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St. Mary's goes on-line



The screenshots are from Morning Service on 29 March, the PCC meeting on 30 March and services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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The Vicar writes

Like most publications, EPN has a lead time, which means, for example, I write my January piece each year before Christmas. At the moment I am writing just after Easter Day, and May - the date of this EPN edition- seems a long way away. Will we have reached the peak and started to see cases of COVID-19 fall by the time you read this? Will lockdown restrictions be starting to unwind? I certainly pray that this will be so.

Many people, I know, are praying for those affected by this disease and for those working in the NHS and other critical services at this time. As I mentioned in my Easter sermon, Google searches for the word "prayer" have surged by an unprecedented amount as people want to find out about prayer, or want to find prayers to say, at this time. Most of us want to help in practical ways too, and it can be hard to know how to do that when one has to stay self-isolating. But even simple things, like dropping off shopping for someone if we can, or a phone call, can make a world of difference to someone's week.

If it's difficult to know what May will bring, it's even harder to imagine how the process of returning to normal life will be accomplished, as and when that happens. No doubt there will be aspects of life in our country, and in the world, which never return to what they were before. Let's hope that some of the things changed for good are a renewed sense of fellowship and solidarity. Most commentators are predicting that the return to normality will not be achieved overnight, but that there will have to be a long and gradual unwinding. Some activities may be able eventually to start up again, but it may be recommended that many people continue to self-isolate. For St Mary's, there may be a period when we can start having services in church again, but there will continue to be demand for online and telephone ministry for those who need to stay home for a while longer. No doubt there will be things we will have learned and experienced as a church that will change us for the future. And of course, when we gather together again we will be conscious of those who are no longer with us, but who worship God now on another shore.

While so much is unknown, it is difficult or impossible to plan. But I am confident that St Mary's will rise to the challenge for the next few months, as we have tried to over recent weeks. It has been truly heart-warming to hear familiar voices on the phone, to see faces from church appearing online, and to be aware of so many people working so hard to come together to be church in these strange circumstances. That commitment to our community and our desire to share the love of Christ will, I know, see us through whatever the next weeks hold.

Thank you to all who continue to support St Mary's in these times.

Your friend and Parish Priest

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ST MARY'S GOES ONLINE

Services

On Sunday 22 March, Mothering Sunday, churches were closed for public worship, but we were able to livestream a Eucharist from within St Mary's.

By Sunday 29 March, the Archbishops had instructed that churches could not even be used for private prayer by the clergy, so worship had to move to our homes. The Vicar was celebrating the Eucharist at home, and Morning Prayer and other services were being livestreamed. Feedback from the congregation of the first service led to the inclusion of hymns and the Peace (exchanged by typing in the comments!). We were able to incorporate different members of the church to provide readings, prayers, sermons, and music. Zoom was used to provide dramatic readings on Palm Sunday. Recordings of our parish choir provided anthems during the time of Spiritual Communion, and a newly recorded-from-home plainsong St John Passion was used on Good Friday.

Those wishing to join in with the services streamed at 9:30am on Sundays, should visit www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live. The recorded videos also can be watched after the event. Although it is not necessary to have a (free) Facebook account to watch, it is required to interact, e.g. post comments and Likes.

Easter

It was a Holy Week and Easter unique in Christian history. Services were livestreamed for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. It is hard to know what figures we should record for Easter "attendance". 61 households attended our 9:30am Morning Prayer 'live', but twice that number watched at least a significant part of the recording afterwards. 30 households attended the 11.15am all-age service 'live', and again about double that number have watched the recording since at the time of writing (discounting those watching the recording only for a short period). All our services represent a lot of work from many members of our church putting together video and music for this new form of worship, and we should be most grateful to everyone who participated and continues to do so week-by-week. On Easter Day we also held an online collection, which at the time of writing has raised over £1200 to support the work of the church. Our cash collections and many other forms of income have vanished over this period, so the generosity of those who contributed is very much appreciated.

Video-conferencing

The Parochial Church Council, Ministry Team, and Finance Committee all met online during March/April using Zoom videoconferencing. Zoom was also used by Children's Hour, which continues to meet weekly, and for our Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We have also used Zoom, as well as phone calls, for various other meetings.

Pastoral Ministry

The Revd Sue Ayling and Canon Margaret Marsh have led the way in organizing telephone support ministry, especially focussing on those who are isolated at this time and unable to access online ministry, but more widely too. We have also begun co-ordinating help with shopping and IT skills where needed.

Other ways of keeping in touch

A Facebook group "Friends of St Mary's" has been created as a way for those associated with St Mary's to keep in touch. Posts so far range from what we have seen on our daily exercise to cakes baked, with much in between.

Our website and mailing lists remain invaluable as ways of keeping people up-to-date with what's going on. Please keep an eye on www.stmarysewell.com and join our mailing list at www.stmarysewell.com/newsletter

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LEARNING NEW WAYS OF BEING CHURCH

What a very strange Easter it has been this year, without all the familiar patterns of Holy Week, Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day. For those of us who have managed to connect via Facebook, there has at least been some comfort in the remote sharing of services, and we thank Russell for so expertly enabling this to happen, but I wonder how difficult it has been for people who are not 'on line'. The concept of being in 'Spiritual Communion' is a wonderful truth, but nevertheless requires a leap of imagination and faith beyond our normal experience.

My friend Joan, who is a retired LLM at St John's Stoneleigh, and comes to our Julian Group, recently sent me an email passing on some thoughts given by Malcolm Guite, who is an Anglican priest and academic, and also a singer-songwriter and poet. He is currently a chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge and associate chaplain of St Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge. He, too, has found this Easter to be profoundly challenging, and comments:

'This Easter Christ calls me to discern him in new ways and in different places. He is risen indeed, and if I cannot go to church then where am I to find him?'

Malcolm has written the following poem and invites his readers to consider that question for themselves, and hopes his poem will be helpful.

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore
than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
and he is up and risen, long before,
alive, at large, and making his strong way
into the world he gave his life to save.
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands
of priests this day, or music from the lips
of red-robed choristers, instead he slips
away from church, shakes off our linen bands
to don his apron, with a nurse: he grips
and lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands
the frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,
breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to
cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came
and served us in a thousand names and faces
mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces
of that virus which was death to him:
Good Friday happened in a thousand places
where Jesus held the helpless, died with them
that they might share his Easter in their need.
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.

Like many of you, Charlie and I will be clapping for the NHS on Thursday night, as we have done ever since the idea first began. But from now on, those clapping hands of mine will be thinking of the hands of the risen Christ in our hospitals, beside the dying, encouraging all the staff, and touching in blessing all those who are mourning alone at home, even if they aren't aware of his presence.

As we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ among us, let us remember that even in lockdown we are all just a phone call away, and let us hold each other in love and prayer, aware that Jesus bursts through the locked doors of our isolation as he did when he appeared to his frightened disciples, saying 'Peace be with you'.

Maggie Marsh

In her moving article, Maggie encourages us all to remember that we are 'just a phone call away'. Early on, before we realised that COVID-19 would draw us into the difficult and unprecedented times in which we are now living, Russell had the vision of a telephone ministry as St Mary's learns new ways of being church. He asked Maggie and me to work together to put arrangements in place which would be for everyone who wanted to be involved, especially for those without internet access who may feel particularly isolated and cut off.

As a first step we went through the names of church members to identify all those people staying at home under the COVID-19 restrictions who aren't on-line, who don't have a printer or who would appreciate hard copies of the prayer resources available on St Mary's website. As a consequence, we posted a letter to just under 30 church members from all members of the Ministry Team, providing the names and telephone numbers of volunteers who have offered to shop and pick up medical prescriptions and enclosing hard copies of some 'Prayers for during the day', an 'Evening Prayer service' and a 'Spiritual Communion Liturgy for Sundays during the coronavirus emergency'.

Next we set up the telephone ministry. There are six 'teams' each made up of a member or couple in the Ministry Team and one or two members of the church who together are sharing the telephone ministry. Each team rings up several people on behalf of St Mary's with a view to encouraging them to feel in touch with their church family and supported. Just under 60 people are within the telephone ministry. The people have been chosen because they are elderly, live on their own, have special responsibilities etc. We are discovering that some people are fine, others appreciate a chat every so often and others value the offer of assistance with shopping or picking up medicines. We're being proactive because people are often reluctant to pick up the phone themselves thinking they'll be a nuisance.

In addition to the people being contacted within the telephone ministry there are several 'self-selecting' groups who are providing their own support networks, such as the Parish Choir, St Mary's Singers, the Sunday 8am congregation, the 10am Tuesday congregation and Children's Hour.

If you know anyone who would appreciate a phone call every so often or who needs shopping done or medicines picked up please do contact Maggie (020 8224 0607) or me (020 8337 6347). The person doesn't need to be a church member or a Christian – the offer is there for everyone in the community.

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It is with great regret that the Fair Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Fair. This a decision we have not taken lightly but, in the light of the current circumstances and all other "big" gatherings being cancelled, we feel it is the right decision.

There is some good news - we are planning to hold a Christmas event either on a Friday evening or Saturday in December. With Christmas stalls in the Church Hall, and perhaps live Christmas music in the Church, with mulled wine (or other drink!), mince pies and maybe some children's activities, and you never know there may be a Surprise Visitor! If you have any ideas for this event, please email them to fair@stmarysewell.com.

Harvey Morris (Chair of the Fair Committee)

Prayers for May



On May 8 this year, we will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. May it be a time when we all reflect on the consequences of war and pray for peace. May it be a time when we reflect on our own actions and inaction and the consequences of such on our family, friends, neighbours and even on the wider world stage.

Lord God, you who sent angels to herald your Son's coming with cries of peace, hear our cry now that your peace may touch all corners of your world. We pray for peace to the smallest child in the womb. Peace to the most vulnerable in our society. Peace to the migrant fleeing war, persecution, hunger and poverty. Peace to those nations where migrants may flee. Peace to all those touched by violence and disaster, by the current pandemic, by storms, earthquakes, droughts and floods. Peace to all who struggle to find safety and mercy in the very world you made for us. Peace here in our own country, among our allies and among those with whom we disagree. Peace in our own homes.

Yet all our prayers are worthless, Lord, unless we ourselves are prepared to change. You call us to action; you call us to be your eyes, your ears, your voice, your hands in the world. Lord, all too frequently we are deaf; help us to listen. We are blind; help us to see. We close our minds and hearts and fail to acknowledge the part we must play in bringing about real peace in the world. So, we pray that you will strengthen us for service that we may be bringers of peace to all those we meet as we journey through life. AMEN

FAITH, FILM & COVID-19

The title of this year's Lent Course was intriguing. What - one might ask - have silent comedy films, Les Miserables, Mary Poppins, Frozen and Pale Rider to do with faith? One wondered at this time of Coronavirus, but curiosity won...

Those of us who braved the virus to go to the first session "The Golden Age of Silent Comedy and Jesus Christ" run by Russell, saw clips of Harold Lloyd as the Freshman keen to play football but rejected and reduced to the role of water boy, an underdog who finally saves the match and finds love. We saw others - Buster Keaton, Mabel Normand, Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin in the roles of outcasts, convicts, the undervalued, the poor of society, and we laughed at their situations while yet rooting for them. Russell reminded us that Jesus is in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the naked and the prisoner, quoting Jesus's words to his disciples about caring and offering loving kindness in Matthew 25 40: "when you did it for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it also for me."

How relevant and meaningful these films suddenly seemed to us in 2020 in the midst of the need for the kindness of strangers in COVID-19!

Our second session took us to France at the time of the French Revolution. Maggie showed and invited us to discuss and comment on clips from the film Les Miserables. We followed two men. The first, Valjean, a destitute and pursued convict, who is welcomed as "brother" and given bread, wine and shelter by the Abbot whom he repays by stealing the church silver. (At this point we debated how we would react if Russell gave away our church silver!). Captured, he is forgiven by the Abbot and given not only the silver but also two silver candlesticks he had overlooked. A gesture of trusting kindness. Some years later Valjean with a new identity is living a respectable life as mayor of a small town and owner of a factory. Clearly he has made good use of the silver and is working for the benefit of others. An incident at the factory results in the dismissal and subsequent death of one of his workers, the mother of a young child, Cosette. Valjean's conscience, his sense of justice and compassion are aroused and he seeks out and finally finds the child whom he brings up with loving care.

By contrast the second man, Javert, a law keeper who was in charge of convicts on the hulks, recognises him years later in a chance meeting. He pursues Valjean and Cosette in the mistaken view that he is acting righteously until they meet again in Paris in the midst of the revolution. Javert is captured by the revolutionaries and is due to be killed. He is released by Valjean - an act of forgiveness and humanity which Javert rigidly fails to understand. In torment and despair he takes his own life unable to find peace in the compassion he has been shown.

These were thought-provoking evenings, full of challenges of defining what we understand by good and evil, redemption, forgiveness and above all love in our relationships with each other and our understanding of Christ's teaching. How relevant are the words of the final song in Les Miserables when Valjean has died and meets the Abbot again: "Remember the truth that once was spoken, to love another person is to see the face of God."

GE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Let light perpetual shine upon them

18 March Christine Taylor, aged 70
9 April Jane Carole Clarke, aged 78

FOODBANK WISH LIST- MAY

I am writing this on 1 April, All Fools Day, not a day of fun for many in these days of lock-down and uncertainty for the future. One of the heartening things that has come out of the coronavirus pandemic is how people are stepping up and helping those who are not able to help themselves. If you are able to go to the supermarket for yourself and can add something to your basket and leave it in the Food Bank bin after you have been through the check out, it will be hugely welcome. There have been reported looting from bins so some supermarkets have moved them to somewhere more secure, ie behind the customer service desk. If you don't see it in its usual place, do ask where you can find it.

Like so many other services at present, the Foodbank centres have had to make changes. It is possible that all centres will be closed soon and they will be moving to a delivery only service. This will greatly add to the running cost of the centres. Many volunteers have had to stand down due to the government advice.

If you are unable to get out and donate food but would still like to help, then donations are always welcome. Financial donations can be made by cheques sent to GENERATION RESOURCE CENTRE, RUXLEY LANE, EWELL, KT19 0JG made payable to EPSOM AND EWELL FOODBANK.

However due to the difficulty in getting to banks at the present time, please donate online if possible at: <https://epsomandewellfoodbank.charitycheckout.co.uk/donate#!/>

Wanted: Tinned meat pies, tinned meat, tinned fish, instant mash, cooking sauces, sponge pudding, long life juice, uht milk – blue, powdered milk, sugar – small packets, noodles (not pot noodles), nappies size 4 – 5, ladies deodorant, hair conditioner, shaving foam and bags for life.

Not needed: Baked beans, pasta, pulses, rice, tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned sweetcorn, porridge, cereal, washing up liquid, sanitary items, shampoo, children's toothpaste and children's toothbrushes.

One donation to the foodbank brought a smile to everyone at the centre - one day they were given 360 eggs. The problem was that they were not in boxes and therefore proved tricky to distribute! One week later a donation came from a supermarket of 480 eggs. I wasn't told if these were in boxes or not!

Thank you for your support,

DB

THOUGHTS ON SPRING

Have you seen all the signs of spring? Under lock-down there seems to be more opportunity to observe the new life burgeoning. Look up and you will see conspicuous butterflies such as the vivid yellow brimstone; look down and if you are lucky you may see a bumblebee. These are the queens: female bees whose bodies are bloated with eggs ready to lay, and she is desperately hunting for a safe place underground in which to lay them.



And what of the birds you may ask? Well they too are far from inactive. Traditionally we humans have regarded St. Valentine's Day – February 14 – as the start of the breeding season. This belief is only partially accurate. For many birds and not only those in our gardens, pairs will have been forming for weeks even in the depths of winter. We cannot

tell male from female robins but they certainly can and one of the paramount tasks is for them to overcome their innate hostility to others of their kind. To do this, the male robin adopts two strategies at the same time: allofeeding and allopreening. The former is when the male bird brings the female additional food. Not only does this activity reinforce the pair-bond, the extra food provided helps the female to build up her strength. She will face a strenuous time. The production of eggs imposes a strain on the female of any species. Her physical resources are drained not only from producing the material within the egg; but also in creating the shell which derives its calcium from resources in the female's skeleton.

This feeding of the female by the male is one strategy. Allopreening is another. This is when the male bird spends much time preening, i.e. caring for, the feathers of its mate. Allopreening ensures female's feathers are in good health and free from lice or other parasites, and ready for the rigours of egg-laying and incubation and the rearing of chicks.

Important as these activities are, they are overshadowed by what is the most telling aspect of spring – song. To carry out a prolonged period of intense physical exertion, the male needs to be in tip-top condition. After all, it is on the basis of song that any female chooses her partner. The purpose of song is threefold. First, as alluded to above, the delivery and variety of song is what attracts the female. She is looking for a mate who can fulfil his duties as a father, nest-defender, and as food-gatherer. Hence the more varied and powerful the song, the better his general health is reckoned to be. The second aim of a song is to advertise his territory. Thirdly – and one that accounts for the quality of sound in a Dawn Chorus - all the male birds are saying “Look I am still here! Keep off!”.

Finally, detailed as all the forgoing is, it is only a general guide. There are many exceptions, not least owing to the undeniable tendency of both males and females of any species to seek extra-marital affairs. But that is another story.

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A NOTE FROM OUR NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER



Hi everyone, my name is Sandi Keen and I am very excited to be joining the St Mary's family as a Children and Families worker. I have currently been living in the UK for the past three months and am therefore still adjusting to the new ways of life, however, it has been a great journey so far and I am looking forward to many more adventures, once lockdown ends of course.

I am from Port Elizabeth in South Africa, which is a beautiful and peaceful, beach city. It has definitely been one of the hardest parts of moving to the middle of Surrey, as I am definitely a water baby by nature, but sure in time I will get myself a paddling pool and I will start feeling a little more at home.

I studied to be a teacher, after being told for years that I should work with children, even though it wasn't my first career choice. Once I started, however, I knew it was where I needed to be as I absolutely love working with children and seeing the achievements and great successes they can obtain. I have taught for the past 6 years and although it comes with its own challenges, have absolutely loved every minute of it.

In my teaching profession I have been blessed to work with a number of different children and families from all walks of life and each with their own stories to tell and this is one of the greatest reasons I am so passionate about it. I am so excited to get to meet all the children and families at St Mary's and to hear all your stories.

I love being out in nature and I can often be found hiking, swimming, on a trail somewhere or just admiring the magnificent views. Now this is something that Surrey has in abundance. I am looking forward to working with all the lovely and friendly staff at St Mary's and all the families in the church and cannot wait for things to get to some sort of 'normal' so that we can start having some fun together.

OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Jonathan Holmes writes:

I started my You Tube Channel about five years ago so that I could share my recordings of the Father Willis organ at St. Mary's Church with other organists, and those of the Emanuel School Chapel Choir on tour in some fantastic locations abroad with my ex-pupils. I also

now have a three manual Viscount Sonus 60 organ at home and have made some successful recordings on that.

Recently, looking through the CDs I made in past years, I have found some of the Parish Choir with recordings in cathedral acoustics. St Mary's Church is acoustically very 'dry' and it is notoriously difficult to balance the choir with the organ, although there are some very successful recordings of the Parish choir on my channel too. I have already put links to these on *Friends of St. Mary's* Facebook page, and also the choir's *I was once a chorister at St. Mary's* page.

To access the videos, type youtube.com into the search bar then search for St Mary's Ewell Jonathan Holmes.

It's interesting to see what the top hits are according to You Tube. Overall there have been around 110,000 views and there are 303 videos to choose from!

Here are the 5 most popular ones. I've put a brief note after each one to describe the pieces:

Lefébure-Wély Sortie in E flat and Sortie in B flat. "Father" Willis St. Mary's Ewell (*very vulgar and exceptionally jolly post Parisian mass pieces written for the Cavaille Coll organ of St Sulpice*);

Vierne Symphony 2 (complete) with score, Willis Organ (*written for the Cavaille Coll organ of Notre Dame. The first mvmt swaggers, the choral builds to a tremendous climax and the scherzo is as light as a soufflé!*);

Lanquetuit Toccata Viscount Sonus 60 (*like a mighty steam engine using full power*);

Blair Magnificat in B minor - sung by Emanuel School Chapel Choir (*a noble and magnificent setting in a huge cathedral with a wonderful Willis tuba stop*);

Harwood "O How Glorious is the Kingdom", Emanuel School in Finland (*a cheerful and uplifting anthem quintessentially English but here sung with enthusiasm by a young choir with a glittering neo baroque organ as accompaniment*);

Olivier Latri Salve Regina -... Ewell's Willis organ (*a most moving and varied set of meditations on the festival plainsong salve regina by one of the greatest living organists of Notre Dame written for the organ and La Maitrise de Notre-Dame*).

GIVING TO ST MARY'S

As with most churches and charities, the current situation has reduced St Mary's income. Thank you to all those whose regular giving continues to support St Mary's: it is much appreciated.

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Miriam will be happy to talk you through how you can support St Mary's through regular giving, or by making a one-off donation free of processing fees, e.g. bank transfer.

THE ECO-GROUP'S TIP FOR MAY TO HELP REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE!



Turn your waste into something wonderful! Your own garden compost is a great source of bulky, organic material. The best time to make some is in spring, because it will rot down faster. It's easy to make, costs nothing and does the garden a whole lot of good. Composting is nature's way of breaking down materials. Anything natural such as leaves, fruit, vegetables, wool or paper will slowly rot and decompose over time – thanks to myriad organisms, bacteria, fungi, and insects. What remains is a rich, nutrient packed substance, which looks similar to soil, that your garden will love.

If you have any ideas you'd like to feed in or a favourite tip to share please get in touch with the Reverend Sue Ayling: assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com or 020 8337 6347.

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What is the Holy Spirit like?

The Holy Spirit is like a _____



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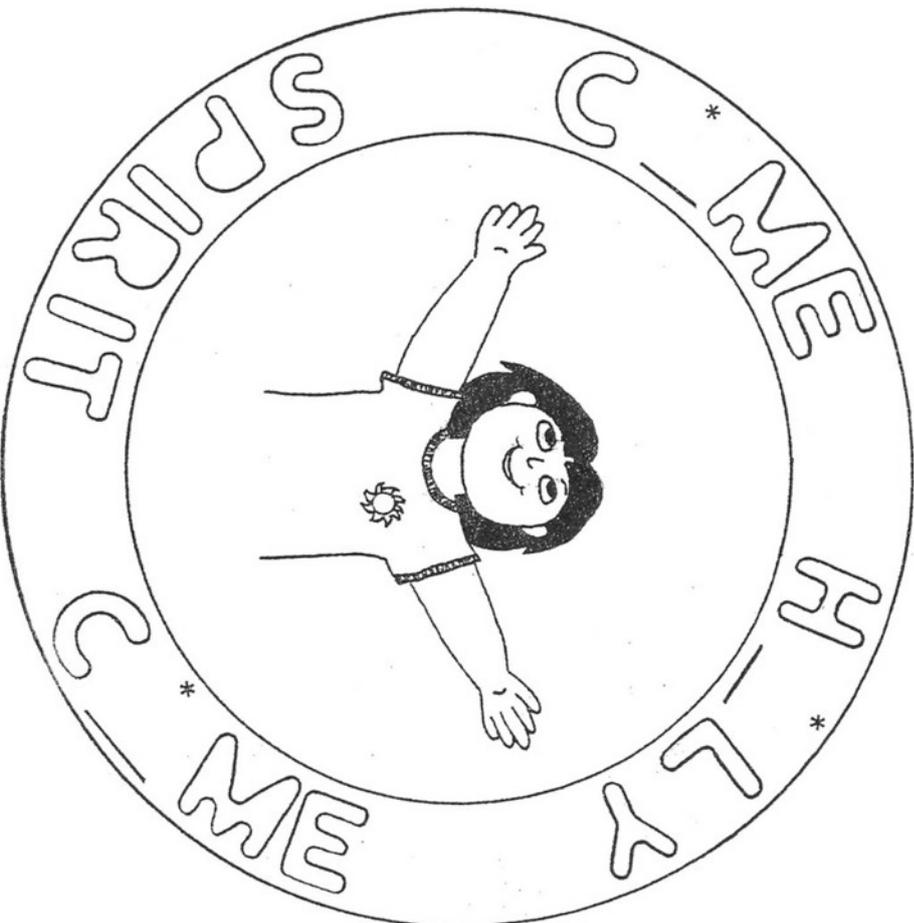
The Holy Spirit is like the _____



Holy Spirit of God,
 Be close to me
 In the rushing wind,
 And make me bold to do good.
 Be close to me
 In the golden fire
 And help me do deeds
 Of shining goodness.
 Amen

Young Church May

31 May 2020, the Day of Pentecost; John 20:19-23



There are three * gaps here. The same letter fits all of them. Can you puzzle out what it is?

The missing letter is ____

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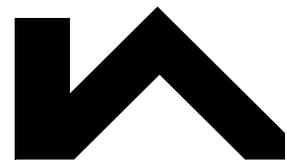


Virtual Garden Party

We will be continuing the tradition of the annual Garden Party, but with a difference. Join us for a virtual party, in your garden, on the 6th of June - details to follow. Please share photos of your garden, balcony, an outdoor space that you enjoy, or a window box; as we will be making a video for all to enjoy. Photos can be emailed to publicity@stmarysewell.com.

On-Line Quiz

We plan to organise the occasional on-line quiz using Zoom. Details are yet to be finalised, but watch out for these in Russell's regular emails, on our website, or email zoom@stmarysewell.com to express an interest.



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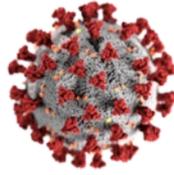
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Post

We have some prayer resources for you to use at home, which we can post to you: please contact the Parish Office.

Phone

We are keeping in touch by telephone. This is for everyone who would like to be involved, and particularly for those without internet access who may feel particularly isolated and cut off. Please contact the Revd Sue Ayling or Canon Margaret Marsh. You do not need to be a church member, or a Christian.

Those in need, and offers of help

Through our telephone contact ministry and by other means, we hope to find out where help is needed in the local community. Let us know if you can help those in need, e.g. dropping off shopping. Please contact the Revd Sue Ayling or Canon Margaret Marsh. Those who live locally and are in sudden financial need because of recent events are encouraged to contact us, as we may be able to help in limited ways and would like to if we can.

Internet Ministry

We are live-streaming services, developing all-age services online, providing organ concerts on Youtube, discussion and bible study groups.

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