

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

I mentioned in my last letter that the churches of this diocese are beginning a process called Mission Action Planning, which simply means that through prayer and discussion we will be trying to get a sense of what God is calling us to do for Him, here and now. Now this might sound like yet another initiative being imposed on the church from above, more busyness for an already busy congregation, something else we have to do. In fact, I don't think that it will be like that at all. Jean Morgan and I recently went to Ely Cathedral for a session introducing Mission Action Planning, or MAP for short. This was led by Revd Robert Warren, who was until recently the Church of England's National Officer for Evangelism, and before that was Vicar of St Thomas' Crookes in Sheffield, which under him became one of the largest congregations in the country. He knows a thing or two about helping churches grow, spiritually as well as in numbers.

What Robert Warren had to say was encouraging. MAP has been carried out by many dioceses before Ely, and almost all churches that have done it find that far from making them busier, the process has helped them reduce their workload and concentrate on doing a few things well, and this seems to be one of the secrets of growth. Robert Warren also said that churches that grow are often places that leave room for stillness and 'not doing', rather than ones that rush around trying to do everything. I like the sound of this.

Yesterday (April 22), more than 100 children from Godmanchester Primary School came into the church simply to look around and ask a few questions. At the end, one of their teachers asked them to sit as quietly as they could for a few minutes, and then to say what they felt about being there. One child said she felt as if she were alone. Another said she felt as if she were being watched. I would like to think that these responses have a positive meaning – that in our church, what the children sensed was that they were in the presence of God, who does not see people as a mass but gives each one the space to be at the centre of his attention, alone in that sense only, before Him. As we begin to plan for the development of the mission of our church, I very much hope that rather than asking more people to get involved with more activities, we can create a space where in stillness more people can sense that God gazes on them with His full attention, and can discover that His attention, which is another name for love, is life-giving.

With love,

David

**This month's cover**

It's that time of year again . . . Please read Claire Hurd's article on page 6 and look out for details of *Quizaid* in the Newsletter. This is a fun general knowledge quiz taking place in the church hall on Thursday 15 May with proceeds going to Christian Aid. Contact: Trevor Weedon 413264.

**Mothers' Union**

At the April meeting Linda Page gave a talk entitled, 'My Hobby turned into a Job'. She told us that as a small girl she used to go with her father to Boys' Brigade as he was band master. She would get rather bored, so one day she went exploring and found a piano. She was fascinated by it and absolutely desperate to play it. Unfortunately family circumstances meant that piano lessons were beyond her reach. Not to be deterred she took recorder lessons and thus learned to read music.

She went on to the local village college and found that wind instruments were not taught there and so she learned to play the violin. Then she got into Cambridge College. She managed to acquire an old pub piano, which she had tuned. Her father agreed to let her place it in the front room, which, of course, was only heated when special visitors arrived. Such was Linda's desire to play the piano, however, that she put up with the cold and practised a lot. Then girls were allowed to join the church choir. Another breakthrough! The new music teacher became the choirmaster and so

Linda was able to have lessons with him. She eventually passed the Grade 5 exam.

Two weeks after leaving school she was at work. Life went on and she married. Her husband became the choirmaster and is still there. Meanwhile, the vicar begged Linda to tutor his daughter at the piano. After a lot of persuasion she agreed to give the child ten lessons to see how she got on; and that was the start of a long career of teaching the piano. At the peak she used to give twenty-four lessons each week. Linda still teaches now but for not so many hours.

We all very much enjoyed her talk that showed clearly how perseverance and faith in good outcomes helped her to achieve her desire. She felt, she said, that God influenced her decisions and faith was instrumental in her eventual success.

At the next meeting on 6 May Ros Wright will give a presentation entitled 'Beads of Prayer.'

*Jean Morgan*

**The Salvation Army  
Silver Street**

**Coffee Morning**

**Every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon**

Everyone welcome!

## Wives' Group

For our April meeting, the Wives' Group welcomed Tish Page, a friend of Barbara's, whose talk was entitled: 'Lithuania, a brief journey through its history, geography and culture'. Tish's interest in Lithuania is personal – her grandmother was born there and it was whilst going through some old family papers one wet Sunday afternoon that Tish stumbled on photographs she had never seen before, wondered about the people in them, and started on a journey which has taken her back to the country many times.

Lithuania is now approximately twice the size of Belgium with a population of about 3½ million but it used to be much bigger, stretching down as far as the Black Sea. It was independent between 1918 and 1940 but during the Second World War many people were encouraged to leave by the Germans and, following the War, it became part of the Soviet Union. Following the collapse of communism, Lithuania regained independence on 11 March 1990; it joined the EU in May 2004. Its physical landscape is quite flat, forested and agricultural (very similar to East Anglia, in fact) and the centre of mainland Europe lies just north of the capital, Vilnius.

It is a very old civilisation; there is evidence of amber trading with Greece over a thousand years ago. It was one of the very last countries to adopt Christianity, having its own pagan religion until well into the 13th century. To this day, many wood-carvings and

crafts depict pagan symbols.

Nevertheless, the country is now largely Roman Catholic, with a small percentage of Protestants and Jews. It is home to the famous Hill of Crosses, which featured in Michael Palin's recent travels around Eastern Europe. The country's other religion is, apparently, basketball.

Food is central to the Lithuanian way of life; during Soviet times it was sometimes in short supply, but every occasion now seems to be accompanied by a variety of hearty dishes, often based around potatoes, cooked in sauces rich with mushrooms, sour cream, fried onions and diced bacon (sometimes all at once)! The cuisine is washed down with copious amounts of beer and the very good locally-produced champagne. During the Soviet era, the country's fertile land produced wheat, making it the 'bread basket', and there is not much in the way of very heavy industry even today there is not much in the way of very heavy industry.

Tish illustrated her talk with numerous delightful pictures and she had also brought a collection of artefacts for us to pore over. I was particularly taken with a tourist guide to Vilnius dating back to the very early 1990s when they were just starting to open up to visitors, and the collection of Baltic amber.

This was a fascinating evening; it was a shame that more ladies could not have been present to enjoy it. It was also our last meeting in the Church Hall until October. 13 May sees the garden visit (to Madingley Hall in Cambridge) and

on 10 June we will be visiting Paxton Pits. All are welcome to join us; if you would like to do so, please contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018) for more details.

*Kate Robinson*

### **Men's Social Group**

At its April meeting the Men's Social Group managed to assemble a jury of eleven 'good men and true' to listen to the evidence presented by District Judge Nicholas Leigh-Smith. Nicholas started by describing his training as a lawyer, eventually qualifying as a barrister and being called to the Bar. Apparently the most important requirement for being accepted as a barrister is to eat a large number of formal dinners in one of the Inns of Court. At first, after qualifying, Nicholas worked in private practice but later switched to the public domain as a stipendiary magistrate, now encompassed within the general title of District Judge.

The theme of Nicholas's talk was to trace the history of the incorporation of stipendiary magistrates within the English judicial system. The history can be traced back to the reign of Alfred the Great. He set up a legal code for the whole of England, with provision for the administration of justice on a local basis by local people, who were usually members of the nobility in the area concerned. In 1361 the Statute of Westminster created the position of magistrate whereby a member of the nobility say, together with two or three near equals, delivered local justice. The

magistrates were almost like a county court, covering both civil and criminal cases, as well as looking after policing. The system was respected and trusted because the magistrates knew the local population and understood the situations of those appearing before them. However, with the increase of prosperity in the country and the creation of wealth through trading, the magistrates became increasingly open to bribery and the whole system was being corrupted.

To combat this situation, in the early part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century the government decided to appoint a number of full time paid magistrates with funding from central government. The first of these was Sir Thomas de Veil who, in 1740, established a court in his house in Bow Street in London. He was succeeded in 1749 by the playwright and author Henry Fielding, who also helped to develop the Bow Street Runners into an efficient police force. He, in turn, was followed by his brother John, who formalised an arrangement whereby the house in Bow Street housed both the magistrates' court and the Bow Street Runners.

Initially London was the only place in England with stipendiary magistrates, supported by lay magistrates whereas the rest of the country continued to be served by lay magistrates supported by people with some legal training. However in the 19<sup>th</sup> century the appointment of stipendiary magistrates gradually spread throughout the country. There are now 143 stipendiary magistrates throughout England and

Wales operating as District Judges and covering different aspects of the law such as criminal cases, youth courts, care of children proceedings etc. Some of the earlier stipendiary magistrates had rather fearsome reputations and could treat the accused rather harshly, but today magistrates are expected to take a more kindly and sympathetic approach, although they still continue to send people to prison, albeit with a smile!

Nicholas then showed us the black gown that he wears in court, and which comes complete with a money pouch hanging on a ribbon slung over the shoulder; apparently the idea is that the magistrate can jingle any loose coins in the pouch to remind those concerned if they hadn't paid their dues. He also showed his horsehair wig which perches on the top of the head rather like a skull cap. The fashion show was then followed by a lively Q & A session covering current practices including the relationship between the different types of court. The new court facility in Huntingdon now houses the magistrates' court, the county court and the crown court in one building, which makes it much easier and more efficient when cases have to be passed up or down to another court.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict and unanimously agreed that the said Nicholas Leigh-Smith was not guilty of being either boring or incomprehensible and should be released.

Thank you Nicholas for a most enlightening and interesting presentation and for helping us to understand a little more about our heritage.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6 May when we will be learning about the valuable work undertaken by The Gideons. Speaker: Trevor Weedon.

*Peter Dawe*

### **Charity of the Month Tearfund**

Tearfund is a Christian organisation that works with Christian partners to improve the lives of those worldwide who are living in poverty. Tearfund works in around seventy of the world's poorest countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Those working for Tearfund are not only motivated by humanitarian values but also by evangelical Christian values and beliefs. They work to support both the material and spiritual needs of individuals and communities, and believe in the importance of the local church with its critical role in helping people out of poverty.

For example, the people in Fombe village in Malawi are subject to natural disasters, HIV, poor water and sanitation and they struggle to earn a living due to unfair trade laws imposed by the west. Here, Tearfund is supplying drought-resistant crops and teaching locals about irrigation systems, and it hopes to be able to mobilise the local church to help it deal with the impact of climate change. Tearfund has been arranging for people from the local church to receive training at the local hospital on how to care for people living with HIV. It also works to encourage

awareness of the disease –14% of the population of Malawi have HIV. Tearfund is also trying to help the people of Fombe village cope with and prepare for natural disasters: it has helped plant Chikalumphu forest which has been positioned to guard against flooding from the river. In Malawi one in five children dies before reaching the age of five and around 5000 children die each day from causes related to unclean water. In Fombe village, Tearfund has helped the local church start a Sanitation Committee which teaches members about the need for a toilet, a clothes line, a safe place for food preparation and clean water. Ultimately, Tearfund would like to ensure that everyone has access to adequate safe water and sanitation.

Tearfund produces a quarterly magazine called *Teartimes* which can be ordered free by calling 0845 355 8355. More information can be found at [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

*Gillian Taylor*

## **Christian Aid**

With Christian Aid Week upon us this month (May 11-17), I thought it might be interesting to think about the organisation we are supporting.

Christian Aid first started in the 1940s, and was originally called 'Christian Reconstruction in Europe'. The original mission statement for the organisation was not to evangelise but to alleviate suffering for ordinary people, regardless of faith. In the 1950s, and by now called the 'Department of Interchurch Aid and

Refugee Service', it was involved in the creation of the 'Voluntary Services Overseas' (VSO) organisation, and the very first Christian Aid week was held in 1957. By the end of the 1960s the annual income amounted to £2.5 million. It was certainly needed, as world food shortages increased and Christian Aid began to campaign against the causes of poverty, in 1969 challenging the British Government on its aid and trade policies. By the end of the 1970s, Christian Aid was working in forty countries, funding long-term development projects, and also working in the hotspots of Vietnam, Laos, Uganda, Nicaragua, Cambodia, Pakistan, Sudan and Ethiopia. It wasn't until the 1980s that Christian Aid received government funding, which helped provide support in places like the Lebanon and Mozambique. In 1989, Christian Aid Week raised £6 million, and the annual income was £28 million, an increase of £22.5 million since 1979. In the 1990s, Christian Aid brought world poverty to our consciousness, with their 'Banking on the Poor' campaign, which highlighted the need to cancel the Third World debt, and their 'Who Runs The World?' campaign, which questioned the culpability of the World Trade Organisation and International Monetary Fund. The decade also saw humanitarian crises in Rwanda, the Middle East, Serbia, Bosnia and Kosovo, to which CA responded. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century affords no relief for the world's poor, with half the planet's population surviving on less than US\$2 *a day*. Christian Aid has pledged itself to continue providing life-saving work and practical change so that

everyone can fulfil their right to a decent life.

Current campaigns include 'Cut the Carbon', in which pressure is being put on the government's Climate Change Bill, protecting human rights in Angola, and seeking peace and justice for the people of Gaza. With emergency funds required for the flooded Zambezia province of Mozambique, and vital aid required for the people of Kenya after post election rioting and violence, Christian Aid is needed now as much as it was at its conception.

*Claire Hurd*

### **Who's who in the parish** *Margaret and Robert Caroe.*



We have come from Chiswick, West London, after living there for twenty-seven and a half years. Robert was born in Surrey and is very proud of being of pre-war vintage! Margaret was born later in Suffolk.

Robert worked in a semi-Franciscan job with the elderly on Earl's Court for

many years (Earls Court is also where we met).

Margaret trained as a nurse in London and worked abroad twice before marriage, once in Amman, Jordan, and once in Sierra Leone (with an Anglican Mission Society). On returning to England she worked for about ten years as a Health Visitor, and then did further study to become a Nurse Practitioner. She completed this degree in her fifties, and proceeded to work as a Nurse Practitioner in General Practice in Southall which has a high Asian population.

We have two daughters who are happily settled in Cambridge at this moment; one is finishing an M.Phil. They, however, are not the reason why we have come to Cambridgeshire, as we're pretty sure that they are likely to move away. It is, instead, because Robert has two sisters in the area, and numerous nieces and nephews.

We are much encouraged that St Mary's has the spiritual vitality to pay over £50,000 to the diocese yearly. We have found the church very welcoming and friendly. We both belong to an ecumenical fellowship called Maranatha, which is principally concerned with prayer, healing, and the political agenda from a Christian perspective. We have linked ourselves with a group that meets monthly in Market Harborough.

Robert has gifts in and enjoys gardening. Margaret enjoys dancing. Unfortunately they don't go together too

well! We are, though, both interested in literature, architecture, theology and history.

Margaret hopes to get into parish nursing locally (there are already three trained parish nurses at Godmanchester Baptist Church), and she has a vision to see this service developed within Godmanchester as part of the caring role of the churches.

We are enjoying living in Godmanchester.

### **May Revels at Island Hall 1985 – 2007**

Earlier this year, Christopher and Lady Linda Vane Percy took the very difficult decision, due to their many other commitments, both personal and to the community, to discontinue the May Revels, which they have hosted at Island Hall since 1985. They have made such a huge contribution to Godmanchester life through this one event alone, that it is appropriate to look back with gratitude on those many, magical afternoons in May.

The Vane Percys became aware that the Island Hall gardens had been used for fund-raising events in the early 1900s, and Marge Foster remembered maypole dancing on the lawn in the 1930s. They have always wanted the house to be available to others as a 'living' entity, and Lady Linda saw a gap in the local calendar for a child-centred event with a difference, based on the earlier festivities. When Liz Irving said, after her first visit to the May Revels, 'I have

just had the most special afternoon; it was like turning the clock back to my childhood!' this was just the right endorsement. Island Hall was providing the perfect setting for a happy, traditional family event.

Pam Sneath came up with the name 'May Revels' and there was to be a ceremony to crown a May Queen, who had attendant maids and, sometimes, a page boy. Jean White, who was in charge of the Sunday School at St Mary's at the time, played a key role in choosing the May Court and in much of the organisation of the children's activities. Godmanchester Community School initially provided a maypole and dancers. Later, Heartsease Morris Dancers performed at the May Revels, until, in recent years, pupils from St Anne's School put on their displays of country dancing.

Soon the garden filled with stalls, side shows and competitions: lucky dip, hoopla, a treasure hunt, balloon racing, the tombola, cake stalls and plant stalls, face painting, skilfully carried out by Grace Vane Percy, as well as the Punch and Judy show, a great favourite for many years presided over by Auntie Jean and Uncle Dennis, plate-smashing (a very popular additon in recent years) and a 'garden-in-a-saucer' competition. There was even a pet competition in the early days, judged by local vet Hall Thurley. He courageously resisted the cuddly guinea pigs in a basket and awarded first prize to the stick insects! There were puppet shows and music from a lovely old barrel-organ, brought for many years by Mr and Mrs Alan

Wright. Val Pithey served ices at the first few May Revels, with Daphne Dobson always providing the cones. Numerous helpers served the teas, and others washed up. The Vane Percys remember many friends helping over the years: particularly Robbie Dobson and Roy Norris manning the entrance and counting the money, Nigel Pithey painting white lines for the races and carrying furniture, Sue Wyatt and many others from Children's Church running stalls, Thelma Peacock donating beautiful flowers for the May maids and Peter Irving in charge of the incomparable tug-of-war. (Our muscles ached for days!).

However, few helpers or visitors could appreciate just how much the Vane Percy family have done in opening their home for the May Revels in the last twenty-three years: booking entertainers, making lovely costumes for the May Court and dancers, organising the teas, providing numerous prizes, including enormous teddy bears for competitions, contacting the Press, putting up bunting and blowing up balloons. The uncertainty of English weather many times threatened to undo all the preparations, but the event was only cancelled three times. Christopher always worked really hard to make sure the garden looked beautiful, for everyone to enjoy: for just one year the event was held on the island, because the lawn had been rotivated. 'Heartsease found the ground a bit soft for dancing', Christopher recalls, 'and we put up warning notices about snakes, to keep people off the cow parsley!'

By generously waiving considerable expenses, they have been able to contribute nearly £10,000 to St Mary's Church funds – an achievement which has been gratefully acknowledged by Peter Ballantine, St Mary's Church Treasurer. Even more importantly than this, however, the May Revels have provided a fund of wonderful collective memories for the families of Godmanchester. Who will ever forget watching the children totally absorbed in their dancing, or running races in that beautiful setting? Or the smile on a young May Queen's face?

*Victoria Richardson*

### **What are we doing to our climate?**

The next Huntingdon and Godmanchester Churches Together Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 3 May 2008 at the Barley Mow, Hartford at 8.00 am, finishing by 9.30 am and so leaving the majority of the day free. As always, men of all the churches of the Godmanchester and Huntingdon area are invited to attend. Normally 30-40 people come along of which six or more (no restriction) are from our church. Anyone who has not been before but would like to give one of these breakfasts a try will be especially welcome.

Friendly conversation at the table and an enjoyable meal are guaranteed. On this occasion the short talk, which precedes the meal, will be given by Chris Emerson of Christian Aid on *Climate Chaos – what have we done?*

Contact: *Andrew Fawcett 45838*

**WEA Godmanchester**

A six-week course on Medieval Cathedrals and Abbeys (tutor Lynne Broughton) is to begin on Thursday 8 May 2008 at the QE School, from 10.15 to 11.45 am.

The cathedrals and abbeys of medieval England were built to the glory of God as a focus of Christian devotion. This course will show that since the 16<sup>th</sup> century they have suffered different fates. Coffee will be served. Full fee £24, discounted fee £22.

*Mary Fawcett* (458383)

**Healing Services**

Although they did not attract large numbers of people, the Healing Services that were held in the past were believed to be an important part of the ministry of our Parish. They were held at different times and days and the last one was about eighteen months ago.

It has now been decided to start these services again and they will be held regularly on the first Sunday of the month, once a quarter. The first one will be after the 9.45 Eucharist on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Further details will be announced nearer the time- look out for details in the *Newsletter*.

*David Ferris*

**Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester  
ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**in the forecourt of Island Hall, Post Street, Godmanchester 11.00 am to 5.00 pm**

By kind permission of Mr Christopher and Lady Linda Vane Percy

Admission Free – Proceeds in aid of church funds

**ISLAND HALL GARDENS OPEN** as part of the  
National Gardens Scheme. Admission £3 (accompanied children free)  
Afternoon teas served

Proceeds in aid of NHS Retirement Fellowship (Huntingdon Branch)

**Sunday 25 May 2008 12 noon to 5.00 pm**

**The Registers****Baptisms**

13 April

Lily Rose Bean

Connie Rose Owens

**Weddings**

28 March

Craig Maddocks and Julie Robinson

5 April

Craig Minney and Alison Pinder

## ODMANCHESTER PARISH NEWS

### The Lectionary

1 May	<b>Ascension Day</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-end; Luke 24:44-end
4 May	<b>Easter 7</b> Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11
11 May	<b>Pentecost</b> Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23
18 May	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Isaiah 40:12-17; 27-end
22 May	<b>Corpus Christ</b> Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 6:51-58
25 May	<b>Trinity 1</b> Leviticus 19:1,2,9-18; Matthew 5:36-end

### Dates for your diary

#### May 2008

Thu	1	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s
		2.15 pm	St Anne's School Eucharist
		7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist
			Church
Fri	2	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
			Church Hall
Sat	3	8.00 am	Men's Breakfast
			Barley Mow Hartford
Sun	4	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – Chill out
			38 London Rd
Mon	5		NO Stepping Stones
Tue	6	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union Meeting
		7.30 pm	Men's Group
			Queen Elizabeth School Church Hall
Wed	7	11.00 am	Holy Communion
			The Chestnuts
Thu	8	9.45 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s
		7.30 pm	Healing Service Meeting
			Comrades' Club Vicarage
Fri	9	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
			Church Hall
Sat	10	2.00 pm	Wedding Robert Green/Bibian Searle
Sun	11	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Christian Aid Week</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist
		11.30 am	Grassroots with Baptism
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – Parish Praise prep
			Church Hall
Mon	12	10.30 am	GMC Churches Together Ministers
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones
		7.30 pm	Fabric Committee meeting
		8.00 pm	Signing Group
			Baptist Church Centre Baptist Church Centre Vestry
Tue	13	10.30 am	MU Coffee morning
			79 Roman Way
			2A Earning St
			Madingley Hall Gardens
Wed	14	10.30 am	Holy Communion
			Oak Tree Court

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		8.00 pm	Bible Study	10 East Chadley Lane
Thu	15	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group	36 Old Court Hall
		7.30 pm	Fun Quizaid	Church hall
Fri	16	2.30 pm	Wedding Duncan Malone/Anne Hayes	
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
		8.00 pm	Ely Choir Festival Practice	Church Hall
Sat	17		Ely Choir Festival	Ely Cathedral
Sun	18		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
			Parish Photographs	Church
		12.30 pm	Spring BBQ	Church Hall
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group – Film Making	Church Hall
Mon	19	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	Baptist Church Centre
		7.30 pm	Churches Together members' meeting	Trinity Church Hall Hartford
Tue	20	7.30 pm	PCC Communion & Meeting	Church
Wed	21	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Woodley Court
Thu	22		<b>Corpus Christi</b>	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion (MU Corporate)	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist	
Fri	23	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sun	25	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		11.00 am	Parish Praise	St Anne's School
		11am – 5pm	Annual Plant Sale	Forecourt Island Hall
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
Mon	26		NO Stepping Stones	
Tue	27	7.30 pm	YFriday Group (Christian Rock Band)	Wood Green Animal Shelter
Wed	28	9.45 am	Holy Communion	McCartney House
Thu	29	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
Fri	30	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	

**The Editorial Committee meeting** for the June magazine will be held on **Sunday, 18 May**. Would you please ensure that material is with one of the following by that date and if possible not later than **Friday, 16 May**.

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