

WAVENEY VALLEY CATHOLIC PARISH



St Benet Beccles, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Gillingham,

St Edmund Bungay, St Thomas More Harleston

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NEWSLETTER for the WEEKEND April 11th/12th 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER– YEAR A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 42 - 47

'All who believed were together and held all things in common'

Response to the Psalm: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading: First Letter of St. Peter 1: 3 - 9
'Though you do not see him you believe in him and so rejoice...'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You believed Thomas because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet have believed! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31 'Eight days later, Jesus came''



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Michael Gregory, Giffer Ayton, Herbert Sayer, Pat Freeland, Bede Falkner, Sr Rose Anthony SMG, Audrey Spooner, Marge Rose, Maria Piontek, Eileen Jillings, Denis Sankey, Gertrude Brook, Theresa Chambers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

SATURDAY 11th APRIL

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay
17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 12th April

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (A & J Treloar W. Ann HT)
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Michael Last + LL)

MONDAY 13th April

No Mass

TUESDAY 14th April

9.15 Mass Bungay (Pat Freeland +)

WEDNESDAY 15th April

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles
10.00 Mass Beccles (Bede & Nora Falkner +)

THURSDAY 16th April

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Sisters M.F & M.G. HT)

FRIDAY 17th April

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Sister Rose PSMG +)

SATURDAY 18th April

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)
9.45 Confessions @ Bungay

17.30 Confessions @ Harleston
18.00 Mass @ Harleston (For the People)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 19th April

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)
11.00 Mass Beccles (Mike & Marge Rose +)
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Sheila Parmenter +)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Newsletter deadline 9am Thursdays simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk

BUNGAY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 24th April 18.00 to 20.30 Please join us for a night of trivia based fun at St Edmund's Hall, Bungay. Tickets are £6, picky snacks will be included. Feel free to bring your own drinks, though there will be drinks available for a donation. Tables will be for teams of up to **eight**. If you would like to come but haven't arrived with your own team, don't worry, we'll find a friendly bunch for you to join up with! A **raffle** will take place at the halfway point. Tickets will be on sale after Mass from next Saturday. Looking forward to seeing you and your quizical friends there! **Any queries please contact Sylvia Weal on 0779597296 or sylvia.wealxxx@gmail.com**

GARDENING AT ST. EDMUND'S PRESBYTERY The faithful few were in evidence last Thursday, but there are still plenty more opportunities to join in with some of the more straightforward tasks involved in making our parish garden suitable and available for parish events. We have had some very good boundary wall repairs done by craftsmen deployed by the County Council who have responsibility for this 'ancient monument'.

EASTER GARDENS AT ST. BENET'S made by the children at St. Benet's will be on display sitting atop the heaters. Many thanks to the staff and parents who have helped in re-telling the Easter Story and inspiring their children in their art and craft!

DATABASE REBOOT REQUIRED Although I have both soft (electronic) and hard copies of parish databases from both Beccles and Bungay I don't have a consistent record of the requisite consent forms for us to hold such data under GDPR. It is also deemed poor practice to hold data that is inaccurate or out of date. So, I will be arranging to distribute new registration forms in due course in order to bring our records up to date. I apologise if this seems to be like Groundhog day!

PARISH OFFICE CENTRALISED The ongoing work of making one parish office is still a work in progress. We have a proper fireproof storage cabinet for the registers and marriage paper archives and we are gradually sifting through the contents of many filing cabinets to retain what is necessary and securely dispose of what is not, all according to GDPR regulations. Any offers of help accepted!

THE SCHOOL FOR PEACE TEAM thanks everyone who helped or attended our last Quiz event. We raised £720.84 in total including some donations we received earlier to contribute to the hall hire. We are very grateful to everyone for helping us raise this great amount. Thanks to all the helpers and to those who prepared refreshments, set up the room and cleared away. The Spring newsletter is now available so that you can see that the money is being put to good use.

MANY THANKS TO MARTIN & ANGELA MARSHALL for all their hard work in arranging the Fauré concert last night – further update next week!

PRO-LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE At the last week-end of February, six of our young parishioners attended the SPUC Youth Conference. Details are now available to read on the parish website. **Click [here](#) for full report.**

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE is coming up again in September and will; be linking in with the Heritage Open Days in both Beccles and Bungay. After many years of faithful stewardship in this role at St. Benet's **Paddy Hardiman** has handed over the baton (thanks for all that you have done!) and I am looking for a volunteer (or two) to carry this work on. Please speak to me ASAP.

NAME BADGES There are still badges available and although Lent has come and gone, there are still some more shy and retiring individuals who have not chosen to wear badges. While I do understand and respect free choice, I would still like to know more of you by name...

THE BOHEMIAN CHOIR will be performing at St Benet's church Beccles on **Saturday the 2nd May at 16.00** Free admission, but any donations gratefully received (proceeds shared between Choir and Restoration fund St Benet's). The Bohemian University Choir is a lively group of students from the Czech Republic who love singing together and sharing their music with new audiences. Made up of future teachers from the Faculty of Education, the choir brings together students from various teaching specializations— from pre-primary and primary to senior school.

THE REDECORATION OF ST. BENET'S HALL is being scheduled (we hope) for the summer holidays. We will have the help of Mr. Nicholas Warnes who is the Cathedral architect in the choice of more suitable 'heritage' colours for the final scheme. We will need some ingenuity to manage our use of the hall during this time. I am grateful to Pamela St. Mart and her many willing helpers who make the refreshments after Mass each Sunday such a great success and a challenge to the diet.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, Martin Baxter, Fr Stephen Bould, Steven Brooks, Ellen Clark, Nick Clissitt, Gabriel Doll, Cilla Duckett, Deacon Tony Felton, Richard Freeland, Caroline Garland, Derek Gibson, Barbara Hammond, Carole Hunt, Sue Kerr, Alasdair Kirkpatrick, Jo Lewis, Michael Lewis, Billy Maloy, Tanya Maloy, Ita Miller, Anne Nightingale, Barbara O'Brien, Terry O'Brien, Michael Osborne, Elizabeth Page, Christine Rhodes, Kathryn Robinson, Simon Smith, Huw Spratling, Luciana Staff, Jean Vousden, Katy Wakely.