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News

Sunday May 12th 2019, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we are presented with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the one who says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life" (John 10: 27-8). And how do we know his voice? Like tuning into a radio station – the more we pray, the more we will recognise his voice. I'm sure we'd all agree that we live in a noisy world. A world full of voices that seek to distract us from hearing Jesus' voice. Voices clamouring for our attention through things like Facebook, WhatsApp, texts, news articles and emails. I imagine that, like me, many of us are bombarded with messages every day, but whose voice are you listening to?

I'd like to share a true story. It concerns a Church leader named Brian Houston, who co-founded what many now know as Hillsong Church, and the time he and his wife met up with their eldest son and his new wife for breakfast in a café on 27th December 2012 and were told the exciting news that they were pregnant. Then something strange happened. When they went to pay their bill, they found someone had already paid it! Then a year later, when Brian was out running, a young man called out and stopped him, saying he had a quick story he wanted to share with him. How twelve months ago, he and his wife were having breakfast in a café and were feeling absolutely desperate because they couldn't seem to have children. And they had just decided they were going to fast and pray for the first 30 days of the New Year, when Brian and his family came in and sat beside them. As difficult as it was to hear their good news, the couple agreed to bless them and pay their bill. However, it didn't stop there because they went on to pray for those first 30 days of the year, and guess what – the best bit of the story is that the young man who was telling him this had a beautiful 2 month old daughter wrapped in a covering and strapped to his chest! God is good, and Jesus the Good Shepherd is inviting us to spend more time with him in prayer, that we may listen to his voice and keep hope alive in our hearts, even when things are tough. For, as St Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13 – 'I can do everything through him who gives me strength'.

David Williams, Rector

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Christian Aid, as we start Christian Aid week.
- For the royal family as they celebrate the birth of baby Archie.
- For Gemma McGough, being baptised today.
- For all those working hard to research and develop new drugs and find cures for chronic diseases.
- For all doctors, nurses and medical staff that we depend upon so much.
- For all school children and students facing approaching exams.
- For those facing daily terror in war torn zones.
- For our clergy, churchwardens and PCC.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Emma and Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Liz Lister.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie, Bill and Marge Philips, Shirley and Don Kemp and Jean Coleman.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Arron Welland, Mary Putnam, Robert Rogers and Mirina Hawkins.

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NEWS & NOTICES.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AND SERVICE: This afternoon at 3pm, St Mary's will be hosting the CTR Christian Aid Service. The service will be led by David and there will be a talk by Phil Evans. Refreshments will be served after the service.

CAMINO TALK: On Weds 15th May at **7.00pm**, (not 7.30 as previously stated), there will be a Spanish evening at St Mary's and David will be giving his Camino Talk. We will have Spanish tapas style food, wine, music and fun! Please sign the list in Church

SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: David will be running a course starting on Thurs 6th June, and then on 5 Wednesdays during June and July, entitled 'The Long Road to Heaven'. The first session will be watching a film 'The Way' and each evening will start with a meal. Please see flyers and sign the list in Church if interested.

CANTILENA WINDS COFFEE CONCERT: This will be on Friday May 17th at 10.30am in St Mary's. It is a free concert with 'Cantilena Winds' concert band.

SPRING CONCERT: at St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, Saturday May 18th at 7.30 pm. Manor House Music will play popular classics by Mozart, Vivaldi, Holst, Debussy, Bach etc. Tickets £10 from Sally's Sewing Box, Duke Street, Johanna Powell, PR 343996, or www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church.

DAN'S LEAVING: To contribute to Dan's leaving gift, leave your donation with the parish office, or pay direct to our bank account as follows:- A/c name St Mary's PCC; Sort Code 60-17-43; A/c Number 12513024; marked for 'Dan's collection'.

FAREWELL LUNCH: There will be a farewell lunch for Dan and Paula next Sunday after TGIS. This will be the last chance to see Dan and wish him well so do come. It will be a bring and share lunch so please sign the list in Church.

CHILDREN AND CHURCH: Part 3 of this series of interactive evenings will be on Thursday 23rd May at 7.45pm at Circus Field Canal Basin, Stocklake. This part is entitled 'Faith that Transitions'. See info@aylesburydeanery.org and register at aylesbury-deanery-children.eventbrite.co.uk

SPRING HARVEST 2020: - This will be in Skegness from 13-17 April 2020. If you are interested in joining St Mary's Church family next year We have reserved 10 Standard 2 bedroom apartments. The cost per adult is £189, child £99 (2-16). Includes early booking discount of £10. If you are interested in attending next year, the deposit required is £35 per adult and £20 per child. For more details contact Vicky on 07850407239 or email: vimtogirl@googlemail.com.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH LIGHTHOUSE - 29 JULY - 2ND AUGUST: Registration is now open. Go to : <https://lighthousecentral.org/forms/child-registration>.

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Readings: Acts 9: 36-end, John 10: 22-30

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with Baptism
3.00pm Christian Aid Service at St Mary's

What's on in the week beginning Monday 13th May

Mon 13th **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in in the Chapter House
Weds 15th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
7.00pm Spanish Evening in the Church
Thurs 16th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 17th **10.30am** 'Cantilena Winds' coffee concert in Church
2.00pm Praise and Play
7.00pm Puppet Club
Sat 18th **1.00pm** Wedding of Emma Knight and Terry Hoult

Sunday 19th May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
12.30pm Farwell Lunch for Dan and Family at St Mary's
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court

WEDDING: 'Our daughter Emma is getting married to Terry in St Marys at 13.00 on 18 May. If anyone would like to come to the service, you would be most welcome.' Peter and Anne Knight

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

Assistant Clergy: Revds. David & Nancy Wallace 290670;

Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;

Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649

Churchwardens: David Stephenson and Bryan Matthew