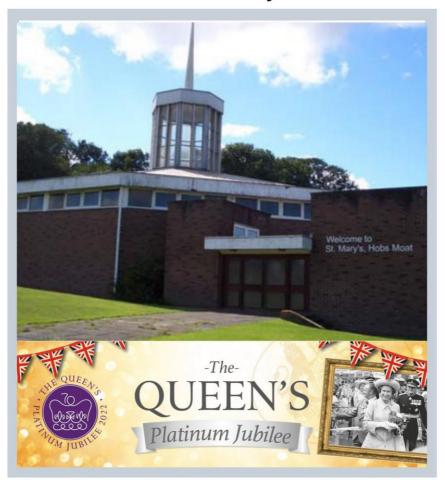
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Focal Point...

Many congratulations to our Queen as we come to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. We thank God for her seventy years of faithful service to her country and people. Quite rightly there will be much celebrating going on over the coming days with street parties,



barbeques or people just getting together for a meal, day out or a simple cup of tea/coffee or something stronger, or just a chat. It's good to come together to celebrate, even in times of sadness or difficulty, it reminds us of our common humanity and our need for each other.

Jesus, it seems loved a get together. We read in the bible about him sharing meals with his disciples, attending a wedding, where he performed his first miracle of turning water into wine, which revealed to his disciples who he really was, the son of the living God. The greatest meal Jesus shared with his disciples was the Last Supper the night before he died, which we can now share each time we receive Holy Communion, which will lead us to everlasting life. This is a wonderful course for celebration.

Later this month we also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit after the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. This same Holy Spirit will always be with us, to comfort, strengthen, guard and guide us, and will lead us into all truth. The gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives comes very quietly and is often thought of as a little mysterious, but if we take the time and space to spend time with God in prayer, the Holy Spirit will surely visit us. What joy that will give us.

However you plan to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I hope you have a most wonderful time. Let's hope the sun will shine!!

I leave you with some words from St. John Ch 14 v6.

Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Every blessing to you all, Jan Turner

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Thought for the Day

There is not a flower that opens, not a seed that falls to the ground, and not an ear of wheat that nods on the end of it's stalk in the wind that does not preach and proclaim the greatness and the mercy of God to the whole world.



Thomas Merton

Thought for the Month

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

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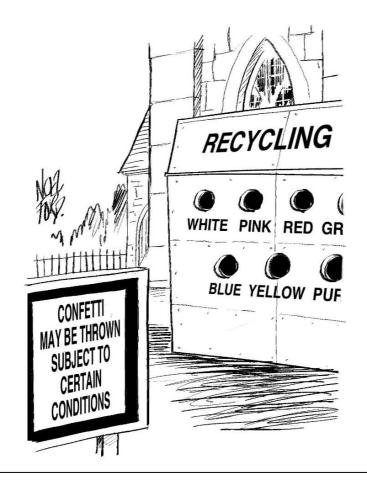
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A couple of photos taken at our very successful Car Boot Sale in May.



The Top 10 Hymn Countdown Continues

No. 6: I Vow To Thee My Country

"I Vow to Thee, My Country" is a British patriotic hymn, created in 1921, when music by Gustav Holst had a poem by Sir Cecil Spring Rice set to it. The music originated as a wordless melody, which Holst later named "Thaxted", taken from the



"Jupiter" movement of Holst's 1917 suite The Planets.

The origin of the hymn's text is a poem by diplomat Sir Cecil Spring Rice, written in 1908 or 1912, entitled "Urbs Dei" ("The City of God") or "The Two Fatherlands". The poem described how a Christian owes his loyalties to both his homeland and the heavenly kingdom.

In 1908, Spring Rice was posted to the British Embassy in Stockholm. In 1912, he was appointed as Ambassador to the United States of America, where he influenced the administration of Woodrow Wilson to abandon neutrality and join Britain in the war against Germany. After the United States entered the war, he was recalled to Britain. Shortly before his departure from the US in January 1918, he re-wrote and renamed "Urbs Dei", significantly altering the first verse to concentrate on the themes of love and sacrifice rather than "the noise of battle" and "the thunder of her guns", creating a more sombre tone in view of the dreadful loss of life suffered in the Great War. The first verse in both versions invoke Britain (in the 1912 version, anthropomorphised as Britannia with sword and shield; in the second version, simply called "my country"); the second verse, the Kingdom of Heaven.

According to Sir Cecil's granddaughter, the rewritten verse of 1918 was never intended to appear alongside the first verse of the original poem but was replacing it; the original first verse is nevertheless sometimes known as the "rarely sung middle verse". The text of the original poem was sent by Spring Rice to William Jennings Bryan in a letter shortly before his death in February 1918. The poem circulated privately for a few years until it was set to music by Holst, to a tune he adapted from his Jupiter to fit the words of the poem. It was performed as a unison song with orchestra in the early 1920s, and it was finally published as a hymn in 1925/6 in the Songs of Praise hymnal (no. 188).

The Tune

In 1921, Gustav Holst adapted the music from a section of Jupiter from his suite The Planets to create a setting for the poem. The music was extended slightly to fit the final two lines of the first verse. At the request of the publisher Curwen, Holst made a version as a unison song with orchestra (Curwen also published Sir Hubert Parry's unison song with orchestra, "Jerusalem"). This was probably first performed in 1921 and became a common element at Armistice memorial ceremonies, especially after it was published as a hymn in 1926.

In 1926, Holst harmonised the tune to make it usable as a hymn, which was included in the hymnal Songs of Praise. In that version, the lyrics were unchanged, but the tune was then called "Thaxted" (named after the village where Holst lived for many years). The editor of the new (1926) edition of Songs of Praise was Holst's close friend Ralph Vaughan Williams, which may have provided the stimulus for Holst's cooperation in producing the hymn.

Holst's daughter Imogen recorded that, at "the time when he was asked to set these words to music, Holst was so over-worked and over-weary that he felt relieved to discover they 'fitted' the tune from Jupiter".

Pentecost Around the World

Pentecost Sunday is a moveable feast on the Church's calendar: it is celebrated on a different day every year, exactly 50 days after Easter Sunday, and this year falls on Sunday 5th June. Pentecost memorialises the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon



Mary and the Apostles as they were gathered in the Upper Room. It is the final day of the Easter season and is considered, to many, the birthday of the Christian Church.

Beyond the traditional red vestments and liturgical dressings, Pentecost is a time of rich traditions around the world.

Germany

In Germany, picnics are a popular activity on Pentecost. It isn't

uncommon to see the doorways of taverns and homes decorated with birch branches and hear the ringing of cowbells both in the countryside and in the city. In some regions, fountains are draped in birch branches and flowers.

On Pentecost Monday, a traditional horseback procession called the Whitsun Ride is held each year in the Bavarian Forest. It is one of the largest horseback pilgrimages in Europe, with over 800 costumed participants on festively decorated horses. The riders are all men, and they gather together to commemorate the journey of a priest over 600 years ago who crossed treacherous terrain to offer a dying man last rites.

Italy

In Italy, Pentecost Sunday is known as "Pascha Rosatum" or "the Feast of Roses." In churches and cathedrals throughout Italy, rose petals are scattered from the ceiling while the Veni Creator Spiritus is sung at the conclusion of the liturgy. The petals represent the tongues of flames that rested on Mary and the Apostles during the Pentecost.

Poland

Decorating with birch branches and other greenery on Pentecost Sunday is popular in Poland. The decorations go beyond just houses—cattle with wreaths of birch branches wrapped around their horns can also be seen during the holiday. In some churches, a carved dove is lowered into the congregation as part of a tradition known as "the swinging of the Holy Ghost."

Hungary

The Csíksomlyó pilgrimage is a well-known Hungarian pilgrimage that takes place each year during Pentecost. It is attended by 50,000 to 100,000 pilgrims who travel to Csíksomlyó, Transylvania to pray before a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with multiple miracles.

Russia

In Russia, Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday or Troitsa. The feast is heavily associated with Mary and is often considered a women's holiday. Traditionally, girls wear crowns of flowers and woven birch twigs and attend a special holiday meal featuring fried eggs. Churches are filled with flowers, fresh greens and birch branches, while live birch trees are often decorated in ribbons and flowers.

Saint Mary's Church, Hobs Moat, Solihull

PRAYER DIARY

Lord God, through our prayers help us to purify our desires & our worship; help us in all things to seek your purpose for us. Amen.

JUNE 2022

- Jun 1 Pray for Wellsford Ave., Harvard Road, & Melton Ave. For all who care for the sick, the lonely and the homeless.
- Jun 2 Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Pray for Beamans Close, Lyndon Rd., Campden Green
 For Schools in the parish, Governors, Staff and pupils.
- Jun 3 Pray for Daylesford Rd., Eastbury Dr., Blaythorn Ave. For those who dust and clean St Mary's Church.
- Jun 4 Pray for Dallimore Close, Norbury Grove, Cloudsley Grove For all who are in employment & those unemployed.
- Jun 5 Day of Pentecost. Parish Communion 10.00am
 For all organisations who use our Hall each week.
 Pray for Ulleries Rd., Burford Close, Colesbourne Rd.
- Jun 6 Pray for Elkstone Close, Brackleys Way & Moordown Ave. For those who are housebound especially Church members.
- Jun 7 Pray for Windrush Close, Hobs Meadow, Hobs Moat Rd & Evenlode Rd.
 For the witness of St Mary's Church to all who pass by.
- Jun 8 Pray for Westcote Close, Winchcombe Rd, Broadwell Rd. For the staff and work of Lyndon Clinic. For Sue and other visiting clergy who take services for us.

- Jun 9 Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Pray for Castle Lane, Greyfort Cres., & Arundel Cres.
 For our servers and those who assist at Communion.
- Jun 10 Pray for Dene Court Rd., Knightsbridge Rd., The Dell For all who have disabilities which restrict their lives.
- Jun 11 Pray for Onslow Cres., Summerfield Rd., Kimberley Rd. For all who contribute to the music for our worship.
- Jun 12 Pentecost 1. Parish Communion 10.00am
 Pray for Highwood Av., Oakham Way, Gosford Walk
 For those who work at Land Rover Factory and all who
 travel through the Parish to work each day.
- Jun 13 Pray for Berwood Grove, Rodney Rd., Dursley Close For those who prepare "The Moat" Parish Magazine Editor, Printers, Assembly Team, Distributors and Readers
- Jun 14 Pray for Dovehouse Lane, Dovecote Close, Redfern Close For the elderly & their pets who help them.
- Jun 15 Pray for Castle Close, Faulkner Rd., Trinity Close For Shop keepers and their assistants For the Pastoral Team who visit the sick.
- Jun 16 Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Pray for Cranhill Close & Rodney Close
 For those who wash and clean the altar linen at St Mary's.
- Jun 17 Pray for Old Lode Lane, Jillcot Rd., Jeremy Grove For those who beautify St Mary's Church with flowers.
- Jun 18 Pray for Ebrington Ave., Glenside Av., Windsor Drive.
 Pray for all Doctors & Specialists & all who care for the sick and lonely.

- Jun 19 Pentecost 2. All Age Worship 10.00am
 Pray for Merevale Rd., Odensil Green, Tanhouse Farm Rd.
 Doctors & Staff at Hobs Moat Medical Centre and Meadowside Surgery.
- Jun 20 For all sick people especially those in hospital.

 Pray for Mayswood Rd., Linsey Rd., Cophams Close
 For Sidesmen & women who welcome all who come to St Mary's services.
- Jun 21 Pray for Arlescote Rd., Frankton Close, Leafield Rd. For God's blessing on all mothers, fathers, single parents and grandparents.
- Jun 22 Pray for Charingworth Rd, Leam Cresc., Lammas Close. For those who serve coffee after our 10am services.
- Jun 23 Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Pray for Evenlode Close, Lode Lane, Hillhampton Close.
 For those who are sick at home and in hospital.
 For Lyndon Residents Association.
- Jun 24 Pray for Kelham Place, Kempsey Close, Farmstead Rd. For those who advertise in 'The Moat' Parish magazine.
- Jun 25 Pray for St Mary's officials Greg & Marina our Churchwardens, Marina our PCC secretary, Vernon our Treasurer. Pray for Highcroft Close, Norgrave Rd. Woodhall Croft.
- Jun 26 Pentecost 3. Parish Communion 10.00am
 Pray for congregation members living outside the Parish,
 all who use the Fitness Centre & Ice Rink.
- Jun 27 Pray for members of the PCC. For Parkview Day Centre.

- Jun 28 Pray for HBCT; Lyndon Methodist, St Thomas More RC, Sheldon Community Church, St Giles, Sheldon, St Nicholas, Elmdon, Herman Jun Thoma, St Mary's, Hobs Moat and the Redeemed Christian Church of God.
- Jun 29 Pray for all children, especially those who are vulnerable. Cubs and Beavers who meet in our hall.
- Jun 30 Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Holy Communion 10.00am
 Pray for the Emergency Services' Police, Fire and Ambulance.
 Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and other ministries within the Church.



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U3A Poetry Group

Come along to the U3A Poetry Group to share poems and discuss. Date for the next meeting is Monday 13th June 2022 from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Please contact library for more details.



Hobs Moat Striders & Strollers

Date for the next meetings is Friday 17th June (10.15am for a 10.30am departure). These free walks in the Hobs Moat area are led by trained volunteers. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Refreshments are provided afterwards. The walk last up to an hour. The walk is suitable for everyone but if you are unsure, please come along and find out more details. The volunteers will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Reading Café

Come along to our Reading Café for a comfortable, informal, and enjoyable morning. The café runs 10.30am-12.00pm. Date for the next meeting is Friday 24th June.

Knit & Natter

Date for the next meeting is Tuesday 28th June. 10.30am- 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Craft & Chat

Drop in for a friendly chat, try some crafts and be creative. These sessions taking place every
Tuesday from 10.30am - 12.00pm

Literary Litter Pickers

Run by volunteers from within the community for the benefit of the community. Join the litter pickers for an hour with refreshments afterwards. Next meeting is Tuesday 7th June. 10.00am - 11.00am. Meet at Hobs Moat Library.

Family History Explorers

Using Ancestry and Find My Past volunteers are on hand to help you trace family members. New starters and established groups meet monthly. Takes place every Saturday from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Please enquire at the library for dates.

Little Hobbits

Stories, rhymes and colouring for under 5's.

Every Thursday 10.15am - 10.45pm (Term Time Only). Booking essential

Animal Antics

Animal stories and colouring for 2.5 years plus. Date for the next meeting is Tuesday 14th June from 10.30am - 11.00am. Booking essential.

For further information please contact staff at: Hobs Moat Library, Ulleries Road, Solihull. B92 8EB Tel: 0121 743 4592



The Moat Players

It's nearly showtime as we enter the last couple of weeks of rehearsals for "Return to the Spotlight", a celebration of the best of the West End and Broadway. The curtain rises in St. Mary's Church Hall at 7.30 pm. on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Friday 18th June. Tickets cost £8.50 for

adults and £7.00 for concessions and can be booked by calling the ticket hotline on $07563\ 625659$

Service of Thanksgiving for Rev. Peter Roe

On Wednesday 27th April, Megan (my sister) and I went to Garstang, Preston to the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Peter Roe, who was vicar at St. Mary's from 1973 until 1990. The service was led by Rev. Mark Jackson, who Peter mentored here at St. Mary's too. What a joy it was to meet friends from the past, including Duncan Jowett who was organist here some years ago, and Rita who helped with the Girl Guides. Jo, Fran and their families made us so welcome.

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Juanita's Puzzle Corner

It is said that working on puzzles is good for the brain so we hope you find our puzzle corner stimulating.

In last month's puzzle, the aim was to identify some towns and cities in the UK which had some letters missing from their names. The answers were:

- 1) Braemar, 2) Bramley, 3) Boughton or Brighton, 4) Billericay,
- 5) Biggleswade, 6) Bradford (There may be other answers that fit the puzzle, so if you found one, it's right too (**)

In this month's puzzle you are asked to use the numbers from 1 - 6 to complete the grid below, so that each 3×2 block, and each row and column only contains one of each number. If this proves difficult, remember you only have till the end of the month to sort it out!



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Happy puzzling, and best wishes Every Blessing, Juanita

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A short story from the Bible

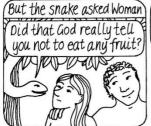
It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9,15-25 and ch. 3 This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake.



God made all sorts of animals and brought them to Man to name..

















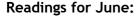






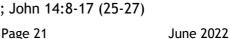


Bible Readings for the Month



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5th Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)



12th Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 19th 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39 26th 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

PARISH DIARY

Please note that the format of our services may change at short notice due to availability of clergy during this period of interregnum.



St Mary's Diary for June

Wednesday	1 st	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	2 nd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (Celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
Sunday	5 th	10.00 am	DAY OF PENTECOST Parish Communion
Wednesday	8 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	9 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday	11 th	9.00 am	St.Mary's Market & Car Boot Sale
Sunday	12 th	10.00 am	PENTECOST 1 Parish Communion
Wednesday	15 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	16 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	19 th	10.00 am	PENTECOST 2 All Age Worship
Wednesday	22 nd	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	23 rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	26 th	10.00 am	PENTECOST 3 Parish Communion
Wednesday	29 th	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	30 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer



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