

## **ST MARY'S SPEEN PEW NEWS 22 /2021**

### **1) SERVICES**

**This week: : Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May PENTECOST Holy Communion** led by Rev Pam McKellen. Banns of Marriage for Chris Deacon and Emma Gore. Jack Anderson and Hannah Waddell.

St Mary's is open on **Wednesday afternoons** from 2 - 4 pm for reflective prayer.

**Next week: Service of the Word** led by Marion Burke and Rev Janice Macdonald.

### **2) MARION BURKE**

This is to let you know that Marion will be joining, by agreement with Will, Joy and our Worship Group, in leading and preaching at services at St Mary's. We are delighted to have her contributing to the life of St Mary's in this way. You may recall that building the preaching and leading team is one of the aims in our Mission Action Plan. Many of you will know that Marion used to be a preacher in the Methodist Church and was a missionary in Peru for a number of years. She returned to the UK in 2015 and since then has completed a degree in Applied Theology at Moorlands Bible College. One of her placements was at St Nic's as well as another church in Dorset and with these she gained further experience in preaching and leading. Marion feels called to the life of St Mary's and it is great to have her with us. She is going to begin by leading the Service of the Word on 30<sup>th</sup> May, sharing the service with Janice who is preaching on that day. JM

**3) ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon, 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. MJH

**4) COVID IN INDIA APPEAL** *We have had an email from Sister Hilaria at the hospital in India. She writes:*

*Here in India we are facing the surge of covid 2<sup>nd</sup> wave. The situation seems to be devastating and scary as the pandemic is gripping many smaller cities, towns and villages where the damage is under-reported. As much as possible we help our rural people in the villages to follow covid safety protocol and comply with covid-appropriate behaviour.*

*However, pain, loss and death are the terminology we keep hearing these days. We are forced to respond to the ailing population especially the women and children.*

*At the moment, the intervention is needed at two levels:*

*One is nutritional support and another is medical supplements.  
We need your support! We count on your generosity!*

It is a grim picture. They need our prayers and support.

We have, so far, raised £750 including Gift Aid. We are supporting Leonard Hospital in south India, through our contacts with the Miriam Dean Fund.

If you have not yet made a donation and would like to, 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. We have, so far, raised £750 including Gift Aid.

The St Mary’s fundraising project will be open until this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May **PMac**.

### **3) HISTORY OF ST MARY’S: JEAN READ’S BOOK**

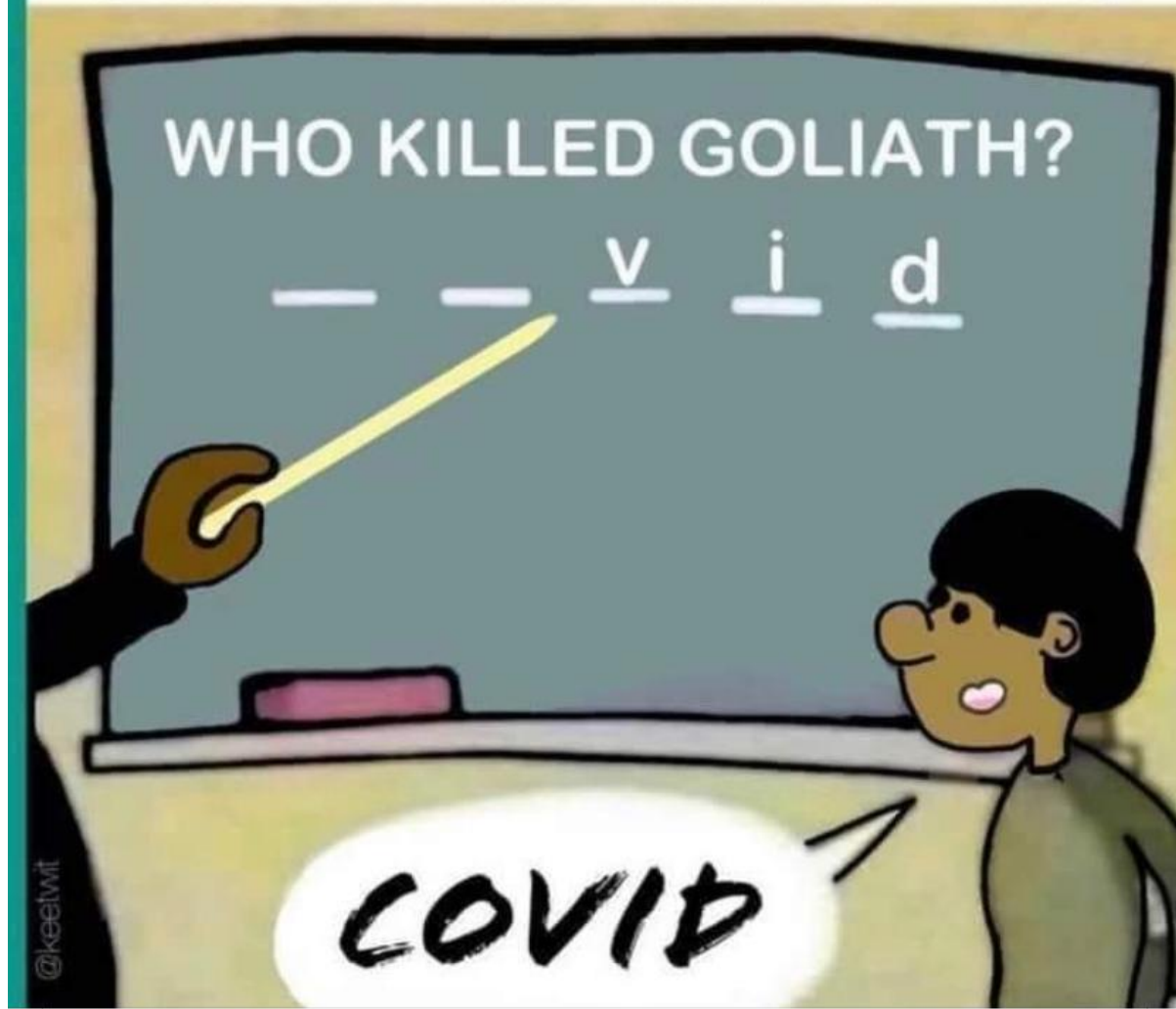
As you are no doubt aware there is a history of Saint Mary The Virgin Speen on display in the entrance to the church. Plans to convert this document into a book are well advanced. It will replicate the contents of the historical document but will additionally contain colour photographs. It will be an A5 size volume of approximately pages at an estimated price of £6.50 per book. It is intended to donate all proceeds of sale to St Mary’s.

However the level of demand for the book has to be established in order to ascertain how many books will be printed. The date of printing is yet to be decided.

It would assist if those who would like to purchase one please contact Robin Read on Email Robin. [Readmcs@gmail.com](mailto:Readmcs@gmail.com) or telephone 01635 521756.

And finally a contribution from Martin Evans

WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHURCH IN A WHILE...



Best Wishes, Mavis

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