

Welcome to the Mells Group of Parishes
Chantry, Great Elm,
Mells with Vobster, Whatley

Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

09.30 Holy Communion at Great Elm led by Robin Isherwood

11.00 Holy Communion at Chantry led by David Clark

Wednesday 24th April

09.30 Matins at Mells led by Robin Isherwood

Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

09.30 Informal Service at Great Elm led by Richard King

09.30 Morning Prayer at Mells led by Janet Cauldwell

09.30 Holy Communion at Whatley led by David Gatliffe

11.00 Holy Communion at Chantry led by Chris Hare

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Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 4 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Second Reading: 1 John 3 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel: John 10 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Parish Office is now be located at

St John's Parish Office, The Cottage, 1 Church Steps,

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and the times of opening will be 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday

Tel: 07557 751 795

Church services in May

	5 th May	9 th May	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May	2 ⁿ June
		Ascension Day				
Chantry		10.00am Ascension Day Service Martin Weymont	11am: Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am: Holy Communion	10.00am Group Service: Holy Communion
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Whatley			9.30am: Matins Hazell Tovey		9.30am Holy Communion David Gatcliffe	