

Notices

Plant Britain

The BBC, through its Country File programme, has launched an initiative to plant a tree for every child starting Primary School in 2020. Mary Dean School has embraced the idea and the PCC have unanimously agreed to support the idea of a partnership with Mary Dean School. The initiative will involve the St. Mary's' community sponsoring the purchase of trees, and the necessary protection, as a means of showing our strong partnership with the school. Whilst the Country File programme is offering the chance to apply for packs of trees through The Woodland Trust – and Mary Dean School will apply for one of these – The proposal is that the PCC would buy a pack of 105 saplings plus protection, which would cost approximately £200. The Head Teacher supports the idea enthusiastically and has already earmarked a suitable location on the school site. Ros Watkins has also agreed that some of the flower fund could be used for the project. If you would like to contribute to the cost, any donations would be gratefully received. If you can, please use BACS transfer (Account Name: PCC of Tamerton Foliot; Sort Code: 30-96-68 and Account number: 00503131) with the reference 'Trees'). Thank you.

The Perfect Church

If you should find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear
For goodness sake don't join that church
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church
Where all anxieties cease
Then pass it by, lest joining in
You'd spoil the masterpiece.

If you should find the perfect church
Then don't ever dare
To tread upon such holy ground
You'd be a misfit there.

But since no perfect church exists
Made of perfect men
Let's cease looking for that church
And love the church we're in.

Of course it's not the perfect church
That's simple to discern
But you and I and all of us
Could cause the tide to turn.

What fools are we to flee the past
In that fruitful search
To find at last, where problems loom
God proudly build his church.

So let's keep working in our church
Until the Resurrection
And then we each will join that Church
Without an imperfection.

Anonymous – Source unknown.

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St Mary's Online Services

Rev'd David Gill and Fenny will continue to put a short service on our St Mary's Facebook page each Sunday and these are also available via the St Mary's website. Copies of the service sheet are also on the website so you can join in with the responses at home. There are videos of part of the Last Hour Service from Good Friday and the Easter Day service on the St Mary's website and Facebook Page.

Planned Giving Envelopes

There are still a few Planned Giving envelopes ready for collection from the table at the back of the Church. If you can't remember your number, Val Howell is happy for you to phone her on 787511 as she has a list of names and the associated numbers. Please can you ensure you only take your own envelopes. If you are not coming to Church at the moment and would like us to deliver your envelopes to you at home, please let us know. Many thanks.

Belief in Action and Honey for Hope

Pat Eyres writes, "Thank you to everyone who is continuing to support the work in Transylvania with donations of childrens' clothes, toys, shoes and knitted blankets. As you might imagine, in this area where health services are very limited and there is extreme poverty, they have been severely hit by COVID-19. Please keep hold of any items until we are again able to meet in church – where you can leave things in the collection box. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about the work please look at the website www.beliefin-action.co.uk or on Facebook www.facebook.com/Hemlingford One of the fundraising initiatives is the Honey for Hope project where we import lovely organic honey from local Transylvanian beekeepers. I have a small stock of both the Acacia and the Wild Flower honey – please contact me if you would like a jar of either - £5 each pateyres@talk21.com "

Church Collections

While the Church building is still open for services, we will be pleased to see you at either of the services on Sundays at 10am or Wednesdays at 6.30pm. We would greatly appreciate it, if you use the envelope scheme, to bring your planned giving envelopes to Church each week if you are able to attend. Otherwise, please keep them until you are able to attend in future. We will be really thankful for the income at any time. Please do not send money in the post.

If you are able to pay by BACS or a standing order and do not already do this, it would be great if you could do this. Our BACS details are Sort Code: 30-96-68 and Account number: 00503131. Please include your surname as a reference. You can also pay by cheque payable to 'The PCC of Tamerton Foliot' via the Vicar or Treasurer. You can also Gift Aid any monies paid via these means. If you need any more help or information on how to do this, please contact our treasurer, Phil Sloggett via: phil.sloggett.treasurer@gmail.com
Thank you for your continued support