

Parish of
Harpenden



St Mary's Monthly Missive April 2024



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NOTICES

PCC Vacancy

At the ADCM on 21st April we have 1 vacancy to fill on the PCC. Please think whether you might be able to serve St Mary's in this way.

Revision of Church Electoral Roll Spring 2024

The Electoral Roll for the Parish will be revised from **Tuesday 2nd April to Sunday 21st April 2024**. The revision includes additions, amendments and deletions. If you have been worshipping at St Mary's regularly over the past six months (including live streaming over Facebook) but are not yet registered on the Electoral Roll, you would be very welcome to join. Copies of the Electoral Roll forms are available at church, from the Parish Office or emailed to you if you prefer. Simply contact your District Electoral Roll Officer - Ro Marriott (Marriott.ro@gmail.com) to request a copy or if you have any questions.

St Mary's Big Spring Clean – Tuesday 9th April – Friday 12th April

It is that time of year again when I ask for as much help as you can give to make the church clean and bright for another year. The more helpers there are, the more sociable it is, if you haven't helped before do come and join us from 2pm on Tuesday and 10am – 4pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Lots of dusting, walls to be washed, windows cleaned and all the furniture to be polished in the hall and church. All cleaning materials and equipment is supplied, plus coffee and biscuits! Organiser: Olive Hayward. Tel: 769606. Email: olive.hayward@hotmail.com

St Mary's Church ADCM – Sunday 21st April 11.00 am

Our Annual District Church Meeting: Everyone welcome to attend. It's a great way to find out about all that happens at St Mary's.

Simply Worship – Sunday 21st April 4.30pm

Good Shepherd

Tuesday Afternoon Group – 23rd April 2.30pm

This month Sue Archer, the Chair of Trustees of Friends of Kinsbourne Green Common will be coming to speak to us. For further information contact Jenny Evans 713895

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May 2024

Once again, we will be delivering envelopes for Christian Aid Week to as many houses in St Mary's district as we can manage. To do this, we need a few more volunteers to help. You could combine it with your daily constitutional! The envelopes will be marked with three drop-off points where people can leave their donations. **You are not required to return to pick them up.** Last year our district collected £1237, and hopefully the arrival of the envelope may also have prompted people to give online.

If you could help with this, please speak to Jenny Clark 410682 or Jenny Evans 713895 or Kevin Featherstone 821248.

For Sale

Small garden shredder, owner unable to use now. Proceeds of sale will go to St Mary's. Contact Parish Office for more information.

Eco Tips for April

Fit more active travel into your daily routine. Re-evaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences.

Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.

Don't forget to.....recycle your coffee pods in the bags provided in the lobby. Green for plastic, white for aluminium.

We Are Online....

St. Mary's has its own **Facebook** page (simply search for 'St. Mary's Kinsbourne Green'). We use this to publicise both upcoming and past events. To help us reach a wider audience we'd love you to 'like' and 'share' our page.

There is also a **Parish website** – www.parishofharpenden.org If you haven't visited it, we would encourage you to go and have a look. There you can access the latest pew leaflet, articles, our monthly Missive and so much more.

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Morning prayer at St Mary's 9.00-9.25am

Do join Sally and Jenny Goulding to pray for church and world concerns.

Holy Communion – 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10am

A Book of Common Prayer service with coffee afterwards. All welcome.

This Month Please Pray For....

- Tuesday Afternoon Group, giving thanks for the fellowship and friendship it provides, and for those who organise the group. Praying for more drivers to come forward.
- Give thanks for signs of Spring as we look towards Easter.
- 9th Harpenden Scout Group, who provide activities for children and young people in our district through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, for all who lead and plan these activities.

Future Dates

- **Little Lunch** – Monday 20th May
- **Christian Aid Week** – Sunday 12th May to Saturday 18th May
- **APCM** – Monday 20th May
- **Simply Worship** – Sunday 19th May
- **Afternoon Group** – Tuesday 28th May

St Mary's: Services April 2024

Tuesday 2nd April - 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Nick Goulding

Sunday 7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.00am Combined Parish Service at All Saints Church

(There is no service at St Marys on this day).

Sunday 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Family Communion – Revd Cath Rindl

Tuesday 16th April - 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Canon Dennis Stamps

Sunday 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Nick Goulding

4.30pm Simply Worship

Sunday 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Geoff Lackey

Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Worship – Jenny Goulding and Nina Featherstone

11am Holy Communion – Revd Nick Goulding

Everyone is welcome at all our services.

An activity sheet for children is available at our 9.30am services.

Simply Worship is particularly suitable for families and children.

Next month: Please send submissions for May's Missive by 19th April to missive@stmarys.parishofharpندن.org or speak to Jenny Clark