

# Life News @ St Mary's

## St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter - MAY 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.”

# 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)

## May Day Village Fayre

Monday 1st May

12noon - 4pm

Refreshments in church



## Greetings from the Curate

This month we look forward to Pentecost on the last Sunday of May. Pentecost is often considered to be the birthday of the Church.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came. Holy flames ignited the eyes, ears, tongues, hearts and minds of the early believers, and they've stayed with us to this day, empowering Christians to spread the gospel worldwide.

As we prepare for Pentecost, I encourage you to ask for the Holy Spirit to set your heart on fire for God and his Kingdom. I also hope you will join me in praying that the Holy Spirit brings the world alive with the love of Christ.

With love to you all,  
In the name of the risen Christ,

Christopher

### **Pentecost by William Blake**

Unless the eye catch fire,  
God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire,  
God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire,  
God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
God will not be known.

## How can we support the Ministry at St Mary's?

**The best way is by**  
using the  
Parish Giving Scheme  
Alternatively, Gift Aid  
envelopes are available  
in church.

For more details please  
contact our Treasurer,  
Roy Notley on  
01234 589308 or  
[finance@eatonsocon.org](mailto:finance@eatonsocon.org)

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

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



**07305 210416**

## St Neots Foodbank is in need of the following items:

tinned veg (carrots, peas,  
sweetcorn), tea (80 bags),  
rice pudding and oats.

There is a box in church if you are  
able to bring anything along  
or you can leave items in the  
donation boxes at  
Tesco and Waitrose.

## **HOLIDAY CLUB - (24th - 28th July) HELP NEEDED URGENTLY**

We urgently need more help with our yearly holiday club (24th - 28th July, mornings). We need people to be group helpers, help with craft, games, refreshments and as 1-1 support for children with additional needs. With the current amount of volunteers we will be unable to run, which would be a great shame as a lot of our community families shape their summer holidays around attending holiday club. Even if you can't offer every day, any help would be appreciated.

## **FRIDAY CLUB**

Friday club is our afterschool club for primary aged children where we teach the basics of our faith through fun activities, stories and games. For various reasons we haven't been able to run Friday Club since before the pandemic but we are now in a position to be able to open this group again (from September 2023) to both our church and community families. But, in order to do this we need some volunteers to help us run it, chat to children and help organise crafts / games - at Friday Club we all pitch in together! Friday Club runs fortnightly on a Friday evening from 5.30pm - 7pm, so we would need volunteers from 5pm - 7.15pm. For this club we are asking for a commitment of at least once a month in order to get to know the children. You will need to go through a DBS and church volunteer safeguarding procedures before starting.

**For more information about Holiday Club or Friday Club please speak to Liz.Faulkner or email her on- [cfcw@eatonsocon.org](mailto:cfcw@eatonsocon.org)**

## **WORLD MISSION NEWS**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! As we begin our new year of financial support to our Mission Partners could we ask for your continued support? Firstly through prayer and secondly by continuing to read the updates on our Mission Board.

We also have a link on the church website which takes you to our latest newsletters from our Mission Partners. Please remember that if you have a charity or a Christian work which is close to your heart, and feel led to ask for support, then please approach a member of the Mission Team with details for consideration.

Finally, a thankful note for the life of Janice Porter. We heard at the funeral how supportive and faithful Janice was to Ray's missionary work, and the spreading of The Gospel message. In fact soon after arriving at St. Mary's in 2005 Janice got involved and led the Mission Team for 13 years! Thank you Janice for your example of a loving servant of Jesus Christ.

# CALENDAR FOR MAY



## MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am (15th and 22nd)

17th - M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am

Youth Café - 3.30pm (For Years 7-11) (15th and 22nd)

## TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am

## WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am (NOT 31st)

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm



## THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

25th - Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon

## FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

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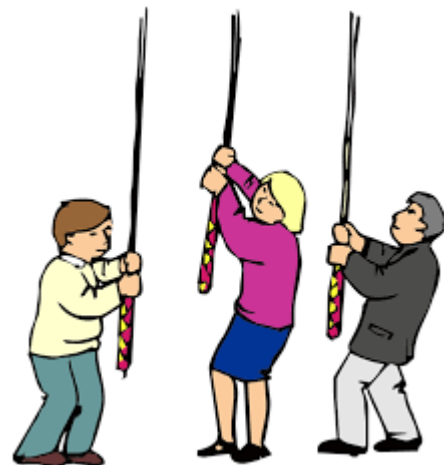
## SUNDAY

14th - 3pm - Wildlife Walk and Tea. Leaving from the church.

Please contact Audrey on [aghedges246@gmail.com](mailto:aghedges246@gmail.com)  
if you hope to come, or book via the church calendar.

21st - 2pm - HIVE

28th - 6.15pm - Sharing Life Through Learning



**Pastoral Care Bereavement Tea**

**Sunday 4th June at 3.30pm**

**In the Church hall**

