



## Rodings, Easters and Great Canfield

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Easter 5

### 10 CHURCHES WORSHIP

- 9.30am Morning Worship, Good Easter, Rev Gary Fleming  
9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Abbess Roding, Rev Robert Stone  
11.00am CW Holy Communion and APCM, High Roding, Rev Robert Stone  
11.00am Morning Worship, White Roding, Rev Gary Fleming

The Church of England has an online service every Sunday morning at 9am which can be accessed via their website, <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/church-online>

### THIS WEEK'S LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 8.26-40  
Psalm 22.25-31  
1 John 4.7-21  
John 15.1-8



### COMMON WORSHIP COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



### Rogation Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Rogationtide is when we ask for God's blessing on the land, crops, and people of our local communities. Traditionally this has included a procession or walk with prayers of blessing en route.

This year we mark Rogationtide with a service of Holy Communion including a Rogation Procession around the outside of the church at Aythorpe Roding at 9.30am. All welcome. Please be aware that the ground in the churchyard is uneven in places, so suitable footwear is advisable.

*Rev Jo*



From Sheila and Jonathan Pigrem - Rev Tim Pigrem's funeral will be at St. Mary's Church Great Baddow (CM2 7HN) on Thursday 2nd May at 1pm, followed by tea at the back of church. We request flowers in Church only but there will be a facility to contribute to Tim's favourite Charity (TOYBOX changing the world for Street Children). Village Centre Car Parks have a 2-hour restriction or you can try to find kerbside spaces in New Road, Church Street, Vicarage Lane or Galleywood Road. We look forward to seeing any from the Rodings who may wish to come.

### Please continue to pray .....

For the people of Gaza. We pray that their world of hunger, despair and loss can be turned to calm and relief through negotiations for a ceasefire; for a lasting peace that recognises the hurts on both sides of the conflict and for long-standing differences to be reconciled.

For the church communities in the parish of High Roding. For God's blessing on this parish as we remember the highlights of the last year and look forward to the year ahead.

For Sam and Beth whose banns of marriage will be read this morning at Good Easter, we pray for God's blessing as they prepare for their wedding.

For those mourning the loss of loved ones remembering especially the families and friends of Elaine Withers (High Easter), Revd Tim Pigrem and Marion Wood.

For our own ministry team, for Robert, Tim, Gary and Jo, grant them wisdom, humility and courage to shepherd your people with love and compassion and equip them to carry out their ministries according to your will.

### What's On in our Churches .....

**Morning prayer each Wednesday morning** at High Easter church at 9am. Worship normally lasts 20 minutes.

**Online mid-week services** every Wednesday @11am, details from Rev Robert Stone.

**10 Churches prayer meetings** on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month @8pm are also online. Details for all Zoom meetings from Robert.

**Home Groups**, if you would like to know more or to join one of these groups please speak to the group lead. High Roding church, Mondays at 1.30pm with Brian Denman (please note no meeting this week), Thursdays at 7pm in High Easter with Rev Gary Fleming, Fridays at 10.30am in High Easter with Jill Pitt and Fridays at 2pm at The Rectory with Rev Robert Stone.



In aid of St Andrews Church

## Good Easter Cream Teas

Monday 6th May  
1.00pm - 4.30 pm

Cream Teas & refreshments  
in the village hall

Flower display in the church  
with photos of 'Old Good Easter'

Coffee, cake and chat in our churches during May, White Roding church next date **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10am to 12pm**, Good Easter church **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and 12pm** and Leaden Roding St Michael's Cabin, **Monday 13th May, 11am to 12am**

Country Market at the Room in the Rodings on **Saturday 11th May** in aid of St Botolph's, Beauchamp Roding. There will be various stalls including refreshments, cakes, Tombola, books and bric-a-brac. All offers of help or produce to sell gratefully received, also donations of Tombola and Raffle prizes are always welcome. Any offers or for more information please contact Andrew Parmenter. [andrewrm.parmenter@gmail.com](mailto:andrewrm.parmenter@gmail.com) or 01279 876219.

The May benefice walk will be on **Wednesday 22nd May** – Meet at Aythorpe Roding Church for 10.30am. Drinks at the Axe and Compasses after. Details from Rev Gary Fleming.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** is Ride London, with road closures on the B184 and A1060 this makes travelling around the benefice challenging. The rota allows for all to be able to attend a service.

High Easter 10k Road Race, **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 10am. Proceeds to St Mary's, High Easter. You can take part via this link <https://www.nice-work.org.uk/e/high-easter-10k-9482> or if you can help marshal on the day, please get in touch with David Kelsey.

High Roding Church Flower Festival - **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August** Volunteer/ Flower arrangers and helpers for the Day needed. Please contact - Brian Denman 07771 840057 b.denman.341@btinternet.com

**Confirmation - 7<sup>th</sup> July** the benefice is hosting the Deanery Confirmation Service at Good Easter. Confirmation is a public declaration of claiming for yourself the promises made at baptism and a statement of commitment as a disciple of Jesus within the Anglican tradition and has traditionally been that moment when people begin to receive Holy Communion. Robert will be leading a short course to examine what this means in advance of July and is collecting names of people wanting to learn more. Doing the course is not a commitment to being confirmed in July.



**Home Communion**, if you or any friends or neighbours would like to receive home communion, and/or a visit from our ministry team, please get in touch with Robert.

**Dates for Annual Church Parochial Meetings (APCMs) are as follows,**

28th April – High Roding, 11am

5th May – High Easter, 11am

12th May – Good Easter, 11am

19th May – Margaret Roding, 9.30am

APCMs will take place after worship, please note the date for your parish and come along. If there is no date shown for your parish the APCM has already taken place.

The church electoral roll is a register of all those entitled to vote at the annual church meeting and eligible for election as Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps and PCC members. It is important this register is kept up to date and a formal process of update takes place annually in advance of the Annual Meetings. If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to join, or your details need updating please speak to the relevant churchwarden for your church or the parish administrator. Official dates for updating rolls are published on each church notice board.

**Future Dates for PCC and Churchwarden Meetings**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – South Rodings

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Great Canfield

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm – High Easter and Good Easter

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm – Aythorpe Roding

TBC – High Roding

TBC – Margaret Roding

TBC - Churchwardens

## This Week's Church Diary

### Wednesday 1 May

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, High Easter church
- 11.00am Midweek online service via Zoom
- 2.00pm Interment of Ashes, William Smith, Great Canfield

### Thursday 2 May

- 7.00pm Gary's Home Group

### Friday 3 May

- 10.30am Jill's Home Group
- 2.00pm Robert's Home Group

### Sunday 5 May

- 9.30am CW Holy Communion and Rogation, Aythorpe Roding
- 9.30am CW Holy Communion, Leaden Roding
- 11.00am CW Holy Communion and APCM, High Easter
- 11.00am Morning Worship, Great Canfield
- 2.00pm Worship and Baptism, Beauchamp Roding

### Contact Details

Vicar - Revd Robert Stone, Phone 07726 719288, or Email [robertstone1965@gmail.com](mailto:robertstone1965@gmail.com). (Day off is Monday)

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Associate Minister (in an emergency or if Robert is unavailable) Revd Tim Goodbody, Phone 07485 308735 or Email [associate@regc.org.uk](mailto:associate@regc.org.uk)

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