

## Services and Opening Times

### 1st Sunday of each month

8.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. All Age Service

### 2nd Sunday

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion

### 3rd Sunday

8.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer

### 4th Sunday

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion

### 5th Sunday

9.45 a.m. Family Communion

## A Rocha Eco Church

St Mary's have started to work towards our Eco Church awards and we are looking to put together a team of people who would be interested in helping. If you are interested in joining in, please talk to Liz Lee. *Each month, we will suggest making JUST ONE CHANGE to reduce our environmental impact and encourage nature.*

**JUST ONE CHANGE for APRIL: Wash and reuse tin foil (if it's not too dirty).**

Keep a bag for life in your car, handbag, rucksack or by the door so you always have one in case you need it, instead of buying a new one....just don't forget to put one back!

## Notices

**1. Coffee and the St Mary's AGM will be held in church immediately after the 09.45 Morning Prayer Service.**

**2.** Recycle your small electrical items and cables etc in the **Pink Bin** adjacent to the main door of The St. Mary's Centre.

**ZOOM Meetings**—Evensong on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Anyone wanting to join should request the info required from

**Guy Morton on 01480 494641**



St. Mary the Virgin  
Houghton with Wyton  
Church

## The Third Sunday of Easter

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**Supper at Emmaus by Caravaggio 1601**

### Today

**8.30 am Holy Communion Service**

Preacher: **Rev Geoff Boucher**

**9.45 am Morning Prayer Service**

Preacher: **Guy Morton**

Readings: **1 Peter 1:17-23**

**Luke 24:13-35**

Collects: **The Third Sunday of Easter**

**1.** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**2.** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

## 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel:

## Luke 24:13-35

### The Walk to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had

hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

