

## St Mary's Speen Pew News 17/2021

Dear friends,

**1) This week: Sunday 18th April 10.30 Holy Communion** led by Rev Pam McKellen

The readings are: Luke 24: 33 - 48 Acts 3: 11 - 17

**2) Next week Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am Service of the Word** led by John Hughesdon

**3) PRINCE PHILIP, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH**



From Rev Will Hunter Smart, our Rector, *We give thanks for his long life, and his dedicated and sacrificial service to The Queen and our country. We pray too for The Queen and the Royal Family, as they mourn. Just like so many of us, the Royal Family will have to process the sadness and the limited contact that Covid brought to the final year of a loved one's life. We grieve with them.*

**God of our lives we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for his love of our country, and for his devotion to duty.**

**Be close to all who mourn, especially The Queen and all members of the Royal Family.**

**May they know the hope of your promises and the comfort of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

And another prayer:

**Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Enlighten him with your holy grace, and suffer him never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.**

**4) JENNIFER'S 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY .** Jennifer celebrated in fine style on Wednesday. About 15 of St M's friends and others gathered, socially distanced, on her lawn to sing "Happy Birthday" and "For she's a jolly good fellow", congratulate her, and toasted her with a bit of bubbly. Stuart presented the wonderful card which he had designed and many from St M's had signed. (see below). We gave her a gift and there were lots of personal cards from St M's too. I gather she received a card of congratulations from the Queen too. For the benefit of those who don't know Jennifer, she is never daunted and always ready for a laugh.







**5) GARDEN STALL.** Sometime in May, and giving consideration to the weather, there will be a stall at the “gate” of Hughesdon Towers (I am amused to call it that, not from delusions of grandeur but of course, Hughesdon does tower!) on a Saturday morning with all sorts of plants available for a donation for St Mary’s. Please, if there is anyone who could start off seeds in pots, or beans, or can split up plants ,house plants, or from your garden? I will also be looking for people to host the stall, more to be really cheery and talk about St M’s rather than doing a hard sell. Anyone up for it? Nikki and Brian Nobes are busy growing and St Nic’s have promised us some plants.

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