



## **Notices for 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone*

### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

#### **Collect:**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Hymns:**

- 369** All people that on earth do dwell
- 563** Rejoice the Lord is King
- 609** To God be the glory, great things he hath done
- 416** Father hear the prayer we offer
- 585** The church's one foundation

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### Acts 9.36-end

#### Peter in Lydda and Joppa

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. <sup>[h]</sup> She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### John 10.22-30

#### Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, <sup>[a]</sup> tell us plainly.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.'

## **Post-communion prayer:**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Vacancy News – Peter & Dan**

The Bishop of Guildford is delighted to announce that Rev Canon Dr Joshva John Christopher has been appointed as Vicar at Cuddington. He is currently Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre at the British and Foreign Bible Society in Swindon.

He will be licensed at Cuddington on **Weds 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm**. Together with his wife Rachel, they will visit us on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May to participate in our normal worship and informally meet members of the congregation for coffee afterwards.

**Parish Office** - Please be aware that the parish office will henceforth be publishing pew notices on Thursdays. Requests for notices will need to be received by close of business on Wednesdays to be included.

**8am SERVICES will be held only once a month** on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

## **Dates for your diary**

**This Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm**

**Kingston & Malden Scout & Guide Band 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** Here at St Mary's. Tickets available on the door. Adults £10 under 16's free.

**Monday 12th May 7.30pm**

Knit and Natter meetings in The Leverton Room

**PRAYER CHAIN.** If anyone would like to start a prayer chain message between 11th and 20th May please contact Rod and Christine Clarke on 020 3478 6917.

### **11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am APCM**

The annual parish meeting of parishioners will take place this Sunday 11th May after the morning service at 11am.

This year there are at least two vacancies for new PCC members, so please take time to consider if you would like to join the PCC. As a PCC member, you can share your views and also find out a lot about how the Church works. If you would like to become a member of the PCC (the committee meets monthly on Wednesday evenings) then please pick up a form at the back of the Church and fill it in.

**Saturday 17th May The Women's Group** will be meeting, we will be having a Beetle Drive, which can get very competitive! Do come and join us. We meet at 10.00am for coffee and cake and finish by 12 noon.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June *Songs and Lunch***, from 11.30 until 2.30, Wendy Edwards is coming to sing some popular songs with some singalong numbers included. Tickets are on sale from Sunday 20th April and cost £10 to include a ploughman's lunch.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June Big Day Out**, Shadbolt Park 10.30am-3pm. We are planning to have a plant stall to raise funds for St. Mary's. If you are able to help out on the stall or provide some plants, then please email [crabdo2025@gmail.com](mailto:crabdo2025@gmail.com)

**The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -**

Lunch with guest singer Wendy Edwards - Saturday 7th June

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 29th June

Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October ***Enquiries: Sara & Daphne***

**We would like to hold a raffle at the singalong on Saturday June 7th. If you have any unwanted gifts that you can donate, please leave them in the box at the back of the Church.**