

Pew News of St Mary's Church, Speen

Part of the North Newbury Benefice

27th June 2021: 4th Sunday after Trinity



Service news

This **Sunday** Julian Shelley is leading our Service of the Word. The readings are: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 and Mark 5:21-43.

On **Wednesdays**, the church continues to be open from 2.00 – 4.00pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Stay for as long or short a time as you need.

Next **Sunday, 4th July**, our service of Holy Communion at 10.30am will be led by Revd Janice Macdonald and our preacher is Marion Burke. The service will be followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.45pm chaired by Revd Will Hunter Smart. Please look out for the papers for this meeting which will be sent to you during the week via email. There will be some hard copies for the meeting.

Our curate, **Jackie Fountain** will be priested this Saturday, 26 June. We send her our best wishes and prayers for this important occasion. You may be aware that, in the Church of England, clergy are ordained twice! Once at the beginning of their curacy, as a deacon, and again at the end of the first year, as a priest (or presbyter). We are so thankful for Jackie's ministry among us in the Benefice and look forward to her taking our communion service at St Mary's for the first time on 1st August.

It is wonderful to be having weddings again across the Benefice. One couple have finally got married on the fifth date that they had planned! There are two weddings at St Mary's in early July. Please be remembering in your prayers Emma Gore & Chris Deacon and Jack Anderson & Hannah Wardell as they begin married life.



It has been great having some guest Pew News editors in June. Mavis will be back to take up the reins from 11th July. If you are reading this in hard copy but would like to be added to the Pew News email group, please let her know - mhughesdon@hotmail.com

And finally....

I came across this prayer written by Thomas Merton who was a monk, writer, poet and mystic in the twentieth century....perhaps it expresses something of how we may feel in these present times....

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



Thoughts in Solitude