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COMMUNITY PROGRAMME.  
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IN the grave bodily; in Hades with Thy soul,  
Although Thou wast God; in Paradise with the  
thief; and on the Throne with the Father and  
the Spirit wast Thou Who fillest all things,  
O Christ the Uncircumscribable.

BRITISH ORTHODOX SAINTS  
COMMEMORATED IN  
APRIL.

- 01 Agilbert, Bishop of Dorchester-on-Thames  
06 Elstan, Bishop of Ramsbury  
09 Theodore, Abbot of Crowland and his Companion-Martyrs  
10 Beocca, Hethor and Companions, Martyrs under the Danes  
Hedda, and his 84 Companions, Abbot of Peterborough  
11 Guthlac of Crowland, Hermit and Wonderworker  
12 Wigbert, Monk and Missionary\*  
18 Deicola, Abbot of Bosham  
19 Alphege the Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury  
20 Caedwalla, King of Wessex  
22 Arwald and Arwald, Martyrs  
24 Egbert of Ireland, Bishop  
Ives of Huntingdonshire, Bishop and Hermit  
Mellitus, Archbishop of Canterbury  
27 Kenedr, Missionary  
Winewald, Abbot of Beverley  
29 Swithbert the Younger, Bishop and Missionary\*  
Wilfrid the Younger, Bishop of York  
30 Erkenwald, Bishop of London

TROPARION OF ST. FURSEY.

Establishing thy monastery in a Roman fortress  
thou didst teach men that the Orthodox Faith is  
a true bastion against the onslaughts of every evil  
force O Father Fursey.

Where fore pray to God for us that we may all be  
bastions of the Faith standing firm against the rising  
tide of falsehood that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF ST. FURSEY.

Thou didst need the walls of stone to defend the Faith  
against its pagan enemies , O Father Fursey, but pray  
for us that we may have a spiritual wall around us to  
defend the Faith against its enemies. Following thee  
and praising thy eternal memory we stand firm against  
every error ever singing ; Rejoice beloved of God,  
our Father Fursey.



SERVICES FOR APRIL.

FRI. MAR. 30<sup>th</sup>. VESPERS 4pm ( for Lazarus Saturday )

SAT. MAR. 31<sup>st</sup>. DIVINE LITURGY 10am. ( for Lazarus Saturday )

VESPERS 4pm. ( for Palm Sunday )

SUN. APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>. ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM ( Palm Sunday )

Blessing of Palm Branches ( willow ) and Procession. 10am.

DIVINE LITURGY.

VESPERS 4pm.

PASSION WEEK ( Holy Week.)

MON. APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>. GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Commemoration of Blessed Joseph the All-Righteous.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Hour 9am and reading from the Fathers. Vespers 4pm. Compline 7pm.

TUES. APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>. GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY.

Commemoration of the Ten Virgins.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Hour 9am. and Reading from the Fathers. Vespers 4pm. Compline 7pm.

WED. APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>. GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY.

Commemoration of the sinful women who anointed the Lord.

Anointing Service 7pm.

THUR APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>. GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY.

Commemoration of the Mystical Supper and the betrayal of the Lord.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Hour 9am and reading from the Fathers. VESPERAL LITURGY 6pm.,

( total fast from 12noon )

FRI. APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>. GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY.

Commemoration of the Holy and Redeeming Passion of the Lord.

ROYAL HOURS 3<sup>RD</sup>. HOUR 9am. 6<sup>TH</sup>. HOUR 12 noon. 9<sup>TH</sup>. hour 3pm.

VESPERS 4pm ( Burial Service) Compline 7pm.

SAT. APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>. GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY.

Commemoration of the Burial of the Lord and His Descent into Hell.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Hour 9am and reading from the Fathers. ( church cleaning and decorating )

VESPERS 4PM ( Part of the Vigil)

SUN. APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>. HOLY PASCHA; THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

( Beginning of the Pentecostarion )

PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY 10am

PASCHAL VESPERS 12noon (approx. )

( coffee and cake to follow )

MON. APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>. BRIGHT WEEK ( Paschal Services each day at the usual times.)

SAT. APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>. BRIGHT SATURDAY Vespers 4pm

SUN. APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. SUNDAY OF PASCHA; St. Thomas Sunday,

DIVINE LITURGY 10am.

VESPERS 4pm.

SAT.APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>. VESPERS 4pm.

SUN.APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>.3<sup>rd</sup>. SUNDAY OF PASCHA Holy Myrrh-bearing Women.

DIVINE LITURGY 10am.( HOPEFULLY OUR FIRST LITURGY IN THE FORMER POLICE STATION TO BECOME ST FURSEY'S PARISH CHURCH )

MON.APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Holy and Glorious Martyr St George ( 303)

TYPIKA 9am and reading from the Fathers.

TUES.APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>. VESPERS 4pm for St Mark Apostle and Evangelist.

WED.APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>. TYPIKA 9am for St. Mark

SAT. APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>. VESPERS 4pm

SUN.APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA The Paralysed Man.

DIVINE LITURGY 10am.

VESPERS pm ( for St James son of Zebedee d.44 )

MON. APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>.Typika 9am for St. James.

#### DAILY SERVICES AT ST FURSEY'S

These are normally 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour 9am with reading from the Fathers and Vespers 4pm and local readers are very welcome to attend these daily acts of worship but please ring 580552 before coming in case I have been called away as sometimes happens.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND NOTICES

##### AN ORTHODOX PARISH CHURCH IN STALHAM

As I prepare this newsletter on March 16<sup>th</sup> I can report that we are almost at the completion stage of the purchase of the former Stalham Police Station.God willing we shall be able to use one of the rooms as a temporary place of worship for our first Liturgy there perhaps on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> .As soon as we get the legal possession of the building a thorough Spring clean will be needed.An architect has been engaged to draw up plans to present to the Council but we shall have to be flexible and willing to compromise as to what we can do due to the complication of shared drains on the property; but such problems can be overcome. (We took possession of the keys on Friday 30th March!)

##### MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

This takes place in the library at St Fursey's House 2.30pm on Mondays and our local readers are welcome to attend.We have made a start with the Book of Genesis after a longer than normal winter break due to weather and various other unavoidable events .We have a tea break at 3.30pm and end with Vespers 4pm and we finish about 4.45pm

##### NORWICH MARKET STALL

Our monthly market stall will resume on Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> which happens to be in our Holy Week but this could not be helped;we hope to do Compline 7pm on that night.As mentioned last month the charity stall has been moved to the main market Unit no 183 opposite Tesco;Please come and see us if you can.

##### SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Archdiocesan Conference;SWANWICK Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>.with His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan;theme Nurturing the Parish Community.

What is **HOLY WEEK** ?

It's the week before Easter when we relive Christ's suffering and death.

During Holy Week, we follow the footsteps of Christ, who passed from:

**DEATH...**

We, too, experience Christ's journey to the Cross. This journey takes us to the reality of sin and death.

**TO LIFE**

Christ conquered sin and death, and His triumph is ours as well. By uniting ourselves with Christ, we discover that death has no power over us.

**OPEN YOUR HEART TO CHRIST!**

The events of Holy Week are the most moving of the year. To get the most out of them, participate in each day's services. Make prayer, fasting, confession and Holy Communion essential parts of your Holy Week.

**PALM SUNDAY**

celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

**JESUS ENTERED THE CITY**

on a donkey. The people met Him with palm branches and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**HE CAME AS KING** of Israel. Jesus showed He was the triumphant but humble Messiah prophesied by Zechariah.



**WE RECEIVE PALM BRANCHES**

on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as King, and that we are willing to follow Him to the Cross.

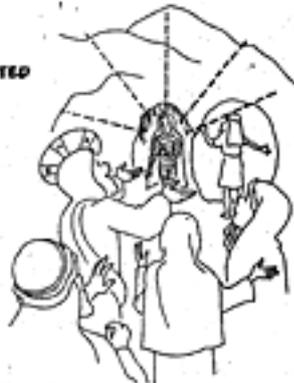


**LAZARUS SATURDAY**

and Palm Sunday introduce us to Holy Week and Christ's Journey to the Cross. On Lazarus Saturday, we find that death is the enemy that Christ came to conquer, and that Christ is truly the giver of life!

**THE RAISING OF LAZARUS IS CELEBRATED ON THIS DAY.**

- Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, had been dead four days when Jesus went to the tomb where he was buried.
- Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and brought Lazarus back to life.
- This miracle led many to faith, but also to the chief priests' decision to kill Jesus.



**WE, TOO, RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE.**

- We celebrate the divine love that brought Lazarus back to life — the same love that Christ offers to each one of us today.

**HOLY MONDAY**

services help us understand Christ's passage from death to life — and how each of us can also become free from sin and death. So we commemorate:



**CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM**

by singing "The Hymn of the Bridegroom," warning us to be prepared for Christ's coming. The priest carries the Icon of Christ the Bridegroom in procession. We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of suffering, yet preparing a marriage Feast for us in God's Kingdom.

**HOLY TUESDAY**

services urge us to be spiritually prepared to receive Christ. We should take this time to reflect on:

**THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS**

The maidens who filled their lamps with oil were prepared to receive the bridegroom. Those with empty lamps were shut out of the marriage feast.

So each of us should light our lives with faith and good works and be ready to receive Christ.

**OUR READINESS TO MEET CHRIST**

This is the message of the hymn proclaiming: "Thy Bridal Chamber I see adorned, O my Savior, but I have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul, and save me."

**HOLY WEDNESDAY**

services ask us to repent our sins and to forgive others. Today's services are:

**THE BRIDEGROOM SERVICE**

is sung on Tuesday evening. We remember the sinful woman who anointed Christ in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the Hymn of Cassiane chanted tonight. We, too, may be forgiven if we confess our sins and obey God's will. The Gospel reading is John 12:17-50.



**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY OIL**

is celebrated (in many Orthodox churches) on Wednesday evening when we confess our sins and seek to be reconciled with God. The priest anoints us with holy oil that we may be healed physically and spiritually.



## HOLY THURSDAY

celebrates the Last Supper Jesus ate with His disciples. The services on this day recall:

### THE WASHING OF THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Jesus' washing of His disciples' feet set an example of humility and love for the earliest members of the church. In today's cathedral churches, this action is repeated as the Bishop washes the feet of Christians after the Liturgy.



### THE BETRAYAL

Jesus announced that a traitor (Judas Iscariot) was among the Twelve. He pointed out the betrayer by handing him part of the meal.



### THE LAST SUPPER

Jesus offered Himself as the true food for all of us at the Last Supper. The bread and wine of this meal became the Body and Blood that give us eternal life.



### THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL

At this solemn service, we celebrate the meaning of what Christ said and did at the Last Supper. Before the great entrance, this special hymn is chanted:

### CHRIST'S VIGIL IN THE GARDEN

Before He was arrested, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured the agony of His impending death. (Luke 22:43-44).



"O Thy mystical supper, O Son of God, accept me today a communicant, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss, but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom."

## HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Friday evening, the Matins of Holy Saturday are sung. At this service, we sing:

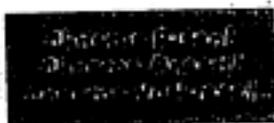
### THE HYMNS OF THE LAMENTATIONS

We lament Jesus' undeserved death for our salvation. With both sorrow and joy we sing the Lamentations (Praises) to Him who is symbolically buried, yet who we already know is the risen Lord and Giver of Life. At this service, the Epitaphios is taken in a candlelight procession around the church.



"In a tomb they laid Thee, O Christ the Life. By Thy Death Thou has cast down the might of death and become the font of life for all the world."

Holy week is a magnificent celebration of **CHRIST'S PASSION AND RESURRECTION!**



Let Christ's glory enter your life during Holy Week and Easter!

- ✓ **PARTICIPATE** in the services of Holy Week.
- ✓ **REFLECT** on Christ's supreme sacrifice and His victory over death.
- ✓ **PREPARE** yourself to receive the sacraments of Holy Confession, Holy Oil and Holy Communion.

## HOLY FRIDAY

is a day of mourning, fasting and prayer. We commemorate:

### THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

On this day, Our Lord went to the Cross and died to take away our sins. The power of death and the reality of evil rule the world on this dreadful day. Yet, Jesus Christ's death marks the beginning of His — and our — victory over death's power.

This solemn service is Matins of Friday sung on Thursday evening. It consists of:

### THE TWELVE GOSPEL READINGS

These narratives from the four Gospels relate the events of Jesus' Holy Passion, and His last instructions to the disciples.

### THE PROCESSION

In some churches, after the 8th Gospel, the crucifix is adorned with a flower wreath, and carried in procession. This symbolizes Christ's coming to Golgotha to offer Himself as sacrifice for the world's sins.



### FRIDAY MORNING SERVICES

re-tell the story of Christ's passion with the addition of prophecies, psalms and hymns. These services, or "Royal Hours," help us keep vigil at the side of the crucified Christ, and relate Jesus' suffering to our own redemption.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

is a vesper (The Apokathlosis) marking the beginning of Holy Saturday:

- In many churches, the priest takes Christ's body from the Cross, wraps it in a white cloth and places it on the altar, as a sign of His burial by Joseph of Arimathea.
- A cloth icon or shroud depicting Christ's sacred body, called the Epitaphios or Paschanitisa, is carried in procession and placed in a flowered bier that represents Christ's tomb.



## HOLY PASCHA - EASTER SUNDAY

On Saturday at midnight, Easter Matins and the Divine Liturgy are sung.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S GLORIOUS RESURRECTION.** Services include:

### THE RESURRECTION SERVICE

At midnight in a darkened church, the faithful receive the resurrection light from the priest and form a procession out of the church. The congregation hears the good news of Christ's triumph from the Gospel. The joyous hymn of Christ's resurrection is triumphantly chanted — "Christ is Risen!"



### THE PASCHAL LITURGY AND SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Invite us to take part in the feast of the resurrection and to receive Holy Communion.



COFFEE MORNING THURSDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 10AM TO 12NOON. A social event for local people and contacts;various stalls Homemade cake stall; raffle; tombola; plant stall;bric a brac ; books and icons;

#### SUMMER PILGRIMAGE

THURSDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> TO THE SITE OF ST FURSEY'S MONASTERY BURGH CASTLE;THIS WILL BE WITHIN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF ST FURSEY'S ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND NOW A PARISH WITHIN THE WORLDWIDE ORTHODOX CHURCH;We have tried having our annual pilgrimage on a Saturday but this has not worked so we have reverted to a Thursday.

#### MODERN AGE SLAVERY 32

On attending the summit arranged by the Clewer Initiative in Norwich. I was very impressed with a project of Christina Gasirilovic [CAN YOU SEE ME] co-ordinator of a anti-slavery partnership of Kent & Essex police, the project is based on work for the public to be aware of slavery in their communities. In line with the MODERN AGE SLAVERY ACT. Christina has sent me leaflets, cards and posters to use. With Fr Stephens approval and consulting Mark Little. We have decided that the way forward is to create awareness and promote the "Modern Age Slavery" Helpline. Mark was very impressed with the booklet issued by GANGMASTERS & LABOUR ABUSE AUTHORITY NOTTINGHAM. He is going to use the booklet at his talks at Rotary clubs in the U.K. The booklet is based on exploitation [spot the signs]. The material is based on updated Modern Age Slavery. Fr Stephen also has a copy. I will be writing a new talk and will be using both materials. I will be starting my talks at the Circle ST JOHNS CHURCH in Kings Lynn on the 13<sup>th</sup> June. And will be speaking at various christian fellowships in the future.

Rotary International British Isles annual conference 2019 is in Nottingham. A pledge will be signed to make NOTTINGHAM CITY SLAVE FREE.

BAKHITA HOUSE. My Rotary club of Broadlands received a thank you from all at Bakhita House. The baby came early both mother & baby are well. And with the £100 donated, something will be purchased for the baby. St Furseys Orthodox appeal the total came to £72, and will be sent off. Please pray for both mum & baby

MOLDOVA Fr Stephen wishes to thank Nanette of Kings Lynn for such beautiful babies clothes and also May Miles & her sister and friend for knitwear and everyone involved. The layettes have been blessed and are in the early stages of being transported to Moldova.

We have received the tragic news of DON PEERS of Caister methodist church being killed in an accident. Our prayers and thoughts are with both Linda & family, also church family.

THE FALCONER TRUST. Educational needs have been purchased by St Furseys Orthodox Community a/c Fr Stephen agreed that £30 be spent, 30 school note pads and 3 sketch pads of school or college quality.

Also 12 tins of sardines to help stop the children becoming malnourished. May, my son David and myself have purchased various educational needs and sardines, and will continue this much needed provision to a very christian orphanage in a remote area of Zambia over the long term. Please keep these children in your prayers. They range from babies to teenagers, the orphanage has up to 100 orphaned children. In 1985 Rotary clubs in the U.K and America purchased farm equipment so they can farm their land. The needs of the children for protein and education as well as nappies etc is of the utmost importance. 8 metric tons are sent each year from the Watton warehouse and office. The helpers are from all different churches. We had tea & biscuits with Neil Starling when we visited there. Fr Stephen has agreed this project is very important and needs our prayers and support.

Pat Hinkins member of RAGAS [RC Broadlands]

Co-ordinator for St Furseys Orthodox Community [Action against child slavery].

SPONSERS OF RAGAS. [www.ragasonline](http://www.ragasonline)

From an Easter homily by Saint Melito of Sardis, bishop

[No. 65-71: SC 123, 95-101]

THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN HAS DELIVERED US FROM DEATH AND GIVEN US LIFE

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity he came down from heaven to earth, clothed himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of dying, he dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; he was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as he had ransomed Israel from the hand of Egypt; he freed us from our slavery to the devil, as he had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with his own Spirit, and the members of our body with his own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring, as Moses robbed the Egyptians of their offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be his own for ever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed him. In Abel he was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is he who was made man of the Virgin, he who was hung on the tree; it is he who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of his was broken; in the earth his body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

*Lauds. Four stichera are sung:*

*TONE TWO*

Today a tomb holds Him who holds the creation in the hollow of His hand; a stone covers Him who covered the heavens with glory. Life sleeps and hell trembles, and Adam is set free from his bonds. Glory to Thy dispensation, whereby Thou hast accomplished all things, granting us an eternal Sabbath, Thy most holy Resurrection from the dead.<sup>52</sup>

What is this sight that we behold? What is this present rest? The King of the ages, having through His Passion fulfilled the plan of salvation, keeps Sabbath in the tomb, granting us a new Sabbath. Unto Him let us cry aloud: Arise, O Lord, judge Thou the earth, for measureless is Thy great mercy and Thou dost reign for ever.<sup>53</sup>

Come, let us see our Life lying in the tomb, that He may give life to those that in their tombs lie dead. Come, let us look today on the Son of Judah as He sleeps, and with the prophet let us cry aloud to Him: Thou hast lain down, Thou hast slept as a lion; who shall awaken Thee, O King? But of Thine own free will do Thou rise up, who willingly dost give Thyself for us. O Lord, glory to Thee.<sup>54</sup>

*TONE SIX*

Joseph asked for the body of Jesus and he laid it in his own new tomb: for it was fitting that the Lord should come forth from the grave as from a bridal chamber. O Thou who hast broken the power of death and opened the gates of Paradise to men, glory to Thee.

Glory be to the Father. . . .

*TONE SIX*

Moses the great mystically prefigured this present day, saying: 'And God blessed the seventh day.'<sup>55</sup> For this is the blessed Sabbath, this is the day of rest, on which the only-begotten Son of God rested from all His works. Suffering death in accordance with the plan of salvation, He kept the Sabbath in the flesh; and returning once again to what He was, through His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life, for He alone is good and loves mankind.

Both now. . . .

*Theotokion*

Ewe that bore the Lamb, Thy Mother stood, O Master, by the Cross and wept for Thee, O Creator of all things, as she looked upon Thy great longsuffering. For by Thine own will Thou wast born incarnate, and hast suffered in the flesh all Thy Passion that Thou mightest save the world.

## SELECTED LIVES OF THE SAINTS.

**ERKENWALD** (Earconwald) (d. 693), bishop of London, was London's most important diocesan between \*Mellitus and \*Dunstan, and its principal saint in the Middle Ages. Reputed to be of royal blood he was certainly rich; he founded the monasteries of Chertsey (Surrey) and Barking (Essex). He ruled the former, while his sister \*Ethelburga was abbess of the latter. Even before being consecrated bishop by \*Theodore in succession to the simoniacal Wine, Erkenwald was reputed to be holy. His diocese of the East Saxons extended over Essex and Middlesex: in the preamble to the Laws of Ina of Wessex he is called 'my bishop'. He helped Theodore and \*Wilfrid to be reconciled shortly before the former's death in 690. In \*Bede's time miracles were reported as caused by the couch in which Erkenwald used to be carried in his declining years.

He died at Barking on 30 April 693: his relics were claimed by the nuns there, by the monks of Chertsey, and by the clergy of London. The claim of the last was successful, and Erkenwald was buried in the cathedral of St. Paul which he had enlarged. The relics escaped the fire of 1087 and were placed in the crypt; on 14 November 1148 they were transferred again to a new shrine behind the high altar; on 1 February 1326 there was a further translation to yet another shrine, which was constantly enriched by canons and merchants of London until well into the 15th century. Vernacular literature about the saint and his shrine was also written. Miracles were reported there until the 16th century. Feast: 30 April; translation feasts, 1 February and 13 May.

Bede, *H.E.*, iv. 6. B. Colgrave (ed.), *Eddius Stephanus' Life of St. Wilfrid* (1927), p. 87; W. Dugdale, *History of St. Paul's Cathedral* (1658); W. R. Matthews and W. M. Atkins, *A History of St. Paul's Cathedral* (1957).

**BECCA AND HETHOR**, monks and martyrs of Chertsey (Surrey), killed by the Danes in 870. The memory of these monks, supposed to be as many as ninety, was kept alive in fragmentary chronicles and by William of Malmesbury. Their deaths, like those of monks of Peterborough, Bardney, Ely, and Crowland, were believed to be the work of the same Danish army as that which killed \*Edmund of East Anglia. It seems unlikely that the number of the monks concerned is accurate. Feast: 10 April.

*G.P.*, p. 143; *R.P.S.*; *C.S.P.*

**DEICOLA** (1) (Dicul, Dicuill) (late 7th century), Irish abbot of Bosham. This devout but uninfluential abbot with five or six monks was found by \*Wilfrid when he evangelized Sussex (681-6). Nothing is known of him, but his name occurs in a few ancient martyrologies. Challoner's *Memorial* (for convenience only) places him on 18 April with \*Deicola of Lure.

Bede, *H.E.*, iv. 13; R. Challoner, *Memorial*, p. 21.

**WIGBERT** (d. c.738), abbot. English by birth, Wigbert was one of \*Boniface's many English helpers in the evangelization of Germany. He became abbot of Fritzlar, near Cassel, where his most famous disciple was Sturm, the future abbot of Fulda. He also founded the monastery of Ohrdruf (Thuringia), but he died at Fritzlar. In 774 during the Saxon wars, his relics were translated to Buraburg and then to Hersfeld, whose patron he thus became. Feast: 13 August.

Life by Lopus, *Vita Wigberti* (ed. C. Holder-Egger), *M.G.H., Scriptores*, xv. 37-43; W. Levison, *England and the Continent in the Eighth Century* (1946), pp. 76-9, 235-6; *B.T.A.*, iii. 322.

**CAEDWALLA** (d. 689), king of Wessex 658-88. A descendant of Ceawlin, king of Wessex, the Saxon Caedwalla, whose name indicates some British blood connection, became king by conquest. His notorious violence was to some extent tamed by \*Wilfrid, to whom he gave 300 hides of the conquered Isle of Wight. He was a successful ruler but abdicated in order to go to Rome and become a Christian. He was baptized on Holy Saturday 689 and given the name of Peter by Pope Sergius. Soon afterwards he was taken ill and died, still wearing his white baptismal robes. He was buried in the crypt of St. Peter's: his epitaph, written by Crispus, archbishop of Milan, is reproduced by Bede. There is no clear evidence of an ancient liturgical cult: his reputed sanctity is accounted for partly by Bede's account of him and partly by the belief that the sacrament of Baptism remits all sin and makes the recipient, if he commits no subsequent sin, worthy of immediate heavenly reward. Caedwalla was the first of four Anglo-Saxon kings to end his days in Rome. He was aged about thirty and died on 20 April.

Bede, *H.E.*, iv. 15-16; v. 7; W. J. Moore, *The Saxon Pilgrims to Rome* (1937).