

ST MARY'S SPEEN PEW NEWS 41/2021

1) SERVICES

a) THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd October 10.30am HOLY COMMUNION led by Rev Joy Mawdesley

This Sunday at St Mary's we are beginning a sermon series on Philippians – we will work our way through Philippians over the next 8 weeks (with a break for Remembrance Sunday) and each preacher will take the next section of the book.

To follow a sermon series is something new for St Mary's – it is something that the Worship Group had been planning to do just before the first lockdown in March 2020 and it is also in our Mission Action Plan as something that we would do from time to time.

We hope that you will enjoy following Philippians through week by week, you might like to bring a Bible to church with you so that you can follow the passage. The letter was written by the apostle, Paul, when he was in prison. He had a close relationship with the church in Philippi, having been involved from its beginnings. It is a letter full of joy and encouragement and there are some great passages within it that we shall explore together.

At the end of the series, we would love any feedback that you have as to whether you feel it has been worthwhile to follow a book through in this way.

READINGS

Philippians 1:1-11
John 17:6-19

HYMNS

565 – Praise my soul the King of Heaven
447 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour – after the sermon
82 – Bread of Heaven on thee we feed – during communion
580 – Rejoice the Lord is King

b) MIDWEEK PRAYER

Wednesdays at 2-4pm. St M's is open for private prayer.

c) NEXT WEEK

Sunday 10th September 10.30am Service of the Word led by Jane Sutton.

2) TUESDAY OCTOBER 5TH: BROTHER KENNETH

There will be a memorial service in the Elmore chapel at 2:30pm to which members of St Mary's congregation are invited, and a "wake" in the Majendie Hall following the interment. The Monks, when they were at Elmore, were very good friends of St. Marys.

This provides an opportunity for our congregation (even if they were not connected with the Benedictine Brethren) to experience a service in the beautiful Elmore Abbey Chapel. **NUMBERS WILL BE LIMITED SO BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IN ST M'S FOYER TODAY, SUNDAY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME.** The list will be passed on to the Fishers at Elmore so that they know who is coming.

3) **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Sat 9 Oct 2021 8:30am – 10:00am St Nicolas Church Hall

“Pitch your tent in the land of hope”.

Our guest speaker is Rev Penelope Swithinbank, an Anglican Priest, Spiritual Director and author. Penelope will be sharing ways in which we can re-energise after tough times.

All women (this includes St Mary's) are invited to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast which will be served to you at your table in order to keep as Covid-safe as possible. Book at

office@st-nics.org / 01635 47018

4) **ST MARY'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you to everybody who completed the questionnaire. It was very helpful to have your ideas and views and the Worship Group and the PCC will be thinking about what has been said. News about: Coffee, Evensong, Wednesdays, Bible study and discussion**, hymn singing etc will follow over the next few weeks.... Watch this space!

** For those who said they'd be interested in a Bible study/ discussion group.

There will be a meeting to discuss ways forward on Wednesday 27th October. Time and venue to follow.

5) **HARVEST GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR WEST BERKS FOOD BANK**

Thank you to everyone who brought along gifts last week. And thank you to the indefatigable Brian, and Michael and Shelagh Bell for taking them to the Food Bank.

If you forgot to bring anything for a harvest gift last week, I am sure that it will be most acceptable to bring it along this week or leave cash or cheque in one of those orange envelopes and mark it “Harvest”, in the donations plate.

Urgently needed: tinned peas/carrots, sweetcorn, soup

Tinned tomatoes and passata, tinned fruit, confectionery, Long life milk, baked beans, tinned spaghetti.

Low on stock: tinned custard, shampoo, body wash, tinned stew/curry/meat meals, toilet rolls, ketchup, sponge puddings.

Best Wishes, Mavis

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