

## Diary Please stay safe, stay well, and stay connected

Mon. 3rd N.B. No Home Group today  
Wed. 5th 6.30pm Said Evening Prayer  
Fri. 7th 7pm Choir Practice in Church

### Notice

1. **Beetle Drive.** Unfortunately, the last Beetle Drive had to be cancelled. Watch this space for any update on when the next one will now be held.

2. **Joyful Praise Services.** Joyful Praise Services are usually held on the second Sundays of each month at 6pm at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. However, they have had to be cancelled until further notice.



3. The last Messy Church was unfortunately cancelled due to Coronavirus. Watch this space for details of when the next Messy Church will now be held.

4. **Oasis Youth Group.** The Oasis Group has been cancelled until further notice.

5. **Together @ Ten.** The monthly Family Services are now known as 'Together @ Ten' – All Age Praise. Unfortunately, all Together @ Ten services have been cancelled so please watch this space for details of when they will start again.

6. **PCC Meeting.** The next meeting of the new PCC will be on Monday 7th June, at 7pm via Zoom.

7. **Home Group.** The Home Group now meet on Mondays during school term time. They usually meet at 7.30pm each week via an online Zoom video meeting at present. All are welcome to join in at any time. Please get in touch with your email address if you would like to be involved. Tel. 786409.

8. **Fair Trade.** St. Mary's is registered as a Fair Trade Church and Jo Parker can still supply you with a Traidcraft brochure or take any orders you may have. Tel. 786409.

9. **Easy Fund Raising.** Don't forget, when doing your shopping on-line, to shop via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to raise some extra money for St. Mary's at no cost to yourself. We currently have 23 people supporting us and our total raised so far is £533.32. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

10. **Amazon Echo.** If anyone has an Amazon Echo they can now access prayers, church and Bible information by saying "Open the Church of England".

11. **Church News.** Please address all queries and notices for the Church News to [andy@saintmarys.org.uk](mailto:andy@saintmarys.org.uk).

# CHURCH NEWS



Saint Mary's, Tamerton Foliot

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2nd May 2021  
5th Sunday of Easter

**Sunday Club** (ages 4 - 11) Sunday Club will start up again as soon as possible. If you know of any children who might be interested in joining Sunday Club please ask them to contact Revd. David Gill. Tel. 771033

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The Oasis Youth Group (ages 11 – 18) usually meet on alternate Tuesdays during school term time but meetings are suspended at the moment. For Oasis contact Joanne Parker Tel. 786409.

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### Today's Readings

10am Holy Communion (CW)

Acts 8: 26 – end,

John 15: 1 – 8

BCP Readings: 4th Sunday after Easter

James 1: 17 – 21,

John 16: 5 - 15

**E**aster celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If God raised his Son from death to life, bringing victory out of disaster, he can also renew human lives. Feelings of failure, rejection or resentment are changed into opportunities for healing, forgiveness and service. As today's Collect (below) prays, God puts 'into our minds good desires' and helps us to 'bring them to good effect'.

*Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

**Those living in:** Seven Stars Lane, Church Row Lane

**Recently bereaved:** Family and friends of Jennifer Fraser

**The sick and those in need:** Angie, Joan Bagwell, Clare B. Marie and Thomas Baker and family, Peter Bolam, Liz Brady, Keith Brindley, Bruce and family, Margaret D, Graham B. Brian, Cameron, Jane Dakin, John Dean, Peter Fraser, Graham, Hannah, Dave and Lyn Hill, Oliver Hawkins, Imogen, Jill Tooze, Katie S. Kay, Ken, Sam L. Pat Ley, Lorna, Sonia Lyndon, Mand-King family, Margaret, Elizabeth Mundy, Jill and Bob O'Sullivan, Michael P. Mo W. Oscar, Pat, Ruth, Anne Shaw, Margaret Sparshott, Sue Stephens and family, Trish T. John Tweedley and family, Angie W.

**Personal consent must now be given by the person, (or their parent/guardian) to have their name displayed.**

**Please let Andy King have any names those who are in need of our prayers or who can be taken off the list. Tel. 07708590704.**

**Thank you.**

### Next Sunday

9th May 2021

### 6th Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion (CW)

Acts 10: 44 – end,

John 15: 9 – 17

BCP Readings:

Song of Solomon 4: 16 – 5: 2, 8: 6 - 7

Revelation 3: 14 - end

Team Rector:

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**First Reading Acts 8: 26 – 40**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means ‘queen of the Ethiopians’). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’ <sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.’ <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?’ <sup>37</sup> Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ The eunuch answered, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

**Gospel Reading John 15: 1 – 8**

<sup>1</sup> ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> ‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

**First Reading James 1: 17 – 21**

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: <sup>20</sup> For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

**Second Reading John 16: 5 – 15**

<sup>5</sup> But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. <sup>8</sup> And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they believe not on me; <sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; <sup>11</sup> Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

**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.