

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2026

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2: 14 – 22, 23

‘It was not possible for him to be held by death’

**Response to the Psalm:** O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

**Second Reading:** First Letter of St. Peter 1: 17 – 21 ‘You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish..’

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 24: 13 – 35** ‘He was known to them in the breaking of bread’



#### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Paul Gray, Hugh Channer, Roy Gaines, Thelma Sporle, Margaret Bauers, Philip Godfrey-Woods, Bishop Charles Grant, Ethel Pinkney, Daisy Carson-Smith, Richard Bellefontaine.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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) 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

##### MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April

No Mass

##### TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April

9.15 Mass Bungay (Open Intention)

##### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April

9.30 Parish Rosary @ Beccles  
10.00 Mass Beccles (Andrew Nash Ints.)

##### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**St. George, Martyr – Patron of England**

9.15 Mass @ Bungay (Open Intention)

##### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April

11.00 Mass @ Beccles (Open Intention)

##### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April

**St. Mark, Evangelist**

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

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 26<sup>th</sup> April

9.15 Mass Bungay (For the People)  
11.00 Mass Beccles (For Vocations)  
18.00 Mass Gillingham (Open Intention)

# NEWS AND EVENTS

Newsletter deadline 9am Thursdays [simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sylvia.wealxxx@gmail.com)**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY CONTINUES** at **19.00** on every Tuesday evening in the presbytery in Bungay. We look at the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and consider the broader issues of the day in the light of the scriptures.

**BERNARD & OONAGH** Segrave Daly invite you to Mass at St Benets on **Saturday April 25th at 11 o'clock** to celebrate the diamond anniversary of their marriage. Mass will be concelebrated by Canon Stephen Myers from Brentwood diocese, their "adopted" son. All parishioners are invited - glass of bubbly in the school hall afterwards. Strictly no presents.!

**MANY THANKS TO MARTIN & ANGELA MARSHALL** for all their hard work in arranging the Fauré concert last week. The final total raised was a marvellous **£1088.00**. I am very grateful to all those who donated the refreshments at no cost (wine & milk ref Isaiah 55:1). On the night I said 'Every little helps...' but with over a grand raised, a heck of a lot helps even more!!! Thanks also to the St. Nicholas Orchestra and the Gold and Silver singers for their hard work and musical prowess. They have all said how much they enjoyed singing and playing in another 'Minster' which was warmer than theirs!

**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, so please do put your full name on a badge - Thanks!

**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.

**OUR PARISH PHONE NUMBER = 07946 390060** please note that both landlines have been decommissioned (although for some reason there is still a messaging service for 713179 at Beccles, but there is no way of monitoring this. I realise that mobiles seem to be somewhat impermanent but this number will **remain the parish contact number** even if I am not around, and I do now have an entirely separate mobile phone for 'friends & family' calls.

**GIFT AID DONATIONS** Our claims for 2025-26 have been made. If you are a taxpayer and using the Gift Aid scheme, it is for you to ensure that you have paid sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the amounts that you have given to the church that we are then making a claim on, on your behalf. Many thanks.  
(P.S. Bungay's claim was the first one received by Lorna Young at the Diocesan Finance Office - well done to Sue Allen!)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Banns, Patricia Bath, 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.