



Notices – 12th May 2024

- **A Very Warm Welcome** to everyone to our worship this morning. Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service.
- **If you are new to the Church** and would like to get to know more about us, please speak to a welcomer after the service or look on our website – address on the front page.
- **Next Sunday** – 19th May – Pentecost – Service of the Word

➤ **Annual Vestry Meeting to Elect Churchwardens together with Annual Church Meeting** is on **Sunday 19th May at 12.00noon** – collect a coffee after worship, then back into the church! A look back at all that happened in 2023 and to accept the Accounts for both 2022 and 2023.

➤ **Tony's Last Weekend in the Parish** will be 8th and 9th June. There will be a Farewell Lunch on Saturday 8th June at 12.30pm to which you are invited – RSVP to Eileen (eileen.robby@stmaryswatford.org). The Service on Sunday 9th June will be at the usual time of 10.30am. If you would like to be involved in donating towards the weekend, please put cheque/cash in an envelope marked 'Tony's presentation'; or for bank transfer use: Sort Code: 20-74-09 Account No: 00725927. If an account name is required, this is: 'Parochial Church Council of St Marys Watford'; and please quote 'Tony's presentation'.

- **Tuesday Toddlers** – 9.30 to 11.00am in the Church Centre for all babies and toddlers and their parents/carers.
- **Midweek Communion** at 12.30pm on Wednesday
- **Thursday Coffee Morning** – 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Heydon Chapel – all welcome. Free refreshments, jigsaw and someone to chat to.

➤ **Thursday Lunchtime Concert** - this week a welcome return to 'The Friday Singers' from Abbots Langley – 12.30pm in church, preceded by refreshments in the Heydon Chapel from 12.00noon.

➤ **Knit & Natter** – 11.00am to 1.00pm on Friday, in the Heydon Chapel – not just knitters but all crafters welcome.

➤ **St Mary's News** – May edition is available in paper form in church and on the website.

➤ **Help with refreshments** is requested for the early evenings of 25th June (Phoenix Choir) and 13th July (South Oxhey Choir) – if you are able to help, please speak to Liz.

➤ **Geoff Cooper** died on 6th May aged 104. Details of his funeral will be announced when arranged.

➤ **The Revd Laurie Beard** died on 24th April at Amberside Care Home in Watford. There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 1st June at 2.00pm at Christ Church, Chorleywood.

➤ **Climate Emergency** – what is St Mary's doing to tackle the emergency? The Climate Action Group has produced an up-to-date leaflet – please take a copy.

➤ **Bishop's Open Garden** between 2.00 and 4.00pm on Sundays between 9th June and 11th August – two acres of hidden garden in the heart of the city of St Albans (Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD) - £5 entry (children free); dogs on leads; no toilet facilities; no parking on site. In aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.