

St Mary's News

June 2022



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.... and much more!

Developing a Productive Vineyard

Although Annual Parochial Church Meetings happened both in 2021 and 2020 there was for me a sense of looking back over the whole of the pandemic and a feeling that we have just emerged out of a gaping black hole.

Back at the end of 2019 there was a real sense of optimism, earlier in the year we had celebrated the rededication of the church following its refurbishment. We had a wonderful Christmas, which had included a 'Discovering Christmas' event which had brought a number of schools and children into church and an event which was enjoyed by many and seen as an unqualified success. It had left us with a great sense of what could be achieved and the great



opportunities our newly refurbished church could offer in terms of creative worship, outreach and other uses for a large open space. Never could we have imagined at that stage the church would be used as a vaccination centre and more extensively as an emergency foodbank for Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.

They say it takes on average seven years to develop a vineyard from the moment you plant a new rootstock to the enjoyment of a fine vintage. I came to Watford in 2013 at a time when the church was eager for a fresh start, and I suppose I took what was good in the church and brought in other ideas to combine and make a rootstock and by the end of 2019 beginning of 2020 could look around and enjoy what had been produced. If we see the church in this way, then of course we need to look beyond the building, and it has been rewarding to see a number of church members go forward for ordination or move to pastures new and be an asset to other church communities. It was pleasing to see others move into roles of responsibility and to embrace and celebrate our diversity and to have seen fruit in many activities and to recognise growth,

numerically, spiritually and in our activities. Perhaps described best as modest rather than spectacular, but then again, we are in the business of producing fruit that will last and is of quality.

As we emerge out of the pandemic there is a sense of creating a new vineyard and with a new rootstock. It won't be easy just as the previous vintage hadn't been easy. We have to recognise we will be losing both Cath and Josh in the near future. Others who we have relied heavily on in the past have also moved away, but others have joined us and no doubt there will be others who will join us. God doesn't just call people away from St. Mary's he does from time-to-time call people to us. As we plant a new rootstock, we will take that which is good from the past and add new components to it. We do our best to produce the right chemical mix in the soil and that the environment is good feeding the soil with nutrients and kept well-watered. We will protect the fledgling vines with netting. We will prune the vines and train them to grow in the right direction.

As we create the new rootstock, we have to ask ourselves what kind of vintage are we looking for? I think there has to be careful thought given to this. We were before the pandemic looking at changing structures and styles of leadership to be consistent with a model of church that



perhaps attracts numbers between 100 – 250. We may still find ourselves doing that. It maybe, in the next season, we will see more people passing through our doors moving into Watford for a short while before moving on to pastures new, but perhaps the time they spend with us is formative. We have seen a number of ordinands being produced at St. Mary's and there are already more exploring vocations. We have some who come to us in great need, seeking sanctuary: an important role is the binding up and the healing of those who are broken. The vintage we might look to produce will be

determined by that sense of purpose, a growing church, a worshiping church, a caring church in the heart of Watford. This is something for us to continue to prayerfully discern and act upon over the coming months.

In determining the new wine, I wonder if there is much we can learn from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and in particular 1 Corinthians 13. The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians is a fascinating book in the bible. Academics will tell us that in all probability it is not one but several letters that Paul wrote in response to various concerns that had been brought to his attention. We don't know exactly what those concerns were, we only have Paul's response. It is like listening in to someone on their phone on the bus, we don't know what the other person is saying we can only hear our fellow passenger.



We can hazard a guess that there was disunity in the church and that there were various factions developing with the people following strong personalities within the church.

Paul goes some way to address this and admonish the church and to encourage the church to return to those founding principles of living as an authentic Christian community. By chapter 12 we can assume Paul has addressed much of this and suggests a model of church based on the body of Christ with many different members each with their own function but connected to one another and with Christ as the head. Cath did a fantastic job in our service (29th May) reflecting on this. But the passage ends with Paul saying, 'And yet I will show you the most excellent way.'

He then goes into this very familiar passage on Love. I think that Paul is still mindful of some of the problems he is hearing about in Corinth when he talks about the absence of love as being like a resounding gong or clanging cymbal. He then goes on to say both what Love is and what Love is not.



Yes, he says Love is patient and kind, but he goes on to say it does NOT envy or is boastful or proud. It does NOT dishonour others and is NOT self-seeking or is easily angered. It keeps NO record of wrongs. Love does NOT delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It ALWAYS protects, ALWAYS trusts, ALWAYS hopes, ALWAYS perseveres.

If we are in the business of developing a productive vineyard and in a sense starting over again, if we want to produce fruit and fruit that will last then we must begin with a rootstock whose very essence is love.

To produce a body fully functioning working together where Christ is the head.

The Revd Tony Rindl

Based on Tony's Chairman's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29th April 2022



It was only a sunny smile
and little it cost in the giving
but like morning light
it scattered the night
and made the day worth living

F Scott Fitzgerald

News from Cath

Dear Friends,

It is a little short of 4 years since I started with you and took up the job of Children and Family Worker at St Mary's Watford. There have been ups and downs particularly with Covid and lockdowns, but I just want to thank you for the time I have spent with you all. I think you are amazing and have provided a real family for me and my daughters. You have provided my training ground not only as I developed into my role as Children and Family Worker, but also a safe space in which to test my calling and in which to be formed as the priest I will one day be. Thank you for all of the support, the honest feedback, the positive encouragement and prayers. I have felt so blessed for all of you who have walked this walk with me.



I will carry with me so many special memories - the many services we worshiped at together; the times you allowed me to stretch myself creatively such as the prayer stations and the interactive Jesse Tree services; those social times we shared such as parish lunches, Beetle Drives, afternoon teas, the breakfasts and pilgrimage walks on Easter mornings, Connect Togethers; the clubs such as the woman's group, Centre Club, KidsClub and Bravers; making a quilt together; Lent courses and knitted chicks; school visits; Watford Alive; Discovering Christmas; the list is endless. Thank you so much for all of you who have served in the trenches with me - there are so very many of you, but I would like to say a particular thank you to those who have supported and helped lead the work in children, youth and family work. All of you at St Mary's constantly amaze and inspire me with your skills, talents, energy and courage in living out the mission and ministry God calls you to

in the church and out into Watford's heartland. I have been so proud to call myself one of you.

This is not goodbye! I did not expect to find love again, but I am so eternally grateful that God opened my heart to such an amazing man such as Tony and so I look forward to the day next year when I will officially be able to call myself your vicar's wife. I would be naive if I said I would see you as often as I would like in the months ahead as I know that my new position will take up much of my time and particularly on Sundays but know that you will never be far from my thoughts and prayers, and I will drop in when I can.



Many people have asked what lies ahead for me. My last official working day with you will be 26th June and this will start a week of preparation including a retreat. On 2nd July at 4.00pm in St Albans Cathedral I will be ordained as a deacon – there are two parts to being fully ordained and I will not be ordained as a priest until next June / July 2023. On 3rd July I will start my new 'job' as curate at St Nicholas Harpenden training under their vicar, the Reverend Canon Dr Dennis Stamps.

Like St Mary's, St Nicholas is in the centre of a town, albeit not as large a Watford – rather it describes itself as a small commuter town. To be found on the church green, St Nicholas, similarly to our own church, has been a place of worship for the

past 800 years. It has its own Church of England primary school next door and like St Mary's, has links with a secondary school, St George. St Nicholas is one of three distinct worshipping communities which makes up the Parish of Harpenden, the other two churches being St Mary's and All Saints. Each has its distinctive character and serves a particular area of the parish, but they work closely together, and I will have opportunities to serve and do projects in all three thereby giving my training that added depth and breadth. St Mary's for example has an older community and enjoys working with the local community to put on lunches and intergenerational services to which grandparents and parents can bring their children. All Saints is registered as an EcoChurch – it backs onto a wildlife area and plans are afoot for developing Woodland Church and nature embracing Morning Prayer walks. It is also host to the parish youth group.



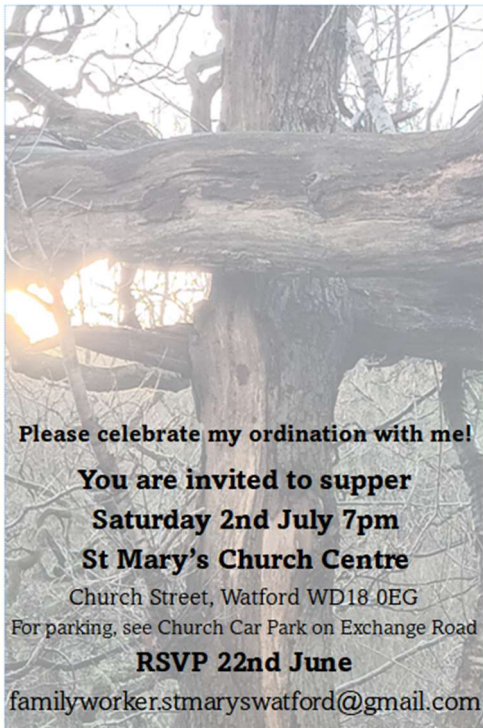
I leave you with an invite: please do join me in celebrating my ordination at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Centre for supper. All are welcome, but please do **RSVP by 22nd June** if you would like to attend. Please pray for me as I attempt to finish the course work I still have to do and prepare for this change in my life. Part of this change will require a house move to the curate's house in Harpenden which, after 15 years in our current house in Welwyn Garden City, is one I am dreading. Please also pray for Micaela and Laura who are currently writing A-Levels and GCSEs respectively

and who also face immense change as Micaela plans her move to university and Laura to her new school in Harpenden. Finally, do pray for Tony who in his usual wonderful way – showing great patience, kindness, understanding and love – is supporting us all through these interesting times.

May God keep and bless each one of you.

Cath Da Costa

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Cath's **Invitation**

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles



Please pray for those to be ordained this Pentecost
and among them
Cath Da Costa



To be made Deacon by
Alan, Lord Bishop of St Albans
In his Cathedral Church of St Albans
At 4pm on Saturday 2nd July 2022

Please also pray for Micaela, Laura and Tony
the Revd Dennis Stamps and
the people of the parish of St Nicholas, Harpenden
where Cath is to serve as Assistant Curate

Cath's
Ember Card

Some words to make you ponder ...

“I screamed at God for the starving child
until I saw the starving child
was God screaming at me.”

Global Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 12th June

Venue: 89 Parkside Drive WD17 3AY

Time: 12.00noon to 2.30pm

Let's celebrate being able to get together again as a church community.



The church minibus will be available to take people to the lunch and collect them afterwards.

Please bring a favourite dish to share - preferably one that reflects the many food cultures within our congregation.

If the weather is bad, the lunch will be in the Church Centre.

Parochial Church Council Membership

The following are members of the PCC for the coming year:

- The Revd Tony Rindl (Vicar)
- The Revd Joshua Brocklesby (Curate)
- Peter Dean (Churchwarden)
- Tilly Elliot (Deanery Synod)
- Cathy Honeyman (Diocesan Synod)
- Joanna Cooper
- Clinton Dan Jumbo
- Lesley Gray (*newly elected*)
- Margaret Greenstreet
- Abie Idris
- Marcus Jones (*newly elected*)
- Anniefrida Kadzura (Treasurer)
- Dave King (*newly elected*)
- Gill Watson (*newly elected*)

The Church of England and Diversity:

A Warm Welcome?

*In a recent **Times** article, the Rev Richard Coles reflected on his time as a clergyman and pointed out that parts of the Church of England (CoE) are not welcoming to gay Christians. Referring to Shakespeare's King Lear, he suggested that orthodoxy should be judged not on whether the CoE's members are 'Goneril or Regan proclaiming their zealous devotion, but Cordelia, confessing her love'. His article coincides with the CoE's consultation on identity and sexuality Living in Love and Faith.*

Jesus ate with 'sinners' and tax collectors, causing huge controversy, yet he also called people to repentance. How do we welcome everyone into the CoE while being faithful to Biblical standards of sexual behaviour? Is it time for the CoE to change its traditional view on gay marriage?

The Coles article

On 17 April, the Times published an article: *The Rev Richard Coles on retirement and what comes next*. In it, Coles commented that viable, growing Anglican churches in Britain tend to be conservative, even fundamentalist in their doctrine and are unwelcome to gay people. Many gay couples had shared with him their dismay when they discovered their relationships do not qualify for a blessing. Coles commented that despite inclusive, welcoming messages on church noticeboards and websites, he detected a shift more towards exclusion because the proclaimed welcome is shaped by a conservative reading of scripture and therefore on their own terms, requiring gay people to renounce the intimate life they are made for and but to accept second-class citizenship in the household of God. In Coles's view, same sex relationships that are open to grace, holiness and healing in the same way as everyone else's and cannot

be contrary to the will of God. It is therefore sinful to accept anything less than equal inclusion for gays. Coles accepted reconciling his view with the CoE's traditional teaching on sexuality is problematic, but pointed out that nowhere does Jesus indicate that loving and serving the Gospel is neatly done.

The status of same sex relationships in the CoE

The CoE is in the midst of a complex and fraught internal debate over same-sex marriage. Currently, although it affirms the gay members and condemns homophobia, it does not allow gay weddings in churches, although the Church of Wales allows prayers of support to same sex couples following a civil partnership or marriage. Clergy are not allowed to enter into sexually active same-sex relationships.

The worldwide Anglican communion differs widely. For example, the US Episcopal Church allows same sex marriage whereas African churches such as those in Kenya and Uganda remain firmly opposed. However, views are changing and, at the end of April, the CoE in this country completed its widest ever consultation on identity and sexuality *Living in Love and Faith*, including a Lent Course in which churches were encouraged to participate.

What does the Bible say?

The Bible affirms marriage as between a man and a woman and nowhere affirms same sex relationships. Indeed, condemnation of homosexuality can be found in Old and New testaments. Leviticus 18:22 says, "Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable." And Leviticus 20.13 provides for the death penalty.

In Romans 1.26-27 Paul states that "God gave [humankind] over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relationships for unnatural ones. In the same way men also abandoned natural relationships with women and were inflamed

with lust for one another.” This passage contains the Bible’s only reference to lesbians.

In 1 Corinthians 6.9-10, Paul says, “Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men....will inherit the kingdom of God. The Greek refers specifically to ‘malakoi’ and ‘arsenokoittoi’ - those who are passive and those who are active in the act with other men.

These passages and others like them present many Christians with a problem because they wish to be both Biblical and affirming of gay Christians.

Conservative Christians, including conservative gays, say that these verses are consistent and clear. Sex is ordained for marriage, and from the beginning of the Bible marriage is between a man and a woman and not between members of the same sex. There is no room for sexually active gay relationships in the church because they are sinful; and to refer to ‘gay marriage’ is a contradiction in terms.

More liberal Christians point out that we do not know the background to the Old Testament verses and nowhere does scripture condemn same sex, loving, permanent relationships. The passage in Romans, they argue, is clearly about lust. What’s more, it forms part of a longer argument designed to get the Jewish Christian readers to agree that Gentile depravity falls very short of God’s law so that it comes as huge shock to them when Paul states later that they too fall short of God’s law and are seen as Gentiles in God’s sight. He then explains how God’s grace has been extended to both Gentiles and Jews in and through Jesus. Similarly, the Corinthians passage is not about loving relationships but about the depravity of the ancient world with its widespread homosexual male prostitution, and masters’ abuse of their male slaves, both including pederasty. In any event, there is nothing unbiblical or sinful in self-giving, faithful, permanent same sex relationships and that these can positively reflect God in a similar way to opposite sex marriages.

St Mary's website

The St Mary's website states under *Our vision*:

To be a place of welcome for everyone regardless of their status, wealth, gender, race, sexuality or religion

Reflections

Most of us had gay friends and relatives which in some cases had led us to change our previous conservative views.

We observed that there wasn't agreement among gay Christians regarding what sexual behaviour, if any, is acceptable to God in scripture. Some argue for abstinence and celibacy. Others argue that while "a man should not lie with another man as with a woman", other acts of physical love are ethical within the context of gay marriage. Importantly, most would condemn casual sexual behaviour among gay people in the same way as such behaviour among straight people.

This reflects the diversity of views within the secular gay community where some gay groups, such as Queer Theorists, reject the concept of marriage as a straight institution while others, such as Peter Tatchell, have long argued for gay marriage.

Gay Christians were too frequently asked questions about what went on in their bedrooms. We felt strongly that such questions were intrusive and that we had no right to assume what acts took place or to enquire about them. The assumption that gay marriages were 'sinful' put barriers between God and gay people and, in the case of gay Christians, a denial of their relationship with Christ.

One view was that there are certain differences between straight and gay marriage. When UK law provided for gay marriage, lawmakers were unable to define what constitutes consummation or adultery. That did not prevent gay marriage being equal with straight marriage but perhaps a better, more accurate word for it is 'covenant.' In a world of diversity, it should be possible to be different but equal.

Irrespective of semantics, we were unanimous in affirming gay marriages and considered it was time the CoE recognised them - as seems likely in the near future. The CoE's present position was quite wrong because it condemned gay couples either to a life without intimacy or labelled them as fornicators.

We supported the more liberal interpretation of the relevant scriptures set out above. All scripture should be interpreted within the context of the two great commandments and not to recognise gay marriage was a failure to "love our neighbour as ourselves". It was important to apply the same Christian standards of sexual behaviour (faithfulness etc) to both gay and straight couples.

We considered that given the resurgence in homophobic behaviour in society and of the conservative attitude to gay people in many churches, more could be done to actively condemn homophobic attitudes from the pulpit. It was important for church to be a safe place for gay Christians, especially younger people finding their sexual identity.

We noted that gay Christians advise that it is insufficient to have statements that welcome them irrespective of sexuality because that welcome is too often on the church's own terms as explained in the Coles article. Consequently, they are now asking that churches "affirm" them¹.

The *Inclusive Church Statement* is one that St Mary's might consider adopting in future:

"We believe in inclusive church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

¹ See for example <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001650w>

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

The Current Affairs Connect Group

Please note this article gives the view of the Current Affairs Connect Group and not necessarily of all who worship at St Mary's.



**PILGRIMAGE TO
ISRAEL AND JORDAN**

30th October to 8th November 2022

**with The Revd Tony Rindl
Vicar of St Mary's, Watford**

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**Including visits to Caesarea, Tiberias, Petra,
Jerusalem and Bethlehem;
a boat on the Sea of Galilee; a walk along the Via Dolorosa**

Wychcroft - 13th to 15th May 2022

What happens when four members of the same Connect Group decide to attend a residential weekend away in the country?

This took place at the Southwark Diocesan Retreat and



Training Centre near Godstone in Surrey.

Well, of course, we were first of all captivated by the wonderful colours of spring under a cloudless sky. Then, finding ample accommodation in the old estate farm mansion. Soon we were to meet

many of the twenty or so folk who had arrived from all directions, near and further afield: some collecting on the terrace which overlooked the open green expanse which met their view. Others were being welcomed in the spacious panelled wooden reception hall with its mysterious exits dotted around the wide spiral staircase rising to the upper floors.

“Have you been here before?” was a common question heard. The presence of the invited guest speaker and wife soon became evident. They had been ‘on hold’ since a Covid postponed original booking. After a hearty, healthy and hope-filled meal they introduced themselves, most graphically with The Chairman’s generous description of their background. So, the Rt Revd Sandy Millar explained his subject: ‘The Gospel of the Spirit: all I want is you’. A preliminary reading before the event had been encouraged of attendees, ie of John’s Gospel and other Bible passages. After the initial worship time together, we felt that possible qualms or fears had abated. Here were two people whose lifetime experience was being opened up for us leading us into our time together.

During the sessions, which started next morning, we sensed the deeply devotional Anglican, Biblical and Prayer Book expression of the relationship of the God we worship through our days. Those gathered were of post-retirement years but of no less activeness in their closer and wider circles, and the closeness of fellowship was evident as testimony to some special friendships that went back fifty years and more, being kept together in some measure by this group: 'The Stewards Fellowship'.

After the opening up of the Gospel of the Spirit - focussing on Chapter 3 with its all-embracing verses 16 and 17, our mid-morning thoughts settled on the story contained in the Song of Songs from the middle of the Bible. This showed the turn around of how we view God, after first seeking him out, He 'allures us' (speaker's words) to himself, whose we become.

The warm sunshine rose a notch, so that by 2.00pm those gathered to walk off their lunch, had found various forms of headgear plus poles to assist on the afternoon explorations.

The focal point of all that had happened by the time of departure twenty-four hours later, was the informal yet orderly Holy Communion Service which took place in the Chapel, which up until then had not been spotted by the celebrant Bishop across the courtyard.



New friendships had been made, others deepened, and we all had been specially refreshed and renewed. Thank you, Sandy and Annette!

Why not try something like this for yourself - particularly if you have attended Alpha Courses - for this was the stuff of much of the 'Re-membering' which Sandy based his testimony and experience upon?

*David Clemas
on behalf of Rosemary, Tilly and Pam*

A LAST WORD FROM A CHURCHWARDEN – THANKYOU!

It was a lovely surprise to receive a beautiful orchid and card at the end of the APCM on 29th May. It had already been a long morning and I certainly didn't want to be responsible for ruining everybody's Sunday lunch, so I thought it best to keep what I would like to have said then for St. Mary's News.

I still remember feeling shocked when I was first asked if I would consider being churchwarden in 2007. It has been a real privilege to serve in this capacity since then, apart from a two-year break when Shirley Stirling stepped into my shoes. I certainly never anticipated that I would continue in this role until now. I want to thank you for your prayers, for graciously forgiving my mistakes and for your wonderful support throughout these thirteen years. Inevitably there have been some highs and lows over the years - thankfully more highs! Yes, it has been challenging at times as I have found myself well out of my comfort zone on occasions, but I have also learned a lot.

It is disappointing that I have been unable to hand over my lovely bunch of church keys to a successor and feel sorry that I am leaving Peter to hold the fort alone for the time being. I am praying that it will not be for too long - and I'm sure he is too. He certainly lives up to his name - he is a 'rock'.

A lot of the things I do in church have little to do with being churchwarden so you will still see me doing many of them. A priority will be to re-build our stewards / welcome teams, which have become seriously depleted since the first Covid lockdown. At this point I must thank the small, dedicated team of stewards who have turned up regularly to ensure that these duties are covered, but we do need more with whom to share this important task. I am particularly grateful to Stevie Trudgill who has been very committed to these duties every Sunday and on Wednesdays for the

midweek Holy Communion services. I am delighted that she has agreed to be a deputy warden.

I would also like to thank Tony and all the staff for their fellowship and support. If you could be a fly on the wall during Monday morning meetings, you would soon appreciate how much there is to do each week to ensure the smooth running of a busy town centre church. It has been a joy to join them for Morning Prayer before our meetings and to be part of such a great team.

Many years ago I received a card which said: "Nothing is going to happen today that God and you can't handle together." I have certainly proved this to be true. Many emergency 'arrow' prayers have been sent up when I've needed God's help in a hurry, and He has never let me down.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

Alison Saunders



And finally, we can't let this month's magazine finish without mention of:

The Platinum Jubilee

This year's Accession Day - 6th February 2022 - marked 70 years since The Queen acceded to the throne on the death of her father King George VI. Her Majesty has gone on to reign longer than any other British Monarch in history, and to become a beloved figure around the world.



She has a strong Christian faith which has been evident throughout her life, both in her words and her actions. As well as her formal role as 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England', which comes with the Monarchy, her personal faith was evident even before she was crowned.

Still as Princess Elizabeth, on her 21st Birthday, 21st April 1947, she addressed the nation:

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

And she followed this by declaring on her Coronation Day, 2nd June 1953:

"I ask you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me."

And I'm sure she has been sustained and uplifted by our prayers over the seventy years but in June 2022, it's all about coming together:

"I hope this Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities."

Elizabeth R

Services

The Church is usually open each week

Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 3.00pm
and on Saturday between 12.00noon and 2.00pm

Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion (said) in church
on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday only each month;
10.30am Morning Service in church and via Zoom
every Sunday;
5.30pm Encounter in church and via Facebook Live
on 1st Sunday of month only
(preceded at 5.00pm with refreshments)

Wednesday

12.30pm Holy Communion in church

(for Zoom links please contact Church Office)

Thought for the Week

on our website and on Facebook - based on a bible verse or passage,
it is a short reflection by one of the leadership team
for us to think about during the week.

It can be downloaded and listened to whenever and wherever.

Please keep up to date with what is on offer
via our Facebook page
or the website www.stmaryswatford.org

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