

St Mary's Speen Pew News 332 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Dear friends, how are you?

Don't forget, there are lots of people from our congregation who would love a chat.

Don't wait for anyone to ring you, be proactive!

1) Most of you should have received our Thought for the Week, written by our Joy, Rev Joy Mawdesley, on Wednesday. If you have not, and would like to have it, please let me know.

2) Janice's Sabbath Sustenance is attached to this email.

3) Re last week's hymn for the week "Holy Overshadowing" suggested by Janet Treasure, I just wanted to add a bit more.

The theme for the hymn is taken from Psalm 57:

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
For in you my soul takes refuge;  
In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
until the destroying storms pass by.           **Psalm 57.1**"

Lovely.

4) May I suggest a golden oldy for this week's hymn: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine". Enjoy by clicking on the blue line below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuyf1YQvcwY>

5) The Oxford Diocese Ascension Day Service last Thursday may be followed on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrFT1rKivCE&feature=youtu.be>

6) VE DAY. Jane Sutton kindly rummaged in her wastepaper bin for last Week's Newbury Weekly News for me and sent the lovely photo of Jennifer Davies. It was taken

when she was celebrating, outside her flat in the sun, with her WREN's hat and medals.



7) I reprint Joy's notice here about **Thy Kingdom Come – 21st – 31st May**. You will see that we are few days through the programme. **Today, (23<sup>rd</sup>) let's do something kind for someone.**

Last Thursday marked Ascension Day, when Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, calling his disciples to carry on his work in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It marks the beginning of the Archbishop of Canterbury's annual and global prayer initiative Thy Kingdom Come which continues until Pentecost on Sunday 31st May.

This year the theme is Prayer and Care – and so Janice, Pam and Joy have put their heads together and come up with a simple challenge for each day.

Firstly, we would love you to join us in praying the Lord's Prayer at 12.30pm each day – perhaps as you come to eat your lunch, either with someone else or on your own.

Secondly, why not try one of these challenges each day?

21st – pray for three of your neighbours

22nd – pray for two people you know who are in special need

23rd – do something kind for somebody

24th – phone a friend who would be glad to hear from you

25th – stop and thank God for three particular things today

26th – pray for those leading our country

27th – pray for all health and social care staff

28th – send a card to someone who has been on your mind

29th – pray for the leaders of the church

30th – pray for the community of Speen

31st – pray for the life of St Mary's

Let us know how you get on!

8) **THE NEW SHOP AT THE HARE AND HOUNDS.** The new shop is open Weds. to Sund. from 10am-3pm Click on the blue line below to see what they stock in their new shop ... a LOT, including fresh veg flour and yeast.

<https://secure.toolkitfiles.co.uk/clients/21693/sitedata/files/Shop-Menu-for-website.pdf>

9) And finally, a quote from Today's Telegraph which amuses me:  
“ A German Café made customers wear straw hats with two swimming noodles attached ” (those 1.5m foam stick-shaped swimming aids) “ to ensure social distancing” .  
Perhaps we could try this at St M's?

Best Wishes Mavis

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