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Books For Sale

There is a bookcase situated between the choir vestry and the desk where the Sidespeople hand out the service books. The top 2 shelves contain books available for sale in aid of the Flush Fund. The paperbacks are 50p each and the large or hardback books are £1 each. The bottom shelf contains various Christian books available to borrow. Please have a look and make use of this useful resource.

Rainbows and Brownies

Come and join us at The Church of The Holy Spirit Hall on Fridays.

Rainbows (age 4 – 6) 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Brownies (age 7 – 10) 5.40pm – 7.10pm

The leader contact details for both groups is Pennie Winchester – Mobile 078377421176.

To register online, find the link to Young Member Enquiry at <https://devonguides.org.uk>

Tea and Cake

A new group has started up at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. It is open for anyone to come along for a cup of tea, a slice of cake and a chat, especially if you have been feeling a bit isolated due to Covid recently. The group meets from 2pm – 4pm on the first Thursday of the month. The next one is on Thursday 4th August. All welcome.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Summer Quiz Night

Mick and Val Howell have volunteered to draw up and run a quiz! (Thank you Mick and Val!) It will be in St. Mary's Church Hall on Friday 22nd July. We estimate we can have about 14 tables with teams of 4 - 6 people on each table. Tickets are on sale at £3 each and you are invited to bring your own drink and 'nibbles'. Please get your team together and get your tickets as soon as you can as we have now opened it up to both Churches and the local community too. Don't worry if you are on your own or if you can't get a whole team together as we will link people together to help make up the teams. All proceeds will be in aid of the Flush Fund. If you would like to take some tickets to sell, or for more information please contact Andy King – andy@saintmarys.org.uk or **07708590704**

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Service Cover

This morning we welcome Revd Simon Springett to St. Mary's to lead our service. He has stood in at very short notice as Revd Ann Hosking, who was due to take the service, has tested positive for Covid. We wish Ann a speedy recovery and thank Simon for stepping in.

New Bishop of Plymouth

Some of you will already have seen that the next Bishop of Plymouth has been announced and it is to be Revd Preb James Grier, whom some of you will know well. James is a past member of St Mary's, where he attended Sunday School, was an Altar Server and also attended our Church Youth Group, which he also helped to lead.

We offer our congratulations and look forward to seeing James a bit more often now. Please have him and his family in your prayers as he prepares to take up this new post.

Prospective Candidate for our Vacancy

As you are aware, we have a potential candidate for our vacancy. The candidate visited St Mary's and The church of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday 29th June and met all three Churchwardens during the visit.

As part of the interview process, there will be a Social evening from 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th July at The Church of The Holy Spirit, where people are invited to bring a small amount of food to share. (Both Church Halls are booked that evening.)

It will be a mixed buffet – savoury and sweet - as some people will already have eaten by then but others will not have done so. We do not want too much food as we always have too much left over and there won't be a lot of space at the back of the Church for it all. (If 50 people bring a cake or similar to feed 10 people we end up with enough for 500!) Please just bring an amount that you would eat yourself. Thank you. Also, please note the candidate is dairy-free.

The candidate will be hosted overnight in Tamerton Foliot and on Wednesday morning will be taken to see Mary Dean School by the 2 School Governors on St Mary's PCC, before being taken to meet Gwynneth at Holy Spirit to be shown around the local area.

The candidate will then be taken to St Mark's, Ford, in time for the interview at 2pm where our Parish representatives on the interview panel will be Colin Stockman, Shaun Brady, Kathryn Brewer and Di Liddiard. Please have everyone involved in your prayers at this crucial time. Thank you.

Hot Weather

Please take care this week in the hot weather. Please ensure you are drinking enough fluids and do check on any of your neighbours who might be suffering in the heat. Thank you.