



## **St Mary's Speen (we are definitely open!) Pew News 327.**

Dear friends,

### **1) Good news to share:**

On Wednesday 6-5-20 at c. 0600, a son was born to Mikela and Simon, our eldest son, by Caesarian section at Burnley Teaching Hospital, Lancs. His name is Hector John. All 3 are back home at Cornholme, West Yorkshire. We are delighted to welcome our new grandson into our family, and thank God for his safe (albeit protracted) delivery and good health. He weighed in at 8 lb, 6 oz. We are happy for you to include this in the next issue of Pew News, for circulation to the fellowship of St. Mary's

Kind regards, Alan and Jane Booth

Congratulations to everyone! Such fun to be grandparents.

2) Janice's theme for her "Sunday Sustenance" attached to my email, is of course a celebration of VE day.

But she includes also material for the usual 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter.

## **The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### **First reading**

**Acts 7:55-60**

*The stoning of Stephen*

**The Gospel according to John, chapter 14, vv 1-14**

*Jesus comforts his disciples and shows them the way to the Father*

Today we would have been welcoming little Evelyn Morley, her family, godparents and friends since it was to have been her day of baptism. Whilst we wait for this to be rearranged some time in the future, let us hold Evelyn, Luke and Becci in our prayers today, together with the godparents-designate Adam, Bethany, Hannah and Chloe, until we can properly welcome her into God's family. JMac.

- 3) I was pleased to hear from Bettine, sister of Robert Willis who died last week, that our hymn for the week last week: "As the deer pants for the water", was Robert's favourite hymn.
- 4) As we shall be remembering VE day today, I thought it would be appropriate to choose "when peace like a river" suggested by Brian Radford. Click on the blue text below to listen
- 5) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHe\\_qmo3gX4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHe_qmo3gX4)

and you may like to see another video which explains the background to the writing of the hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqrya00iY34>

*If you would like to sing along, here are the words.*

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
*It is well, it is well with my soul*  
**CHORUS**

*It is well with my soul*  
*It is well with my soul*  
*It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for my soul  
*Chorus*

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord Oh my soul  
*Chorus...*

Oh Lord, hast the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend.  
Even so, it is well with my Soul.

*Chorus*

Author: Horatio Gates Spafford

- 6) **Digital projector:** I would like to share with you that our PCC, principally Michael Bell, has been working on a project to obtain a digital projector and screen for use in our Majendie Hall. It would be particularly useful for Tuesday Club meetings since our speakers often like to illustrate their talk with pictures or videos. It would provide an improved experience for those of us who are hard of hearing. The projector has to be particularly powerful since the Hall has no curtains. Michael gained approval from the Greenham Common Trust for matched funding for our project for which we need in the region of £750. If you would like to donate, the project is on The Good Exchange website.

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17535/st-mary-the-virgin-church/digital-projector-and-screen>

- 7) I am grateful to whoever donated an "Easyyo" yoghurt maker to the last St M's Speen Christmas Bazaar. I bought it thinking it was worth a try, but it had been gathering dust in the garage. But it has now become very useful. I discovered Lakeland will send sachets of yoghurt mixes requiring only water. My first batch of honey flavoured Greek yoghurt is most acceptable. Yum!

- 8) **WORLD NUDE GARDENING DAY** last Tuesday.

I apologise, friends, for not having given you advance notice of this important event. It does of course absolve you from feeling guilty about not having taken part. And before you ask, no I didn't either. It was a chilly day.

Thank you for reading. I love writing to my St M's friends. Best wishes Mavis