

## ST MARY'S SPEEN PEW NEWS 20 /2021

### 1) SERVICES

**This week: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Service of the Word** led by John Hughesdon

Theme: The family of God

Readings: Acts 10 44-end; 1 John 5 1-6 and John 15 9-17.

Hymns: On CD: Thou whose Almighty Word

My song is love unknown; The King of love my shepherd is; Come down O love divine;  
In churchyard for all to sing (or on CD if the weather does not encourage that):

Guide me O thou great redeemer.

**Next week: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Will Hunter Smart, our Rector.**

### 2) CHURCH OPENING ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS.

Speen Church is open on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm for reflective prayer. Communion Services will be led at 3.30pm once a month to give thanks to God for His goodness to us. We have a prayer station available, for those that would like to use it, focusing on the community and the world. This week it will be focussing on different areas of our own parish and local communities.

#### **Stewards for Wednesday Speen Church Opening**

Thank you very much to those who have recently volunteered those to steward over the summer period. If you can find time to steward please let Marion Burke know, as there are still a few dates uncovered, thank you.

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### 3) THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER EVENT

In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited the Church of England to pray for more people to come to know Jesus for a period of eleven days from Ascension Day to Pentecost, through a programme called "Thy Kingdom Come". It has continued every year since and will be held this year from Thursday 13 to Sunday 23 May. Under the guidance of Marion Burke there is the opportunity to gather together via Zoom each evening at 6pm for 20 minutes beginning on Thursday 13th May, until 22nd. Please do join us if you would like to. We will be using the "Thy Kingdom Come" Novena Prayer Guide for this year, based on the Psalms.

**Please follow this Zoom link to join in. We look forward to praying together!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81299646321?pwd=MW12NXNLcjBCUEtwWENZQXA1ZnJCdz09>

**Alternatively, if you would like to use the booklet personally here is the link:**

[https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2021-03/RC1053\\_TKC\\_Novena2021\\_V5-WEB.pdf](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2021-03/RC1053_TKC_Novena2021_V5-WEB.pdf)

#### 4) ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July after our morning service;

Our annual meeting will be chaired by Rev Will Hunter Smart, our Rector. Our APCM is usually held earlier in the year, but due to COVID restrictions, holidays and Will's availability it has been delayed. Please can those who usually contribute to the report think about preparing one for the last year and letting Mavis H have it by the end of May, please, to allow time for editing, printing, emailing, (and me to see family), in good time for the meeting. Thanks.

#### 5) COVID IN INDIA APPEAL.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to last Sunday's appeal for help for in responding to the devastating Covid crisis in India. Here is some more information. We are supporting Leonard Hospital in south India, through our contacts with the Miriam



Dean Fund. Leonard Hospital is a Christian hospital which functions under the auspices of the catholic Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod.

The sisters, doctors and hospital staff are working almost 24 hours a day to handle the current covid emergency. There is an urgent need for ventilators, an oxygen plant and medicines to respond to the rising cases, so our support will be greatly appreciated at this critical time.

The government is asking them to set aside 50% of their beds for covid patients. To cope with the current crisis, they have converted their School of Nursing block into a separate, secure Covid ward.

The Leonard Hospital has been serving the rural poor population in Tamil Nadu since 1958.

Pre-covid, they treated 1500 in-patients and 8800 out-patients each month. Over 80% of the hospital's patients are economically disadvantaged without reliable income, so the hospital seeks to provide medical aid at a minimal rate compared to other hospitals.

Their motto: "Towards wholeness in love and service".



Please pray for Sister Dr. Jacqueline and their dedicated staff at this challenging time.

To make a donation please either

- Give cash or a cheque made out to "St Mary's Church, Speen" and use the orange envelopes in the pews to leave in the offertory plate in church, or send to John Hughesdon. Please marking your envelope with your name and 'India' so that John can claim Gift Aid where appropriate..

OR

- Make a BACS payment to St M's account: Lloyds bank 30-95-89, a/c no 01430179. Please, similarly, give your name and say 'INDIA' eg 'Smith India'.

On behalf of all those that the hospital is serving: Thank you. PAM MCKELLEN.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.** This coming week (10-16 May 2021) is Christian Aid week. In the past, we have enjoyed the benefit of being able to contribute through the iconic Christian Aid red envelope scheme via a door-to-door delivery and collection service provided by volunteers acting on behalf of this fantastic charity. This will not be able to take place this year. So, members of St Mary's are being invited to make their contributions on-line this year, via the Christian Aid website at [www.christianaid.org](http://www.christianaid.org) where you can make a one-off donation or arrange to make regular donations." Thank you, PETER RIMMER.

**BIG BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY AT 9AM ON ZOOM.** A reminder to those who have booked into St Nic's Big Breakfast, that it's tomorrow morning.

### **BELL RINGING AT ST M'S**

2 Photos of Kevin Rogers who tolled a half muffled bell 99 times to lament the passing of Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh.

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Best Wishes, Mavis

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