



**St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence
& St John the Evangelist
The Brents and Davington**

April newsletter 2025

Services all at 10 am unless given otherwise

Sunday April 6th 5th Sunday of Lent Holy Communion

Sunday April 13th Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Sunday April 27th Morning Worship

Details of the readings can be found on the rota sheet in the porch, but if you would like to be sent them please let Claire know.

“I Wonder“ continues at our church on Sunday afternoons,
4 to 5 pm **ALL WELCOME**

Special services & events in Holy Week

Monday April 14th 7.30 Compline (short said evening service)

Maundy Thursday April 17th 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Good Friday April 18th 9.00 Stations of the Cross

Churches together Walk of Witness - 10.30 at the United Church and about 10.45 in the Market Place short service

Look on the Benefice website (remember favershambenefice.org) for details of all the services and events at the other benefice churches.

Lent course group, led by Elizabeth, on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm at 46 Stonebridge Way. The next meeting is April 1st.

Alternatively you can follow the course yourself online – Long Story Short – available free from Lifewords.



Regular activities

Blossoms on Fridays from 2 till 4

NB no cafe (Easter holidays) on April 18th and 25th; we start again on May 2nd.

Come and chat to friends old and new.

Grave Talk : the next session will be on Saturday April 12th from 2pm – 3 in the church.

Saturday April 5th is our next coffee morning. 10.30 to 12.30. Do come, to enjoy coffee, cake and a chat.



The Churchyard working party will also be starting again after the winter – please come to help keep our churchyard flourishing, wildlife friendly, and as tidy as possible! Please bring your own tools.

Praying for peace in the world

If you would like to come into church to pray quietly, we are open from 1.30 to 2 pm every Friday. (Maybe stay on to have a cup of tea afterwards at Blossoms)

Situations vacant :- Keeping the ground gutter free from leaves etc; Churchyard working party esp. someone to use the church lawnmower; Social group, suggestions for social events; Readings rota, leading intercessions,

Please contact Maureen for more details or to offer

Many thanks to new members offering to do the refreshments after the services !.....

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Electoral Roll We hope that everyone knows that we have to set up a completely new Electoral Roll this year as the previous one has lasted for the regulation 6 years. Consequently, whether you have been on the roll before or not, if you want to be on the new electoral roll of the church (so that you can vote at the APCM about the way the church is run) you must fill in one of the application forms and return it to Zoe Grainger, our Electoral Roll officer, before April 13th. The new Roll will be published on April 27th, a fortnight before this year's APCM (see below).

Advance Notice

Our **APCM** (the church's AGM) is on Sunday May 11th after the morning service.

All those on the Electoral roll are entitled to attend, and to vote (if a vote has to be taken).

We will have to elect a new Church Warden (the post is always just for one year), and we need more members of the congregation on the PCC.

Please look around and see if there is anyone you would like to nominate either for Warden or for the PCC. You have to have their agreement, and you would also need someone to second your suggestion. All three of you need to be on the Electoral Roll.

This year Nigel, Iris and Frances all come to the end of their terms of office; although they will, we hope, stand for re-election, and the other PCC members will continue to serve, we do need new people. The more ideas and viewpoints we have, the better we can function.

At present the members of the PCC are Maureen Gregory (as Church Warden), Iris Neel, Frances Worthington, Claire Sullivan, Nigel Edwards, Louisa Mace and Stephen Kent. Ask any of us if you need to know more.

The accounts for 2024 will be available on April 7th and 14th, so that you can look at them before the APCM. There will be paper copies

in church, or you can have them emailed. Please let Claire know if you will not be in church and would like a copy.

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Would you like to sponsor our church flowers for a couple of weeks in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for something in your life? It would be your choice as to whether the dedication was shown or not. Please speak to Iris or Maureen if you are interested.
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As always, we especially hold up in prayer those who haven't been able to return to church, those who have been or still are in hospital, and those families with particular problems.

Please let Maureen G know of anyone who should be on our prayer list (you must have their permission).

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