

Parish Diary

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st May 2017

THIS WEEK in the Parish

Monday 22nd May – Saturday 3rd June
'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Stations (St Mary's)

Wednesday 24th May
10.30 am Ashley Primary School
Thanksgiving Service 1 (St Mary's)

Thursday 25th May: Ascension Day
10.00 am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
11.00 am Ashley Primary School
Thanksgiving Service 2 (St Mary's)

Friday 26th May
10.30 am Toddlers' Praise (St John's)
2.00 pm Toddlers' Praise (St Mary's Hall)

Sunday 28th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter
God's Kingdom come and will be done

St Mary's
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.15 am Morning Praise with Baptism
11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion

St John's
10.30 am Morning Praise

Readings Romans 12. 1-12 (NT p.157)
John 6. 38-40 (NT p.95)

We send love and congratulations from the Parish to *Canon Timothy Sedgley*, former Vicar of Walton, who celebrates the 50th anniversary of his Ordination this weekend.

Newspaper wanted for Rock Solid (11-14s group). Please bring in to the back of St Mary's or to the Hall on a Sunday morning. Thank you.

Urgent!

Is there anyone willing to take over the organization of the altar linen laundry rota at St Mary's? There is a good team already in place. It means sending just one email a year to inform them of their dates, and very occasionally to find a new person should anyone wish to step down. Help given! Please contact *Ann Rofe* (223147).

Looking ahead: some dates for your diary...

Saturday 17th June – Summer Quiz Night
Friday 23rd/Saturday 24th June – Servant Course
Sunday 2nd July – Mayor's Civic Service
Sunday 2nd July – Ordination Service (Cathedral)
Saturday 8th July – Parish Fun Day
Sunday 9th July – Joint Parish Celebration Service
Monday 7th – Friday 11th August – Holiday Club

Hallowed be Thy Name

St Mary's

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.15 am Morning Praise
11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion
Hymns: 546 (omit *), 383, 375, 474
7.00 pm Evening Praise

St John's

10.30 am NO SERVICE

Readings Exodus 6. 2-8 (OT p.54)
Matthew 6. 5-15 (NT p.5)

We are delighted to welcome the *Bishop of Guildford*, the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, to St Mary's Church today, where he is preaching at the 9.15 & 11.00 am services. St John's congregation are also welcome as they join us and there is a combined Sunday School. Don't forget that coffee is served in the hall between the services!

TODAY at 7pm in St Mary's, all are invited to *Jesus leads in love*, Evening Praise with contemporary worship, teaching, prayer ministry and refreshments.

Our Whole Church Discipleship on **The Lord's Prayer** started last Sunday and runs til 2nd July. This includes sermons and house groups. It's very easy to follow on your own: the Cover to Cover Lord's Prayer study book is still available online @ £4 and sermons are on the website.

As we focus on the Lord's Prayer, look out for the **collectable magnets** with one line of the Prayer on each. Collect them all Sunday by Sunday in church for a £5 donation.

'To be a growing, loving family, with Christ at the centre, reaching out to all'

Thy Kingdom Come

From tomorrow, Monday 22nd May, for 2 weeks, there will be 8 interactive prayer stations set up in St Mary's Church as part of the Archbishops' initiative (visit www.thykingdom.co.uk for more details). Many of the stations will explore the theme of the Lord's Prayer, complementing the current sermon series. The Church will be open during the day between approximately 9.30 am and 3.00 pm; also special after-school opening on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th from 3-5pm; and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00 til 9.30 pm. It will finish at 3pm on Saturday 3rd June. For further info or to offer help, please contact Mandy (mandy@waltonparish.org.uk).

Part of the *Thy Kingdom Come* initiative is to **pray for 5 friends** to come to faith and for their lives to be transformed by Jesus. One of the ideas is to tie 5 knots in a ribbon as a reminder and commitment to pray. There will be ribbon and instructions available from church this Sunday.



Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event Sunday 4th June, 4.30 - 8.00 pm

Pentecost Prayer, Food Festival and Ignite!

As part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's invitation to Christians around the world to pray as one at Pentecost, Guildford Cathedral is hosting a huge Beacon Event with a prayer walk labyrinth and prayer stations all around the site. Local children's choirs, dance troupes, jazz music and more will perform on a stage in the Marquee to create a festival atmosphere, designed to appeal to all ages. It will be in two stages: **4.30 - 6.00 pm** Prayer and Food Festival. Church groups from across the region will pilgrimage to Stag Hill to enjoy food, prayer, music and fun! There will be hot dogs, ice-cream, prayer tents, Psalm Drummers, candy floss, poets, inflatables and live bands. You can bring a picnic or buy food. And then from **6.30 - 8.00 pm** there will be a Pentecost Celebration service in the Cathedral aimed at young people of secondary school age to uni students, but all ages are welcome. We'll be gathering to worship Jesus, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and pray that others will come to know Him. Pete Greig is hosting, with worship led by the Boilerroom Ignite band. For more information and to register for FREE tickets, please go to the booking website: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-beacon-event-guildford-tickets-32403272059

If driving, you are encouraged to car share!

PRAYER DIARY

Please pray for:-

Those suffering from illness:

Doreen Butler: *Abi Riehl's step-mother, recently diagnosed with cancer;*

Jill Comley: *still suffering from a lung condition;*

Sheila McMullen: *Morag Darling's sister-in-law, bravely fighting cancer;*

Shirley Rhodes: *rehabilitating from a badly-broken leg;*

Andy Wales: *Janet Dicker's son-in-law's cousin, recuperating after brain surgery.*

The families of those who have died recently: Will Oram;

... and in times past whose anniversary falls this week: Daisy Cole, Walter Jenkins, Jack Price and Shakuntala Samuels.

In the Diocese and the Anglican Communion:

Sun: The Diocesan Housing Advisory Committee and Property Team: Paul Bryer (Chair); Ngbo (Nigeria) Bp Christian Ebisike.

Mon: St Martin, East Horsley: Renos Pittarides (Rector); Niassa (Southern Africa) Bps Vicente Msossa and Manuel Ernesto.

Tue: All Saints, Ockham with St Michael, Hatchford and Downside: Hugh Grear (Rector); Niger Delta North (Nigeria) Abp Ignatius Kattey.

Wed: St Mary, West Horsley: Phil Herrington (Rector);

Niger Delta West (Nigeria) Bp Emmanuel Oko-Jaja.

Thu: St Lawrence, Effingham and All Saints, Little Bookham: Mandy MacVean (Rector);

For Ascension Day: A hymn of glory let us sing, new songs throughout the world shall ring, Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia!

Fri: St Mary, Fetcham: Andrew Smith (Rector); *The Niger Delta (Nigeria) Bp Ralph Ebirien.*

Sat: St Nicolas, Great Bookham: Alan Jenkins (Rector and Area Dean);

Niger West (Nigeria) Bp Johnson Ekwe.

LLM Licensing Service

We are delighted to be hosting the Licensing Service for Licensed Lay Ministers at St Mary's Church on Saturday 24th June at 5.30 pm. This will include the licensing by Bishop Jo of Tessa & John Badcock and the re-licensing of John Muggleton, as well as LLMs from across the Diocese. There will be a reception in the Hall afterwards with drinks and a finger buffet for up to 200 guests. If you would be willing to provide a plate of food for this or to help set up/serve/clear away, please speak to Linda Muggleton (224244), Carol Collings (228367) or Linda Knights (240180). Thank you.