

27th April 2014

St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different Ways"

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Welcome to the St Mary's Church family
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community meeting in and for our village.

Services:

Today
(Easter 2)
8am BCP
Communion

9.30am
Communion

11am
All Age Worship in
the Village Hall

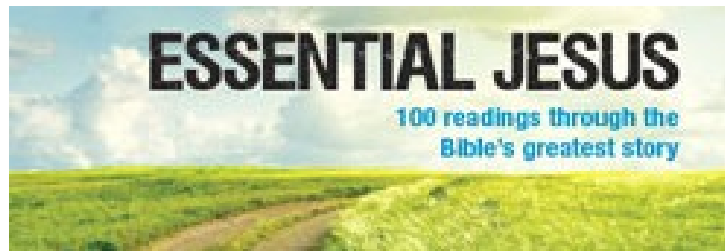
Next Sunday
(Easter 3)
8am BCP
Communion

9.30am
Communion

11am
All Age Worship in
the Village Hall

Next Wednesday
Communion:
11am 7th May

Easter 2



Starts this
week

Essential Jesus is a follow up to the E100 series we explored two years ago.

Why are we doing this?

Did you know that less than a quarter of UK Christians regularly read their Bible!

The Bible is getting pushed to the outer realms of importance and even Christians are valuing it less and less. Statistics tell us that fewer than 25% of Christians read their Bible weekly, and most find it difficult to uncover any relevance and power for their lives.

The E100 Resources are Scripture Union's answer to this Bible reading crisis. The Essential Jesus Challenge seeks to counter this trend and help churches, pastors and individual Christians get back into the habit of daily Scripture reading.

Simply put, the Essential Jesus Challenge is a Bible Reading plan that encourages people to read the Bible they already own. It dares people to pick up their Bible every day, re-engage with the Scriptures and allow God to do something powerful through His Word...

The Essential Jesus Challenge is part of the E100 range of Resources - where "E" stands for Essential and there being 100 Bible Passages. The Essential 100 Bible Reading Challenge was created by Scripture Union in the United States and UK. Around the world, thousands of churches and hundreds of thousands of Christians have taken the challenge, committing to read the Bible each day for 100 days. You do not have to do Essential 100 before you do Essential Jesus. They are stand alone resources.

The program works because it is a personal challenge designed to develop a daily Bible reading habit, it can be done in community as a small group or as a whole church, it is achievable and it is flexible.

Prayer Focus

For members of our Church Community and those known to us:

- Jeanette Gillard
- Felicity Scrimgeour
- Jane Dennes
- Tracy & Linc & family
- Pam Allan
- Janet Greenfield

Our mission partners:

*The Wisdom Family
working in Burundi -*

*(see sheet at the back for
more info)*

&

*The work of Compassion
UK: Child sponsorship
programmes that provide
education and
discipleships for children
growing up in the hardest
parts of the world*



Our Churches Together family:

*For the continued
building of relationships
with Churches in the area
as we build for mission
together through
Churches Together*



Festival Of Brides

July 11th – 13th, St Mary's Church

This is a date for your diary but also a plea for anyone who has a wedding dress with history! (or one linked to the village) to be used for our display. As important will be something to display them on such as dressmaking dummies or mannequins so they don't end up as a puddle on the floor. Do you have any bodies in your attic you would be willing to lend us? Please contact Debbie on 01202 632858

Village Fayre 17th May

Cream Teas

St Mary's are hosting the cream teas at the Fayre this year and we would gratefully receive any donations of Scones, Jam and Cream for this event. Also if you are able to help on the day itself serve teas or help with setup & clear down then please let Kat Mepham know.

Books Needed!

We are planning a book sale at the Village fayre - May 17th. Please talk to Frances if you have some that you could donate.

Help needed

Could you help organise the rotas for the 9.30 service? If so talk to Ali.

Confirmation 2014

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship.

Are you interested in or thinking about being confirmed?

We will be running a preconfirmation course after Easter in preparation for a service in June.

Please speak to Ali if interested.

Wisdom Family Update

Sheets at the back introducing the Wisdom family, their mission and prayer requests.

Community Wednesday

Programme till July at the back – this week:

Deeper: Part of our Experience Easter series. As we explore what happened Palm Sunday to Good Friday

Churches Together Lunch

Churches together lunches, held at the Methodist Church always on the last Wednesday of the month. The next one is on April 30th.

Church Prayer meeting

Every Wednesday 9.30 at 11 Old Pound Close. All Welcome – do join us.

Get Connected

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