



## THE PARISH OF MALDON ST. MARY WITH MUNDON

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Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May:	10AM PARISH MASS FOR the Fourth Sunday of Easter Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeff Burditt Mass: McMillan Anthem: G.F. Handle Art Thou Troubled. Organist: Daivd Wood Hymns: NEH 457, 282, 459, 120. Psalm: 23 12:30pm Burial Ashes, 5pm Service for Christian Aid
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	10am to 2pm Harbour Coffee Morning, 6pm to 7pm Yoga in Octagon
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May:	10am Mass
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Mathais the Apostle</b> 5:45pm Junior choir in Octagon Compline at 9pm on Zoom Login: ID: 865 1236 2519 Passcode: 945504
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May:	9:30am Church cleaning and flowers
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May:	10am Parish Mass for the fifth Sunday of Easter

## Happy Easter

**E**aster continues: The 'Queen of Seasons' lasts 50 days - and each Sunday is a 'little Easter'. Today is called *Good Shepherd Sunday*. After the first reading we will hear Psalm 23, which prefigures Jesus as a shepherd and our Gospel reading is part of the extended sheep/shepherd metaphor: He knows his sheep and they follow him, and he will give them eternal life. And, he says, his sheep hear his voice: Today is also *Vocations Sunday* when we 'sheep' ask to clearly hear God's call to us to serve him in spirit and in truth.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** Fr. Andrew is inviting all members of the congregation to our APCM on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 immediately after Mass. It is gently recommended that you attend not only to hear about the life of the church but to share your thoughts on our mission and ministry here in Maldon and beyond.

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S:** Would you like to be a Friend of St Mary's The Virgin, Maldon's iconic Fisherman's Church? In 2030, St. Mary's, at the heart of Maldon's historic Hythe Quay, will be 900 years old. The last major building works took place in 1886. Time takes its toll, and we want to ensure that this beautiful part of Maldon's heritage still stands at the head of the River Blackwater in another 900 years' time. Can you imagine the skyline of The Hythe without this beautiful and holy place? Join our friend's group and you can help it to bless future generations. Signup sheet at the back of Church, contact Nick Spenceley or churchwardens.

**HABEMUS PAPAM!** Cardinal Robert Prevost was elected as the 266th successor to St Peter on Thursday last week and has taken the name Pope Leo XIV. We rejoice with the Church Catholic and pray that the Holy Father may be a focus of unity and Universal Pastor for all Christians.

**THE FOOD BANK LOCATED AT THE ELIM CHURCH,** please give generously to our local food bank to support struggling families and friends. Items needed; every tin of soup, packet of cereal, jar of coffee is welcomed with joy and appreciation. - remember every little helps thank you.

Weekly Bulletin items to [anthony-aldrige@sky.com](mailto:anthony-aldrige@sky.com) or: [june.davies@stmarysmaldon.org.uk](mailto:june.davies@stmarysmaldon.org.uk) 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.*