

Notices

We all need to pray for so many things, wisdom for our Government, safety for our families but as Christians let us also be beacons of light to those around us. Help us share what we have and shop sensibly. Help us to be the ones to look out for our neighbours.

Once again if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. My prayers will be with you.

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs for as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen

If you are not familiar with technology please ask a younger member of the family to show you. It is a way we can worship together in our homes, just as the early Christians did thousands of years ago.

Instructions to access the live stream for services:-

- Navigate to the main St Mary's Woodkirk Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk.
- All scheduled lives will be pinned at the top of the page and you can join them by clicking on them at the time that they start.
- Alternatively a link to the live will also be published on our **A Church Near You** page
- Find the event taking place and click on "More about this event" this will automatically take you straight to the live service on Facebook.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S WOODKIRK

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

*Engaging with God
Engaging with Each Other
Engaging with the Community*

Sunday 10th May – Easter 5

10.30am Holy Communion (streamed via Facebook live)

Instructions to Connect given in column 4

Services for next week

Mon 9.00am Morning Prayer (streamed as above)
Tues 6.00pm Evening Prayer (streamed as above)
Weds 10.00am Holy Communion (streamed as above)
Thurs 9.00pm Night Prayer (streamed as above)
Fri 9.00am Morning Prayer (streamed as above)

Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am Easter 6 - Holy Communion (streamed via Facebook live)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: Staff at Local Crematoriums – Cottingley Hall, Dewsbury Moor and Wakefield
From our Church Prayer Diary: For our Organist Jason and wife Heather.

For those whose Baptisms have been postponed.

For those whose Weddings have to be changed

For those whose Funeral arrangements are not what they wish.

Those who have asked for **prayers for healing**:

Kevin; Richard; Grace; Ben; Betty; Gethin; Lionel; Queenie; Nancy, Frank, Nicole, Ethan, Barbara, Diane, Margaret, Jerry, Louise, Simon, Chris, Eileen, Faith, Harold

The family and friends of those who have recently died: - Philip Stephenson, Shirley Fothergill, Derek Mason, Brian Leggett, Mary Oakland

And those whose **anniversaries** fall at this time: - Leslie Norman Millburn

Scripture Readings for the coming Week:-

Sunday 10th May – HC – 10.30am

Acts 7:55-60

John 14:1-14

Monday 11th May – Morning Prayer – 9.00am

Psalms 145

Luke 4:38-44

Tuesday 12th May – Evening Prayer - 6.00pm

Psalms 97

1 Peter 1:13-25

Weds 13th May – HC – 10.00am

Acts 15:1-6

John 15:1-8

Thurs 14th May – Night Prayer – 9.00pm

Psalms 104

Revelation 22:4-5

Fri 15th May – Morning Prayer – 9.00am

Psalms 138

Luke 6:1-11

Well this weekend would have seen a whole host of events and gatherings to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of WW2. Several of our congregation members would have been born at this time and able to remember it well.

It was a beautiful day and at 10.50am I walked round to Church to say hello to Gary who was cutting the grass for his daily exercise (thank you Gary – at a safe physical distance) and we decided to do the two minute silence in front of the church doors. In the next five minutes those passing by on their walks stayed and joined us (again at a safe physical distance) for the two minute silence. It was a very touching moment, very spur of the moment but very special as we all stood there in silence, lost in our thoughts of remembrance and thanks, whilst the birds sang in the sunshine.

After a reflective moment it was time to decorate the Vicarage Garden especially on the outside wall with union jack flags. It is not so easy to join in a street party when you are on a dual carriage way and the nearest house is 100 yards away but in the afternoon I sat with family and raised a glass of gin and tonic in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

PCC had planned to organize an evening with food and good old fashioned singing – a bit like a tea dance I'm guessing but like every other event it had to be cancelled.

At 7.00pm last night we had a Service which was streamed giving thanks for all those who had served, remembering those who had lost their lives, lost their mental and/or physical health, for those who waited at home and who had lost loved ones. We also gave thanks for the Victory in Europe, for our allies and for the peace that has reigned in Europe since then. And finally, in all of this there is God, the one who created us, the one who walks with us through all that horror, the one who is able to restore peace in hearts – and it was with grateful hearts that in the Act of Committal we pledged ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations: If you would wish to do this then here is the prayer you need:

Lord God, our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

We then sang the National Anthem and prayed for our Queen.

Many of you will have watched the Queen speaking to the nation at 9.00pm – I found it quite moving, knowing how she has served her country all these years, steadfast in her duties always. She is a woman of faith and often refers to it in her speeches and it was appropriate that we gave thanks and prayed for her.

We will continue to have a virtual coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday mornings. If you would like to join in with this you will need to download zoom us from the App Store onto your computer. You will then need to email me so that I can let you have the access codes to enter the meeting (vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org).

Gail and I have kept in touch with all of you and so far everyone seems to be well and have the things they need.

Eileen is now out of hospital and has to go for a check up on Monday for which I will take her.

Please continue to pray for Liz Aveyard as she grieves for the loss of her Mum, Mary this week and for Nancy Stephenson as it is Philip's funeral on Monday.

You are all in my prayers and if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes. Sharon