan, Organist: DW Anthem: tba, Laudate: 969,749,302,716.
Monday 29 th April:	10am to 12noon Harbour Coffee morning, 6pm to 7pm Yoga in Octagon
Tuesday 30 th April:	10am Mass, 6pm Craft Group in Octagon
Wednesday 1 st May:	2pm Mothers' Union, Choir Practice: Junior 6pm-7pm, Seniors 7:15pm-8:30pm
Thursday 2 nd May:	8:30am CTIM Morning prayer, 9am CTIM Breakfast in Octagon, 5-6pm Gentle Yoga in the Octagon, 7:30pm PCC
Friday 3 RD May:	9:30am Church Cleaning and Flowers
Saturday 4 th May:	10am to 1pm Coffee morning and light lunches
Sunday 5 th May:	10am All Age Parish Mass - 6 th Sunday of Easter 3:30pm Civic Service and Reception

Easter celebration continues: The 'Queen of Seasons' lasts 50 days - and each Sunday is a 'little Easter'. In today's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the true vine and his followers as the branches. It is an extended analogy - fruiting branches will be pruned so that they bear more fruit, but any branches not bearing fruit will be cut off and burned. To 'bear fruit' we 'branches' must stay connected to the vine so that in life, in death, we triumph only when we abide in him.

A WARM WELCOME and thanks to Revd Noelle Taylor, our principal celebrant and preacher today and Honorary Assistant Priest at All Saints', Maldon.

VOCATIONS: 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.

A CALL TO LIGHT UP THE WORLD IN PRAYER: From Ascension Day (May 9th) to Pentecost (May 19th), 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-aldrige@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 healing.*