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Sunday 20th October 10.30am Service of the Word, led by Jo Fageant and Rev Janice Macdonald.

6pm Evensong led by John Hughesdon.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 27th October 10.30am. Holy Communion led by Rev Pam McKellen.

JANICE'S LICENSING

We enjoyed a beautiful and most moving service on Thursday 10th to celebrate Janice's coming to this parish.

At her licensing, Janice said "I pledge myself to care for the community that gathers here, to share with them the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant and to encourage them in their discipleship. Together may we make this a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world".

Later in the Service the Archdeacon said "People of this benefice, I present to you your new Minister now duly licenced, and I invite you to greet her in the name of Christ. I commend her to your love and prayers". And the congregation all replied heartily, "We welcome you! May the Lord richly bless you and make you a blessing among us". A few spare copies of the Service sheet are available at the back of church.

JUNE ELCOCK

Sadly, June Elcock died, aged 93, on 7th October in Bayford House after just a few days of being unwell. She had links with St Mary's when she was living at Marshalls Court and Marion and Peter have taken communion to her. At present we are not sure when the funeral is going to be, but it could well be not until the first week of November

BREXIT; Message from the Bishops

As a nation we may be about to exit the European Union and begin a new relationship with our European neighbours and with the world. Our bishops have written to every church, school and chaplaincy in the Diocese of Oxford at this critical moment in our national life. You can read the letter at oxford.anglican.org/Brexit, as an attachment to PN by email, or a few copies are available in church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 3 Nov 3.30 pm All Saints' Service, at St Mary's Church Speen.

You are all invited to this Benefice service of thanksgiving for, and remembrance of, the lives of those we know and love who have died. During this service we will remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us, and pray for all who mourn. There will also be time for private reflection and prayer. The service will be followed by refreshments.

During the service we will read out the names of all those who have died in the past two years known to St Nic's and St Mary's churches. If you wish to add the names of your relatives or friends to the Roll of Remembrance, please add their details to the list at the back of church, or send to Mandy Maskell in the St Nic's church office (<u>office@st-nics.org</u> or 47018) by Thursday 31 October.

THIS MORNING READINGS

Mavis Hughesdon - Jeremiah 31:31-33 Maureen Gilbert - Mark 10:13-16

HYMNS

25 All things bright and beautiful450 Morning has broken901 This little light of mine525 One more step along the world I go

THIS EVENING READINGS

Bettine Bly : Nehemiah 8 1-3. 8-end Maureen Gilbert: John 16 1-11

HYMNS

Psalm 149

- 420 Lord thy word abideth
- 289 Holy Spirit truth divine
- 44 As pants the hart
- 289 O breathe of life