

Notices week commencing 19 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 commenced for the Good Friday - Choral contemplation - all singers are welcome.

Other Notices:

Today: Cake Sale - there is a Mother's Union cake sale after the 10am Service in St. Mary's all proceeds to MU projects.

Monday 20 March - Provisional date for the Bell Work to re-commence

Wednesday 22 March 12:00 - Funeral of Arthur Johns in St. Mary's church

Saturday 25 March - The annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 25 March - 10:00 - 15:00 Calne Spring Sing taking place at various venues in the town.

Advance Notice:

The AGM for FOSP (Friends of St Peters) will be held on **Monday 3 April at 9am**

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.

Good Friday 7 April - Cherhill church will be carrying a cross up onto the downs leaving the church at 14:00 all are welcome to join this march of witness

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; 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. You can give by; using the collection plate at the back of the church, or by standing order, or a weekly envelope, or through the parish website, or using the card reader in St. Mary's, Please gift aid if you can, it gives that little extra but costs you nothing. 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.

Live music at Calne Baptist Church Monday 27 March at 14:00 -our Warm Space days are coming to an end on 27th March with an afternoon concert. Free for everyone to enjoy and sing along, with the duo Bob and Pete, from folk to pop. All welcome and refreshments provided.

Thank you to all who sent their condolences to me following the death of my dear Dad. It has been a real comfort to know that you have been praying for us as a family at this sad time. The beautiful flowers that I received from the Parish were so uplifting and included sprigs of rosemary for 'remembrance' - how very thoughtful. Every blessing, Teresa.

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

An update from FOSM: Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 1st April 10:00 - 12:00** 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 selling 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.

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