

ST MARY'S SPEEN PEW NEWS 21.22.

THIS WEEK

- 1) Sunday 16th May 10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Janice Macdonald.

HYMNS

- 695 To God be the glory
35 A new commandment
429 Love is his word
437 Make me a channel for your peace
428 Love divine (Blaenwern)

ORGANIST

Andy Stancliffe

READINGS

- Jo Fageant - Acts 11:1-18
Julian Shelley - John 13:31-35

PRAYERS

Alan Booth

- 2) **WEDNESDAY 2-4pm** St Mary's is open for private prayer and quiet time. Thank you to all those who unlock, and whose simple presence make it possible to keep the church open and available.

3) NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd May Service of the Word led by Julian Shelley and John Hughesdon

4) PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. SPEEDY REPLIES PLEASE.

Jubilee Cream Tea followed by Songs of Praise.

It has been suggested that St Mary's marks Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a cream tea followed by a Songs of Praise on Sunday 5th June 2022 at 3..

We need to know 25 people will be attending to make this viable, so please let Revd Janice or Revd Pam know that you will be attending, and how you can help to put on this special event. There will also be a sign-up sheet in church on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there!

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5) FREE TO A GOOD HOME! There is a spare copy of *New Daylights* Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship available for anyone who would like to have them. They consist of a number of contributors who daily explore different themes through bible passages and short reflections. This edition runs from 1 May to 31 August 2022. Two further editions will also be available; 1 for September to December and the final one up to 30 April 2023. Please

let Revd Janice know if you are interested on 01635 901370 or via janice.nnb.speen@gmail.com.

6) CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15TH-21ST MAY 2022This Sunday marks the start of Christian Aid week. If you would like to make a donation to support the work of this vital charity, a number of Christian Aid envelopes will be on the table by the door as you enter church both this and next Sunday. You can place your envelope in the offertory plate before the service or deliver your donation sealed in its envelope to Peter Rimmer at Roseway, 22 Speen Lane, who will ensure it reaches our local area Christian Aid organiser. Alternatively, you may find it easier to donate on-line at [<http://www.christianaid.org.uk>,] www.christianaid.org.uk, where you can also read more about the work of Christian Aid.

7) FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING AT ST NIC'S.

A big thank you to all those who baked a ton of delicious cake, served tea and coffee, dug out a pile of bric a brac, put out tables and chairs and put them away again. I think everyone had fun. Thanks to all those who left items at our front door. I am delighted that the event raised a splendid £300 to be split between St M's and Bible Society. Mavis Hughesdon

8) LIGHTING IN ST MARY'S

The PCC has received adverse comments for some time now about the poor quality of the lighting within our church. For some, this has meant that the difficulty in reading service and hymn books has affected their enjoyment of our services. We have also been aware of the significant danger involved in climbing ladders for the regular replacement of the bulbs. (Thank you, Alan Booth!) And added to all of this is the cost and environmental impact of outdated, high power bulbs.

So we have replaced them all! You will see that the new lighting is much brighter and will hopefully help everyone to see clearly. The lamps have a very long life and so replacement should not be necessary for a long time. And our Treasurer will be happy when our electricity bills are a lot lower!

We hope that you are happy with the new lighting, but you might also notice that it does show that some of our walls need redecoration. We shall be getting on with this soon. Michael Bell

8) JEAN READ THANKSGIVINGRobin Read has arranged a Thanksgiving Service for the life of his wife Jean on Monday 6th June at 2.30pm at St Mary's. He invites all friends at St M's to join him and his family on this occasion.

9) SATURDAY 28th May. St Nic's are holding their annual plant sale in aid of the West Berkshire Hospital Therapy Garden.

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