

**Summer Socials in the Rectory** - there are sign-up sheets at the back. There are still spaces for our second social in August – do join us if you can!

16 August, 4.00-6.00pm: Cream Tea & Croquet

**Summer Movies at St Mark's:** Watch a family friendly film for all ages:

Wednesday, 15 August, 2pm: **TOY STORY 3**

Suggested donation per person: £1

Tuck shop with affordable popcorn

**Bell Ringing:** The bells will be rung by East Berks and South Bucks Bell Ringers on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August from 7-9pm. If you are within ear shot, enjoy - They should sound spectacular!

**Denham Fayre.** The amount raised this year was just over £16,000, almost exactly the same as last year with almost all the stalls raising even more than before. These funds go into the fabric fund, which is used for the maintenance of the church buildings in the parish. Thank you to all members of the congregation, their friends and families who were involved.

Each year dozens of church members and members of our local community help to make the Fayre a very special day – could you be one of them in 2019 (27<sup>th</sup> May)? **Please make a note in your diary.**

#### **"New Daylight" Bible Reading Notes**

The August New Daylight bible reading notes are now available for those who have ordered 2018/19. There are 3 copies of these notes covering 3x 4 months every year starting from April. If you have not yet received your September copy, please let me or Victoria know. These notes are ordered once a year, however if anyone else is interested in receiving them please let me know and I can arrange this for you.

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#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

6.00pm Pimms & Picnic *The Rectory*

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.  
*St Mary's Vestry*

#### **St Mary's Patronal Festival Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**September.** Please make every effort to attend this special day of celebration – it won't be the same without you! Arrive in the morning and stay for the day. We endeavour to create more parking space this year, so that parking will not be difficult.

#### **Here is the programme for the day:**

10.30am Celebration Service with guest speaker  
*Fiona Castle.*

12.00pm Church family picnic on church site

1.30pm "Hymns & Pimms" with a combined St Mary's & Catholic Church choir

3-5 pm Vestry Tea

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#### **Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul**

*Worship His Holy name*

*Sing like never before, O my soul*

*I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
What ever may pass

And what ever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forever more



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## **Seven reasons to ban the Lord's Prayer**

*Bishop Steven Croft*

Back in 2015 the Church of England produced a 60 second commercial with the word of the Lord's Prayer – a beautiful film. But the distributors declared it unsuitable for screening as it carried the risk of upsetting audiences. I disagree with their decision. But from the perspective of global corporations, perhaps there are very good reasons to ban the Lord's Prayer from cinemas:

**"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name":** this prayer opposes the myth that we are random specks of fragmented humanity. Contrary to the seductions of the advertising culture, we are *not* defined by what we spend.

**"Your kingdom come...":** This prayer gives us courage to live in an imperfect world, to engage, not retreat from the world or anaesthetise ourselves by consuming more.

**"Give us this day our daily bread":** The Lord's Prayer teaches us to live with just enough. It teaches contentment, the most subversive virtue of them all.

**"Forgive us our sins...":** The Lord's Prayer teaches me to live with my imperfections and the imperfections of others. Grace subverts the whole culture of advertising.

**"... as we forgive those who sin against us":** The Lord's Prayer offers a way of reconciliation. The greatest happiness comes from reconciled relationships, not things.

**"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil":** The Lord's Prayer builds resilience in the human spirit. We are not living in a Disney fairy tale; we are prepared for the bad days.

**"For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen":** The Lord's Prayer tells us how the story ends, how this life is to be lived and lived well.

*(Adapted from an article in The Door)*

## Worship today



### 5<sup>TH</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Francis Moloney

**Readings:** 1 Cor 12.1-11  
Luke 9. 41-47a

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer  
*St Mary's, front of church*

#### 10.30am Family Service

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children

**Sidesmen:** Craig Alexander & Caroline Goodwin

#### Readings and readers:

Psalms 51.1-13

Charlotte Hearnden Smith

Ephesians 4.1-16

Rebecca Hearnden Smith

**Prayers:** Clergy

**Sunday Club Leader:** Jane Brown

#### Prayer for an Associate Minister

*"Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, please call the right person to join us in our mission and ministry in Denham. May he or she be a person after your own heart, a faithful pastor, full of your Holy Spirit. Please guide all those who take part in the discernment and interviews. We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen."*

## Ephesians 4. 1-16

4I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. 7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' 9(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

## BAPTISM OF HARPER ANN MAY TAYLOR

### Presentation of the Candidate

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Harper and uphold her in her new life?

**With the help of God we will.**

### Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ,  
against sin, the world,  
and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ  
to the end of your life.**

### The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Harper, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of  
faith; we are children of the same  
heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

## Worship next week



### 12<sup>TH</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Roger Gage

**Readings:** 1 Cor 5.1-11  
Luke 18.9-14

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer  
*St Mary's, front of church*

#### 10.30am Sung Communion

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children

**Sidesmen:** Chris and Cathy Macqueen

#### Readings and readers:

Ephesians 4.25-5.2 Caroline Ashcroft

John 6.35,41-51 Stuart Montgomery

**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore

**Servers:** Michael Carmody & Carlene Litchmore

**Sunday Club Leader:** Francis Moloney

In your prayers this week, please remember **Thelma Mann, Vi Slade and Christine Willson.**

Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the families of **Lester Forey and Margaret Parfitt.**

