

CHURCH SERVICES - April 2014

April 6 - Lent 5

Horseheath 1000 Holy Eucharist GR

April 27 - 2 Easter

Shudy Camps 0930 Holy Eucharist GR

Castle Camps 1000 Holy Communion

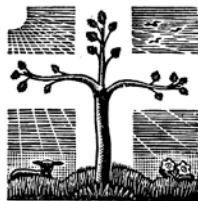
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Horseheath 1100 Family Eucharist GR

May 4 - 3 Easter

Shudy Camps 1000 Holy Eucharist GR

Holy Week & Easter services - see front



Holy Eucharist

weekly on Wednesdays
at 9.30

All Saints', Castle Camps

(After Easter,

at The Vicarage)

Revd Graham Ridgwell

01799 584 545

Revd Dr Steve Griffiths

07905 861 234

Mr Graeme Walker

01799 584 937

CHURCHWARDENS

Castle Camps

Mrs Lindi Kent

01799 584 012

Mr David Neal

01799 584 264

Horseheath

Mrs Pat Smith

01223 892 484

Mrs Judith Jolley

01223 890 786

Shudy Camps

Mr Robert Manning

01799 584 493

Mr Colin Brown

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Team Vicar

Linton Team Rector Licensed Lay

Minister

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed



Holy Week & Easter

April 13 Palm Sunday

10.00am Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem

All Saints', Castle Camps

April 17 Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Holy Eucharist with one-hour Vigil

St Mary's, Shudy Camps

April 18 Good Friday

9.30am Stations of the Cross All Saints', Horseheath

11.00am Service for Good Friday

All Saints', Castle Camps

April 20 Easter Day

9.30am Holy Eucharist St Mary's, Shudy Camps

10.00am Holy Eucharist All Saints', Horseheath

11.00am Holy Eucharist All Saints', Castle Camps

THE CONNECTION

April 2014

This year Easter is late. People ask why it can't be the same date every year, like Christmas. Well, it's complicated, but I'll try to explain. First get rid of the idea that it's to do with how fast the Easter Bunny hides the eggs!

The Romans worshipped the sun & they based their calendar on its movements. By contrast, the Jewish calendar was based on the phases of the moon (although they didn't worship it). When the Christian Church came along, they compromised by using some of each.

So, Christmas & most saints' days are fixed according to the position of the sun, which means that they always occur on the same date. But Easter was different: it was left to vary according to the lunar cycle (Yes, I know - I share your perplexity!)

In the year 325 the Council of Nicaea decided that Easter should be the first Sunday after the Jewish Passover: which is fine – provided you know when Passover is.

By the 16th Century, Christianity had spread all over the world, & it was decided that this Easter date business should be settled: after all, it is the most important day in the year. So, Pope Gregory set up a calendar committee to come up with a better answer – something everyone could remember: Easter was to be the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the March equinox – perfectly straightforward!

Using that formula, Easter can fall any time between March 22nd & April 25th. But whenever it falls, it celebrates the same thing: that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. He conquered death for us as well. One day, if we choose, He will come to take us to be with him.

So, early or late, all blessings to you this Easter.

Graham ✚✚

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SHUDY CAMPS

Easter Services are listed on the front. We hope you will come & join in. If anyone would like to help decorate the Church or donate lilies

in memory of a loved one, please contact Pat Manning on 584493.

It is the PCC that organises this work. Please come & join us at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church on Monday April 7th for the **Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council**. The meeting will elect the Churchwardens & members of the

PCC. We need your help to keep this Church open for public use as well as worship.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CASTLE CAMPS

Restoration work in the Nave & some external work will begin after Easter, to be finished by early Summer. This will ensure the church looks its best for our **Flower Festival** over the August Bank Holiday weekend. During this period, the Wednesday service will be held at The Vicarage.

School Easter Service on Friday 4th April at 13:45. All children, parents & guardians most welcome.

The Friends AGM is to be held in The School Room at the church on Wednesday 9th April 7:30; again, all most welcome.

Friends' of All Saints - Future events

Plant Sale Saturday 10th May at 'Woodside' Bartlow Road.

Open Gardens Sunday 22nd June 12 noon to 6pm.

Tea Party Sunday 6th July, in the garden of The Old Inn, Park Lane.

Flower Festival August Bank Holiday weekend.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HORSEHEATH

Tea & Chat: 2nd April & 30th April in Church

Sunday Club for children of all ages: 27th April 10am in Church

Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council:

6th April in Church at 11.30. New members required for PCC. Please support the upkeep of our Church.

Work on the **Restoration of the Bells** commences on 5th May when

The Whitechapel Foundry will be taking them down from the Tower.

Annual Garden Party 17th May, 2pm to 4pm.

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MILL GREEN HOUSE

No **Home Group** meetings in April, but on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30 pm at Mill Green House there is a **Julian**

Meeting.

GW

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BARTLOW

Annual Bartlow Walk will be on May 4th.

Please note: there will be no Walkers' Service this year.

LG