

6 May 2018 /6th Sunday of Easter



St Mary's

A warm welcome, especially if you are new or a visitor. We hope you enjoy our service. Please join us in the Polygon after the service for a tea or coffee.

8
AM

HOLY COMMUNION BCP

Preacher: Steve Paynter

1030
AM

Whole Church Communion

Leader: Steve and Angela

Reading: Acts 1: 12 - 14

6
PM

TAIZE

Leader: Angela Barnfather

If you would like any information, please visit our Welcome Desk in the Polygon, where there will be someone happy to talk to you, or visit www.stmarysealing.org.uk (where you can also download our notice sheet and sermon).

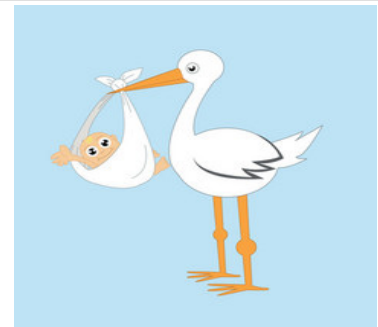
If you wish to be prayed for, go to the chapel to the right of the altar immediately after you have received Communion or a blessing, where there will be members of the congregation who will pray with you. If it is Morning Prayer, please come up during the last hymn.

On 20th May after the morning service there will be a cake, plant and hand made cards sale in aid of Christian Aid week. Please put the date in your diary. If you can make some cakes, donate plants or cards please let Jean Barclay know.



Congratulations to Catherine and James Hellings on the birth of their baby boy, Max, on Monday 23rd April weighing 6lb 11oz. A first grandchild for Ian and Christine Goldsmid.

Congratulations also to Catherine and William on the birth of their son on the same day. A brother for George and Charlotte.



On **Sunday 20th May** there will be a service at 5pm here for The Modernites Association formerly The Modern High School Old Scholars Association(UK). Some of our congregation belong to this and will be involved in the service. Therefore there will be no 6pm service here.

Home Groups are a vital part of our lives as Christians and of churches. They provide real space to develop supportive friendships and relationships, deepen our prayer lives and grow in faith, service and engagement with God's word in scripture.

At St Mary's we very much wish to strengthen and support our existing groups and explore ways of increasing participation and the development of new groups. To this end I would like to invite everyone who attends a Home Group, and all interested in doing so, to a Home Groups envisioning/planning meeting on 9 May in the Polygon at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Steve Paynter.



Ascension Day Thursday 10th May

There will be an informal communion service in church at 8pm.
Refreshments will be served in the Polygon from 7.30pm

Church Directory - over the next couple of months the Church Directory will be updated. If you are in it please check your details, have you had an addition to the family, changed your email address, phone number or address, please let the church office know. If you are not in it please complete a form from the Welcome Desk



Thy Kingdom Come (10-20 May) is a global prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. For more info and for details of how you can take part, visit www.thykingdomcome.global.

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This summer, beginning on **May 27th** we have a new Sunday sermon series based on the **Ten Commandments** linked with the fruits of the Spirit. This promises to be a stimulating and challenging series. As always our sermons are recorded and can be found on the web, so you will be able to keep up with the series even if you are not here every Sunday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- * all those ill in body or spirit, lonely or depressed.
- * Stuart Mills recovering after being in hospital.
- * all those recently bereaved, especially Margaret Halberstadt and Sheila Macleod.

Please let the church office know if you would like your name added or removed from the prayers.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer takes place in the West Porch Meeting Room; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.45am.

Tuesday

9.30 - 11.30am Babies and Toddlers

Wednesday

12.30-2.30pm Polygonian Friends

7.30 for 8pm Home Group
envisioning meeting

Thursday

8pm Ascension Day
Communion

Church Office hours

Tues, Thurs 8.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday closed

Friday 8.30 am - 12.30pm

SUNDAY 13 MAY

7th Sunday of Easter

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Baptism

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: New Life, New hope, New role

Readings: John 21: 1 - 17

Romans 6: 3, 4

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Holy Communion

Led by Alex Volossevich

Theme: New Life, New hope, New role

Readings: John 21: 1 - 17

Romans 6: 3, 4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Rise up, O Lord, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed. O Lord hear the desire of the meek and strengthen their heart' Psalm 10: v 12,17

- we need God to act on behalf of the the poor because he is able to do things we cannot.
- we can pray in confidence that the final destiny of all creation is for God to take control and restore justice for ever.

If you would like to know about **St Mary's Stewardship Scheme**, which enables you to give regularly to the church, please contact the Stewardship Recorder, Hazel Neaverson

DO WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

If you are new to St Mary's, and not yet on our membership list, please consider letting us have your details. You can fill in the contact list update form available on the Welcome Desk.

Noticesheet deadline: Please note that requests for notices need to be given to the church office by **11am** on **Thursday** to be included in the following Sunday's noticesheet.

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