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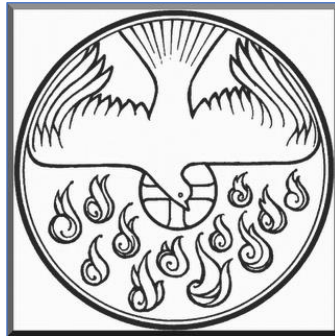
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May

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Service details for May

7th May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mr Fred Bell

Worship Leader: Ann Lay

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Helen Bell

14th May **Christian Aid Week begins**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mr Stuart Crossley

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Rev Judith Lincoln

21st May **CTiM United Service for Christian Aid**

10.30 a.m. Worship led by the Catholic Church

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Rev Joy Langford

28th May **Pentecost**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mr Ian Barrs (Change to plan)

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Mike Furborough

On 7th May please stay after the service for cakes with your tea and coffee.

| DATE | ORGANIST | FLOWERS | CLEANING |
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| 7th May | <i>David Woodward</i> | <i>Fran Johnson</i> | <i>Jenny Marsay Roderick Lay</i> |
| 14th May | <i>Margaret Silverwood</i> | <i>Rebecca Goldring</i> | |
| 21st May | <i>Rebecca Goldring</i> | | <i>Ann & Ian Lay Iris Bown</i> |
| 28th May | <i>David Woodward</i> | <i>Rosie Barrs</i> | |

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

May this year sees a big national event- the Coronation of King Charles III. For most of us, this will be the first time that we've actually watched a Coronation happen, though we may have seen footage from his mother Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1952. If we do remember her Coronation, we may be making comparisons. There has been much speculation about the day: what format the service will take, who will be there, how much "pomp and circumstance" there will be. After a fairly grim few months for our country and the world, it's a chance to celebrate.

But as well as being a state occasion, the Coronation is also a deeply religious one- a solemn commitment by the new monarch to serve God and the people. Queen Elizabeth II was referred to as the "Servant Queen", aware always of the King she served. King Charles III is in many ways different from his mother, but he will also be aware of the serious commitment he is making, before God. He needs our prayers, and our support, as he makes that commitment.

But maybe the Coronation also reminds us of the King we all serve, as Christians. During Holy Week, we may have sung one or other of "The Servant King", or "Meekness and Majesty". Both remind us of how, though Jesus was "King of the Jews", He turned human views of kingship upside down, by His obedience to His Heavenly Father- and the way He shared in our human life, even the difficult bits, and loved all people, regardless of status. Are we prepared to love like Jesus, and, where we have responsibility and authority, to use it in a humble, loving way?

With love in Christ,

Judith

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, on 0116 2313957, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

REGULAR MEETINGS

HOME FELLOWSHIP

The May Home Fellowships are on Tuesday 9th & Tuesday 23rd, starting at 5.30 at the home of Sandra Andrews. Please contact Ann or Ian Lay if you need more information or would like a lift. (Tel: 01530 242166)

“COME FOR A CUPPA” Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Come and meet each other for a cuppa and a chat. There is no charge.

MUSIC CAFÉ

2.00 – 4.00 on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Don't be on your own! Come for a music-based afternoon of friendship and fun. This month we will meet on **Thursday 11th & Thursday 25th**.

Contact Linda (01530 242607) to find out more.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKFIELD

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th – 21st MAY

CTiM has a great tradition of working together to raise money for Christian Aid & we greatly appreciate the leadership of our Catholic friends. Once again we hope to deliver collection envelopes to every home in the village. Each church has been allocated a number of streets, so if you can assist in distributing envelopes please take a bundle from the entrance porch.

You will be able to return your own envelope to church on Sunday, 21st May when there will be a Catholic-led united service with a Christian Aid speaker. (The offering will also be for Christian Aid)

*If you are a UK taxpayer please remember to **Gift Aid** your donation. **Christian Aid** can receive **25p** back from the government for every £1 you contribute, at no extra cost to you. Just write your name, address (including post code) and amount you are donating on the form attached to the envelope and place it in the envelope with your donation. Thank you to everyone for your continuing generosity.*

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the recent coffee and bacon butties morning, and to those who generously donated food and prizes.

£117 was raised for church funds.

ITEMS FOR THE **JUNE** NOTICES SHOULD REACH LINDA & WILLIAM WALMSLEY BY **MAY 21st**

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EASTER '23

Our services over Easter were very well attended and brought much meaning to Holy Week as well as challenging us in our witness to the community of Markfield. It was good that we were able to manage a Walk of Witness on Palm Sunday although numbers get less each year. Nevertheless we made ourselves visible and heard as we relayed to those who would listen the events of Holy Week.

We also managed to get back to the church for the conclusion of the worship and then greet all those who were unable to 'witness walk', over a cup of coffee or tea.

The Maundy Thursday communion service reminded us about serving others as the enactment of Jesus washing the disciples feet was performed and then sitting around the table receiving the gifts of bread and wine and remembering the sacrifice Jesus was about to offer.

We again met together on Easter Sunday morning at the breakfast table sharing fellowship as well as breakfast food. A joyous occasion as we celebrated the Risen Lord and then joined together in worship and communion. Praising the God who loved us so much that he allowed his son to be crucified for our sakes but then brought him back to life so that hope and renewal was and is possible.

A witness of faith was also visible with the Easter Cross on The Green. Flowers and foliage decorated it so that it stood out and reminded people that Jesus died for everyone.

Thank you to all those who contributed in any way to the services and events over this Easter period.

COALVILLE FOOD BANK

Coalville Food Bank send their grateful thanks to all the people who contribute food and household items. The need is even more urgent at the moment and what we deliver each week is very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Ian