

# Life News @ St Mary's

**St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter - JUNE 2023**

## Verse for 2023    2 Corinthians 13:11

“Finally, beloved friends, be cheerful! Repair whatever is broken among you, as your hearts are being knit together in perfect unity. Live continually in peace, and God, the source of love and peace, will mingle with you.”

## Christopher's Priesting

Friday 30th June 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey

## Service of Celebration

Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am

Refreshments before the service at 10am

Bring and Share Lunch after the service

Ticket and lunch sign up details to follow.



**PASTORAL CARE BEREAVEMENT TEA**

**SUNDAY 4TH JUNE AT 3.30PM**

**IN THE CHURCH HALL**



## St Mary's CAR WASH

The youth would like to thank everyone who supported the car wash in May. It raised £300 towards their New Day trip. It was so successful they plan to hold a second one on 17th June. Come along and enjoy delicious refreshments too!



## A Word from the Vicar

With five months of 2023 already behind us, it's appropriate to look back and to give thanks for God's many blessings. We give thanks amongst so many things for Christopher's ministry amongst us; for the recent Week of Prayer; the Young People's work; the Thursday Lunch Club; for the new PCC; and for each of you!

In our Sunday Services recently, we have been thinking about what it means to be God's family - a family in which each person finds love, friendship and support through all seasons of life - a family where each person looks to the interests of the whole community - a family where everyone is of equal importance - and a family where everyone plays their part to complete the body of Christ.

What part(s) are you playing? What area of serving would you like to explore with the leadership? Do reach out and surprise us!

With every blessing - Tim

# St Mary's Eaton Socon Holiday Club **Wonder** **Zone** 24th July - 28th July 9am - 12

A holiday club open to all children **CURRENTLY** in Primary Education (R - Yr 6) held at St Mary's Eaton Socon.

5 mornings of games, stories, craft and loads of fun!

£4 per child per morning (£20 for the week)

**TO BOOK YOUR CHILD A PLACE GO TO: [www.eatonsocon.org/events](http://www.eatonsocon.org/events)**

For more information speak to Liz Faulkner on  
[cfcw@eatonsocon.org](mailto:cfcw@eatonsocon.org)

## **World Mission Update - Mano in Sri Lanka.**

The other evening I was watching television and saw Alexander Armstrong, of 'Pointless' fame, advertising his new programme regarding his travels around Sri Lanka. I was struck by the contrast between his portrayal of an aesthetically beautiful country, which it undoubtedly is, enticing us with beautiful beaches, baby elephants and a paradise we all dream of when thinking of the perfect holiday, and announcing to the nation 'Sri Lanka is open to business' and Mano's description stating in her latest newsletter that 'the core of the nation remains rotten' citing that the local elections have had to be postponed, deemed too expensive to run, and yet millions of rupees have been spent on celebrating Sri Lanka's Independence day. For the people who live in Sri Lanka life has been and still is very tough. Classes at the University have mostly resumed in person again but because of the isolation of Covid many of Mano's students are finding it difficult to find trustworthy friendships and people to confide in. She talks of false teaching being rife within some of the biggest churches (usually Pentecostal) and has joined a group of local pastors and seminary leaders who are considering how to respond to the most blatant of those leaders.

Mano was hoping to transition back to the UK early next year but has been asked by her Principal to stay as they have lost four members of staff over the last year. She asks, 'please pray for wisdom to know how to respond to this request.' Mano would also like prayer for her health, she has recently had a virus which she is finding difficult to get over. She sends her love to us all and hopes to see us again soon. Please keep Mano and the people of Sri Lanka in your prayers and if you venture to watch Armstrong's programme this summer please also remember not to forget what lies behind the facade portrayed by Sri Lanka's tourist board.

To read more of Mano's newsletter go to the Mission Board in church.

Julia Chapman

### **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

**Please contact us if  
you need help or  
support:**

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## **FIRE FROM HEAVEN**

the life of Michael Faraday, discoverer of electricity

a play by **Murray Watts** with **Andrew Harrison**



Thursday 15th June  
at 7pm  
in the Gallery

Tickets £10 pp

Bar & refreshments available

Book online

Fresh from a tour of US universities

at <https://www.artandsoul.cafe/whatson>



# CALENDAR FOR JUNE

## MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am

5th - Creation Care working party - 9.30am

19th - M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am

Youth Café (For Years 7-11) - 3.30pm



## TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am



## WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm



## THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

29th - Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon

## FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

Fusion 7.30pm



## SUNDAY

4th - Pastoral Care Bereavement Tea - 3.30pm

11th - Wildlife Walk - 3pm

25th - HIVE - 2pm

25th - Sharing Life Through Learning - 6pm



## SUNDAY - 2nd July

Bring and Share Lunch - 12.30pm

to celebrate Christopher's priesting.

