

# St. Mary's Church Arnold

Welcome to church today as we come together to worship God. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to Angela or Ian our Churchwardens, or Sylvia our priest.

## Sunday 5th. May

Saturday 4th. May

2pm. Seniors' Tea

Sunday 5th. May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am. Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am. Morning Worship

Acts 10: 44—end, John 15: 9—17

Thursday 9th. May

Ascension Day

10am. Holy Communion

Saturday 11th. May

3:45pm. Messy Church

Sunday 12th. May

Sunday after Ascension Day

9am. Holy Communion (CW)

10:30am. Morning Worship

Acts 1: 15—17 and 21—end, John 17: 6—19

Wednesday 15th. May

Prayer Chain\*

Saturday 18th. May

Prayer breakfast\*

*\*See over the page for more details*

## **10 days of Prayer - Ascension to Pentecost, May 9th-16th**

This is a world-wide initiative. Christians across the world are being encouraged to set aside the 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost as a special time for prayer, as the disciples did before the first Pentecost.

Sylvia has produced a Prayer Pack for all the congregation with different ideas for prayer for each day. We hope you might use them and find them helpful.

There are 3 special events to draw your attention to:

**Ascension Day Service 10.00am. Thursday 9th May,** followed by refreshments.

**Prayer Chain Wednesday 15th May.** Please sign up to pray for a specific 15 minutes when you can pray. Ideas given for using the time.

**Prayer Breakfast -Saturday 18th May 9.00-10.30.** A continental-style breakfast of croissants and pastries before we gather to pray specifically for the work of St Mary's, the vacancy and for a new vicar to join the team.

If you are unable to come to church to receive your prayer pack, please let Sylvia or Angela know and they will make sure you get one.

### **Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning**

**There is to be a Coffee and Tea morning in the Family Centre on Thursday 30th May. More details later, but please book the date. Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission.**

## Daily Bible readings

Weekly Readings	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Sunday 5th May	98	Acts 10.44-end	John 15.9-17
Monday 6th May	149	Acts 16.11-15	John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday 7th May	138	Acts 16.22-34	John 16.5-11
Wednesday 8th May	148	Acts 17.15,22-18.1	John 16.12-15
Thursday 9th May	47	Acts 1.1-11	Luke 24.44-end
Friday 10th May	47	Acts 18.9-18	John 16.20-23
Saturday 11th May	47	Acts 18.9-18	John 16.23-28
Sunday 12th May <sup>1</sup>	1	Acts 1: 15—17 and 21—end	John 17: 6—19

### ARNOLD ST MARY'S PRAYERS FOR MAY 2024

God of grace, you have made our minds, so help us to know you. You have made our hearts, so help us to love you. You have made our voices, so help us to sing your praise. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so together we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, In Jesus name, **Amen**.

God our Father, when times are difficult, I ask for courage and determination. When there is hostility between people, lead me to see the best in people and in situations and give me the gift of making peace. **Amen**

Loving Lord, I need the power of your Holy Spirit in my life, to build on what is good, and to help change what needs to be changed. I pray that I may be faithful in responding to your call to grow as the person you want me to be, In Jesus name I pray, **Amen**

Father God whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own, look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who bring them relief, inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts and guide the nations of the world towards the day when all will rejoice in your kingdom of justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

With elections this month for Police and Crime Commissioners and Regional Mayors, pray for all the candidates, that those who are not successful at the elections may find other ways to serve our communities and that those who are elected will seek to carry out their new duties with honesty, diligence and to the benefit of all they are elected to serve.

Remember in your prayers all those who are ill at this time at home or in hospital, praying for healing. Pray also those who care for them,

Take our hearts and guide them in your ways. Take of lives and change them through your grace.

Take our spirits and fill them with obedience, trust and love. Take our minds and show us how in openness to grow. **Amen**

Pray for those elected to serve as Churchwardens, and also as member of the PCC and for the coming year that they may serve God and all members of St Marys well, thus keeping our church running smoothly

Requests for prayer and thanks for answered prayer can be emailed to: [baker-christopher1@sky.com](mailto:baker-christopher1@sky.com)

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### Contactless Giving

St Mary's has been awarded a Contactless Giving unit to accept donations by card or smart phone.

Located next to the door into church, the unit is simple to use – just select the amount you would like to give (by pushing the £5 or £10 or £20 or £30 button) and hold your card against the WiFi symbol on the top – just like for a unit in a shop.

St Mary's can automatically claim Gift Aid on donations from this machine – it does not need your details – so each £10 gift becomes a £12.50 donation for the church.

Or if you wish, you can donate your gift through the linked website Gift page – just open the link using this QR code.

And a huge thank you for any donation given.



### **Wheelchair**

**There is a wheelchair available for use in church.**

This newsheet is produced on Friday afternoons. Please provide any information to Kristina and Ian by 9am. Friday morning. admin@stmarysarnold.org.uk or ian.rosillo@gmail.com. Thank—you.