

# Woburn Benefice Weekly News

Serving the parishes of Battlesden with Potsgrove, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Woburn and our neighbouring communities

Week commencing 12th April 2026



## Choral Evensong at St Mary's



Did you know the beautiful traditional service of Evensong is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm?

Over the last few years Evensong has welcomed new singers from across the local area. There are now around 20 singers in total who enjoy learning and sharing wonderful anthems, hymns and psalms with the congregation. We meet at 5.00 pm for a short practice to prepare the music prior to the service.

If you would like to come and sing in the choir please let Tim Gage know.

Anyone is welcome to join us for a lovely reflective service in our wonderful building.

There are some changes over the next quarter:  
3<sup>rd</sup> May – Evensong at 6.00 pm at St Marys as usual

7<sup>th</sup> June – Evensong will be held at St Michael's in Woburn Sands in celebration of service given by Rev Diana Young who is retiring in July.

## Help with Refreshments

We will soon be creating the new service rota for St Mary's and really need more volunteers to go on the refreshments team. Even on the current rota we have no-one available to cover the services on 12th and 19th April. Bishop Richard is with us on 19th April and it will be very sad not to be able to offer refreshments on that day.

The job is now easier because of the water heater which is situated at the back of the church so please consider whether you would be able to offer this important service. Meeting after church to relax and talk is such a central part of fellowship. If you would be willing to help on the dates in April and/or on-going please contact Fran Brown urgently.

## Upcoming Services and Events

### Battlesden

12 Apr 9.00 am Holy Communion

### Eversholt

19 Apr 5.00 pm Family Evensong  
3 May 9.00 am Holy Communion

### Milton Bryan

12 Apr 11.00 am Songs of Praise  
26 Apr 9.00 am Holy Communion

### Woburn

9 Apr 10.00 am BCP Communion  
12 Apr 10.30 am Formal Communion with Sunday School  
19 Apr 10.30 am Informal Communion  
26 Apr 10.30 am Formal Communion with Sunday School  
3 May 10.30 am Informal Communion  
3 May 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

## Bible Readings for this Sunday



The readings for this Sunday are shown below if you would like to follow them even if you were not able to get to church—or you would like to re-read them if you

did.

Readings:

1 Peter 1 verses 3 to 9  
John 20 verses 19 to end

## APCM Dates 2026

### ST PETER'S, MILTON BRYAN

Monday 27th April 7.00 pm at St Peters's Church, Milton Bryan

### ST MARY'S, WOBURN

Sunday 10th May 11.30 am in St Mary's Church

Please save the date.

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## Good Friday Walk of Witness

Over 50 Christians gathered from across the Woburn District Churches Together to process with the cross in Woburn Sands. We gathered at a central point, to remember Jesus' death upon the cross, because of his great love for us. With hymns, bible readings and intercessions, we publicly worshipped together, led by Rev'd Diana Young from Woburn Sands. We then enjoyed fellowship together, at the Woburn Sands Methodist Church, where it was great to have the opportunity to meet people from different churches. Do come along next year, if you missed out on this special event this time.



## Easter Crafts Afternoon at St Mary's

A fun time was had at the Easter Crafts afternoon for families, with around 12 children coming along with their parents. Many of these were from Woburn Lower School. Rebecca had organised some lovely crafts and Louise's mother had baked some amazing brownies! With hot cross buns too, everyone enjoyed the refreshments. We sang some action songs and heard the Easter story. Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the event, hope it is the first of many.



## Easter Sunday

It was wonderful to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, the dawning of a new age, at our Easter Sunday services at St John the Baptist and St Mary's. Worshipers from across all the parish churches in our Benefice, along with a lot of visitors, came together to enjoy the services. As always, the churches were beautifully decorated with Easter floral arrangements.

St John the Baptist followed their service with an Easter egg hunt around the village pond.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our services and hospitality afterwards.



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