

ST MARY'S SPEEN PEW NEWS 23 /2021

1) SERVICES

This week

Sunday 30th May: TRINITY SUNDAY Service of the Word led by Marion Burke and Rev Janice Macdonald. There are three that testify in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit and these three are one. 1 John 5:7 Today's readings are from Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17.

Next week:

Sunday 6th June: Holy Communion led by Rev Janice Macdonald.

2) **ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) on Sunday 4th 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. Look out for the Annual report online please.

3) **ST MARY'S PLANT AND CAKE STALL.** This began as a rather daft idea but gained momentum and has been a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who contributed -your enthusiasm, plants, cakes, and coming along to buy, and helping to sell. It has publicised the presence of St Mary's to those passing by, and advertised the fact that we have green fingered people and some ace bakers! There have been some interesting conversations. And the sun shone. More plants and cake will be around after church tomorrow, Sunday. Proceeds so far this time are £70.

4) HISTORY OF ST MARY'S: JEAN READ'S BOOK

If you would like to see the material that will be going into Jean's book, there is a big folder of it in St M's foyer. St M's has an amazing history. As Robin said last week, he would really like to know who would be interested in buying a copy so that he can estimate the number to be printed. Do let him know. It would be good to support this venture and then we could have a few available on sale for visitors to the church as well. Robin's email is robin.readmcs@gmail.com or telephone 01635 521756.

3) **CHURCH CLEANING.** Thank you to all those who pitched in on Friday to dust and polish and generally spring clean to the church.

4) And finally something passed on to me by Pam McKellen last November. We can look back and laugh a little now, but how very real it was then.

Hard to believe it has come to this:

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Appropriate analogy. "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now" is like saying "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now."
13. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.
14. The spread of COVID-19 is based on 2 things:
 - o How dense the population is
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