

Dear friends,



- 1) This week's personal achievement is to get photos on Pew News. So here we have a delightful **photo sent in by Michael Bell**, of goslings with their proud parents, on his lawn.
- 2) **This week is Volunteers' Week** (1st to 7th June) - an annual celebration of the contributions that millions of people across the UK make through volunteering. So if you have been grateful in recent weeks to someone who has been helping you, perhaps now is the time to give them a very special thank you
- 3) **My Hymn of the week** is another joyous hymn of praise. "O for a thousand tongues to sing" . How wonderful to hear a church organ with the resonance of a big church building . Enjoy and sing along.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O9kw3cILpg>
- 4) **A bit more about the Pentecost doves**
I had been contacted by folk who wanted to say thank you for the Pentecost dove sent to us in the post last week. Joy and Janice wanted a way of helping us to stay connected to St Mary's and to each other and Pentecost seemed a good occasion to do something like this. Just an encouragement as this strange time continues and we may be feeling weary, and a reminder that God's presence continues to be with us.
- 5) **Robert Sandilands School.** Pam Harrison very kindly made cakes again to encourage the staff as they open the school for a limited number of pupils. They already have 17 children of Key Workers coming in anyway. This week the teachers have been busy preparing the school for Years 1 and 6 children. How fortunate they are to have such lovely grounds that they can use. Do please include them in your prayers.

6) **The Community Service people**, who, until lockdown used to tend out churchyard, are back. They are attacked our carpark area this week and did a great job... ..little steps to our new normal. They are probably coming again on 13th June.

7) **From our Treasurer:** “Thank you very much to all who are maintaining their giving despite not being in the church building. I am always happy to receive such, either in cash or by cheque made out to “St Mary’s Speen PCC.” (This week John received a sizeable, estimated bill from our electricity suppliers, which as no one has used any electricity in our church building for a while, made him a bit tetchy. He has read the meter and is sorting it out. Which should help St M’s funds a bit.

8) **Zimmer frame available. Message from Jane Booth** “ Dolomite Rollator (Zimmer Frame on Wheels). A neighbour of mine is looking for a good home for a rollator that used to belong to their mother. It is in very good condition, with brakes and a seat, it folds up and the height can be adjusted. If you or someone you know needs help with walking this may be just what you need. Please ring Jane Booth on 01635 30343 if you are interested.



9) **St M’s Swap Shop.** Similarly, do you have anything you would like to get pass on, that someone else in St M’s might like? Do let me know, preferably with a photo, and maybe I can advertise it. Don’t forget I have a big box of jigsaws in our hall if anyone would like some.

10) **The Hare and Hounds shop, now called The Barn** is now opening for longer: Weds-Saturday 10am -8pm and Sunday 10am -6pm. Various people have visited and found interesting things like olive bread and fresh yeast. Do try them out. No, I don’t have shares..

That's all for now. Best Wishes, Mavis