

Dear friends,

- 1) **Today Janice is leading our Service of the Word. She has also kindly provided Sabbath Sustenance as usual, particularly for the use of those of our church family who don't feel ready to come to church for various reasons. You are still very much in our thoughts and prayers and we miss you!**

I was reminded that we are all part of God's family, wherever we are, by this prayer

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.
Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever

- 2) **Our Rector, Rev Will Hunter Smart** will be leading our next Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 30th August AND, there will be an **ORGANIST**, our friend Oliver, playing. We are still not permitted to sing yet, (why hasn't someone developed a mask that we can wear to sing in?) but we have been enjoying listening to a variety of hymns in different styles. I become quite used to listening more to the sense of the words, rather than getting lost in the personal singing of them.

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Just a reminder that face coverings are required in church by law, unless there are health reasons for not wearing one.

There seemed to be some wrapped toffees around outside church after last week's Service. Conversation was unaccustomedly limited for a bit

- 4) **WEDNESDAY PRAYERS.** There is also an opportunity to come to St Mary's on Wednesdays any time between 2 and 4pm for a time of private prayer. You can come and go when you like. There are prayer resources around the church and someone will lead us in prayer at 3pm to attend church again. This is a good opportunity to come for a short informal time, become reacquainted and have a chat too.

- 5) **THE TUESDAY CLUB.** Members of the Tuesday Club met on Thursday at Hughesdon Towers. Yes I know, well, the weather was fine on Thursday. It definitely was not on Tuesday. I am unable to tell you how many were there. I will guess 6. There is a rule, I think, which limits gatherings in back gardens to 6. Maths has never been my strong point, as John will not hesitate to testify. Anyway, there was a lot of cake and enthusiastic chatter.

6) And now here is a **BIG** space waiting to be filled with someone's news, because I don't have any more. Please don't leave it to me to have to nag, or beg favours, or lean on people or make it up. Please be a PROACTIVE CONGREGATION!

Best wishes to you all, and I hope to be hearing from you, with your news however small or inconsequential you may feel it may be. I might be going away on holiday myself soon, my wet suit is at the ready, and then there might be no Pew News at all unless there is help! I trust that I will see some of you on Sunday or Wednesday, lots of love to you all,

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