

ST MARY'S SPEEN PEW NEWS 288

THIS MORNING

Sunday 15th Sept 10.30am: Holy Communion
led by Rev Margaret Yates.

6pm Benefice Evensong led by Jane Sutton.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 22nd Sept 10.30am HARVEST.

Service of the Word led by Jo Fageant.

More details below.

HARVEST DONATIONS AND AUCTION.

Speen Allotments have kindly promised donations for the Auction after **Harvest Festival on Sunday 22nd September**. If you would like to bring produce from your own garden, that would be welcome too. Other traditional village events are in demise, so we are pleased that this delightful custom is continuing. **Please do invite your friends and neighbours to come to the Auction**, it is open to **everyone**.

Harvest Gifts. It is suggested that we bring packs of tea, coffee, sugar, dried milk, or biscuits (within date) that can be passed straight on to Loose Ends or the Food Bank. We do enjoy our refreshments after Services. It would be nice to think that others not so fortunate might like to share in this.

Any other gifts of packeted or tinned food, or soap, shampoo or toilet rolls will also be very welcome.

Friday 20th Sept 7.30pm: QUIZ NIGHT

Last call for booking your place! Michael is allocating his last few places. Tickets for the Quiz and Ploughman's Supper – are £8. There is also a cash bar. Please come along - **and invite your friends** - to what is always a very enjoyable evening. Michael Bell 01488 608284

THURS 10TH OCT, 7.30PM: LICENSING OF REV

JANICE MACDONALD. We were delighted to have Janice worshipping with us on the last 2 Sundays, although she will not officially take up her duties in Speen until after her licensing. Do please ask Jo if you would like a lift.

Contributions to refreshments will be co-ordinated near the time. We will be welcoming a coachload of visitors from Janice's current church to join us for the event.

Jerusalem Cafe on Sat 28th Sept at St George's Hall, 7.30pm, Israeli inspired food and live music. Tickets £25 from Shoemakers on 01635 37836.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

The Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday 23rd Nov**. We are keen to go ahead on this date, we want to avoid the Newbury Races which gridlock the area. If you helped last year and can do so this time please let me know ASAP as it is vital that we have enough volunteer helpers, maybe family or friends etc. to ensure that this major fundraiser to go ahead.

Brian Nobes.

VISIT OF BISHOP STEVEN

We welcomed our Bishop to our Service last week. Impressively, he did not appear to be at all sweaty, having cycled across Berkshire to reach us. The Diocese has 500 or so churches in the Bishopric of Oxford, so we were honoured that he dropped in. St Mary's is the oldest church in Berkshire and is particularly significant because we are a largely lay-led church, indebted to the likes of Jo, Julian and John who lead our Services of the Word. This means we have the luxury of meeting every week, unlike some other small parishes.

28th September 7.30pm at St George's Church Hall, Andover Road: Shoemakers are hosting The Jerusalem Café to raise much needed funds. You can experience Israeli inspired food and live music. Tickets, which include a glass of wine, are £25 and are available from Steve at Shoemakers on 01635 37836. Steve will be happy to take payment by card.

THIS MORNING

READINGS

Maureen Gilbert - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Peter Rimmer - Luke 15:1-10

Hymns

565 Praise my soul the king of heaven

264 Hark my soul it is the Lord

29 Amazing grace

649 The king of love my shepherd is

314 Immortal invisible

THIS EVENING

READINGS

Bettine Bly - Exodus 32:7-16

Jo Fageant - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Psalms 124, 125

314 Immortal, invisible

372 Judge eternal

662 There's a wideness in God's mercy

29 Amazing grace

