

NOTICES CONTINUED:

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension Day and Pentecost and will take place this year **between 13th May-23rd May 2021**.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, that we would be effective in our witness

The invitation in 2016 from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow in its outreach to different churches and denominations the Methodist and Catholic Churches in this country and others throughout the world.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN A SHORT, LED SERVICE IN CHURCH DURING Ascension to Pentecost at 10am each day, where we follow a set designed booklet for Thy Kingdom Come.

Please look at the church - St Mary's Facebook page and website for zoom sessions during Ascension and Pentecost which will be held at 6 pm on Friday 14th, Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th May. There is also a virtual walk. There is also a paper version of the walk, for those of us who are unable to actually do the walk, like me, to sit in our homes and follow the walk and say the prayers. See Chriss for a paper copy.

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

Chriss

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday.

Please do not contact her on that day unless very urgent.

Churchwardens: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

Angela Dunford (01525 221944)

Notices for inclusion in next week's Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion at mdhmsh@btinternet.com or (01525 222478) by 6pm on **Tuesday** please.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

9TH MAY 2021

EASTER 6

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today at 10.00am – Holy Communion includes APCM

Wednesday at 10.00am – Holy Communion

Welcome Back We are hopeful that the situation is improving, but we must continue with all our previous precautions. Chairs have been arranged to create appropriate distance between individuals or households, hand sanitiser is available to be used as you enter and leave church and face coverings must still be worn.

We know you will be delighted to see friends again, but please do not linger in church after the service; conversations can take place more safely outside with social distancing.

Arrangements for Holy Communion are as previously. Please come forward at the appropriate time starting from the front. Be aware of other people and avoid queuing. When you have been given the wafer, move a metre or two aside to receive it by raising or lowering your face mask, and then return to your seat by the side aisles.

Please note that our 10am Sunday service will continue to be live-streamed; seats at the back half of the church are not in camera shot. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a service booklet so they can follow the service at home, please let us know. Catherine & Angela



COLLECT:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READING: Acts 10:44–48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9–17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you O Christ**

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Barnet.

We pray for the sick, and the bereaved.

At their year's mind, we remember R Woods, Theresa Hill and Ann Plater

NOTICES:

The Pastoral Care Group would very much like your assistance in identifying any of our parishioners who might be sick or otherwise benefit from their support. Please contact Catherine Hayden in this regard. Many thanks.

Scavenger Hunt Get out and about and have some fun doing a scavenger hunt whilst raising funds for St. Mary's. Hone your observation skills and see how much you know about the villages of Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall. Barbara Morton has all the details you will need - copies of the hunts, the answers and payment details. Please contact Barbara on barbara.morton1@gmail.com
We suggest a donation of £5 per each village quiz or £10 for all three. Enjoy!



Full time post The Diocese is advertising for a full-time Estates Administrative Assistant to work at Holywell Lodge. Further details are available from <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/>

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