Notices week commencing 5 March 2023

Regular events:
Tuesday Church House: 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only.
Wednesday Church House: 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only
Friday Church House: 10:00 - 16:00 Drop In at the Warm Space & during Lent come for the Lent Lunch at 12:30.
Friday St Mary's church: 19:00 Choir Practice, rehearsals have now begun for the Good Friday - Choral contemplation – all singers are welcome.

Other Notices:
Wednesday 8 March 19:30 Church House. PCC meeting.
Friday 10th March – Funeral of Michael Beaven at 12:00 St. Marys church
Saturday 11 March 10:00 - 13:00 Holy Trinity Churchyard - maintenance morning.

Events in Lent:
If you would like an informal chat about your readings and any groups you are attending during Lent, why not drop in to the 'Warm Space' in Church House on Fridays (1000-1600) to swap notes over coffee?
Lent prayers Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 8:30, and Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 17:30, both in St. Mary's Church.
Lent groups meet weekly in Lent using materials from the York Course 'On the third day' all are welcome details below:
Tuesdays 19:30 Lent Group meets at the Baptist Church
Thursdays 19:30 Lent Group meets on Zoom - for more details and to be emailed the Zoom link, please contact Steven Colby on stevenc@mardenvale.org.uk.
Every Friday 12:30 - 13:30 Church House Lent Lunch of Soup, Bread Cheese. All are welcome no charge, but donations gratefully received.

Saturday 18th March 11:00 – 14:00 Friends of the Marden Valley invite you to join them for **"Marden Valley Spring Equinox Festival"** at Marden House and Castlefields Park – Activities for children, Japanese and shamanic drumming and a River Blessing with the Bishop of Ramsbury.

We fondly remember the late Beryl Burlace and give thanks for her generous bequest made to St. Mary's church.

Please pray for:
All those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and all those involved in the work of rescue and rehabilitation. The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict.
The victims of violence and for those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster or famine.
For those helping people and families in poverty.
All in need of God's healing especially those known to this Parish; Cheryl Heaton, Christopher, Connor, Curtis, Debbie Smith, Eddie Elliott, Goff Morris, Jackie Anniss, Jennifer Fenton, John Keller, baby Kallie Davey, Nicola Rigby, Rex Hitchens, Teresa Elliott, Thomas.
All those who mourn the loss of a loved one and especially the family and friends of; Ian Kenway (Bob's brother), Roland Manners, John Mowlem, John Ridley, Don Rose (Teresa's Dad), Joyce Robbins, Michael Beaven, Michael England and Arthur Johns who have recently died.

We would like to thank all who give financially to support the parish. To find out more about how to give, please contact our treasurer, grahamspencer1947@outlook.com.
Please support Christian Aid's work in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine & elsewhere, by making a donation, see https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies for more information.

CALNE SPRING SING is happening on the 25th March 2023 between 10am and 3pm, St Mary's will be one of multiple venues open to performers over the course of the day. We are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to serve hot drinks and welcome people into our church. If you are able to help, even for just an hour, please contact Kate (calnepccsec@mardenvale.org.uk or 07713962635).

Church House Volunteer Cleaning Team -following difficulties in recruiting a paid cleaner for Church House we are looking to create a volunteer group to manage the cleaning. This would involve a commitment of approx.
2 hours, once every 4 weeks (if we can find 4 individuals or pairs of volunteers). All equipment will be provided with guidelines on areas to be cleaned.
If you can help please contact: Kevin on 07748992730 or Churchwardens Jonathan or Steve

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An update from FOSM:
Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 1st April** and will have an Easter theme. As well as all our normal stalls and our wonderful cakes, there will be a raffle of a hamper and other items, a guess the weight of a Simnel cake, individual simnel cakes on sale, a chocolate tombola and good jigsaws and the launch of the fill the Smartie tubes and of course our Calne Singers. The Wednesday club will join us with a stall with I am sure some lovely sweets and goodies. We do hope you will be able to support us. If you are able to help with any of the following it would be great – cakes on the day, good complete puzzles or chocolate for the tombola. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there.
FOSM Committee.

And finally:

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** will be held on **Sunday 30th April**. In advance of this, we need to update our Church Electoral Roll. Being on the Church Electoral Roll allows you to attend and vote at the APCM and to stand for election to the PCC and to Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods. If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything as your name will remain on it. If you have been worshipping with us and you are not sure if you are on the roll, or if you have recently changed address, or have any questions about the rules for inclusion, please contact Liz Roberts (e.are@btopenworld.com) or ask a church warden for an application form (these are available in all three churches and from Church House).

Please note on the back of the form there is a consent section with space for your telephone number; this is not part of the statutory form but please fill it in as it allows the ministry team to use your contact information for pastoral communications.

Revision of the roll begins on 12th March and ends on 2nd April 2023; forms need to be returned by this date if you want to vote at this year's annual meeting.
Thank you!

Liz Roberts