

Welcome to our Services today, the Fifth Sunday of Easter

9 am Family Eucharist at St John's
10.30 am Family Eucharist at St Mary's

The Online Benefice Service 'Meeting Point' continues – join in alongside either the services in church, or when you have 15 minutes to pause and reflect. The service is available on the website www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk all this week.

Organists

The organists today are Paul Harris at St Mary's and Hilary Goodman at St John's.

Weekday Services and Events

Tuesday 17th 2-4pm Tea and Cake at St John's
Wednesday 18th 1.30-3 pm Tiny Tots at **St Mary's**, then on to the Bede House
7 pm Online Service & Meditation: see
www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk
Thursday 19th 10 am Holy Eucharist at **St John's**
10 am-12 noon Coffee & Chat in the **Bede House**

Services next Sunday 22nd May (the Sixth Sunday of Easter)

9 am Family Eucharist at St John's
9 am Breakfast Worship in the Bede House
10.30 am Family Eucharist at St Mary's

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CHURCH NEWS LATEST

Flowers

The flowers at the altar last Sunday were in memory of Richard and Kathleen Felce from Jane, Tim, Sara, and family

Calling all Crafters and Jam Makers

Former stall holder Pia Marro has various craft items for sale as she is giving up her stall due to illness. Please email piamarro@binternet.com if interested.

Christopher O'Rourke has a box of assorted jam jars available in anyone can make use of them, please email mayorhftcll@gmail.com if interested.

Annual Church Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be after morning service on 15th May at St John's and 29th May at St Mary's. These are most important in this year as we look forward to a new Vicar's appointment. We need members of the Parochial Church Council who are willing to support the ministry and worship and encourage growth in our congregations. Nomination forms are available in each church. *(added 8/5/22)*

Vacancy – Church Treasurer

Do you have experience of financial accounts? Do you like book-keeping? Or maybe you just like counting money? Have experience of budgeting spreadsheets? If you are retired, or work part-time, and can volunteer your expertise, we need someone to help us manage the financial affairs of the church. To find out more please contact our Church Wardens: Darren @ dkrobinson@btinternet.com / 07901718252

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(added 8/5/22)

Upcoming Events

On the 5th June there is a Jubilee event in Castlefields between 12-5pm. The church has a table there to promote ourselves to the wider community. If you would like to help man the table to hand out freebies and sell 600 appeal tickets please let Ria Jefferies know.

Food Bank

Our current shortages are tinned fish, meat, soup, rice pudding, fruit and custard, jam, shampoo and conditioner. There are boxes at the back of both churches where you can leave your donations. Our grateful thanks to everyone who donates to us, whether in cash directly or through local organisations, or by putting items in our boxes in church or in local supermarkets. It is very much appreciated. *(updated 8/5/22)*

Prayers

Our prayers have been asked for:

Karen Addis, Tony Barnett, Madge Boxall, Daniel Boxall, Tony Brown, James Christie, Ken Clarke, Allison Cox, Marian Cox, Hazel Cragg, Alan Cufaude, Gillian Dixon, Pat Ellis, Henry Flynn, Christine Franklin, Iris Gilbert, David Hamblin, Cynthia Hobson, Glyn Ingram, Sarah Knight, Jess Lawson, Olly Martin, Sarah Martin, Catherine (nee Matthias) & Tom Mayer, Sally Mayes, Freda Pack, Dora Paynton, Paul Paynton (Revd), Peter Paynton, Lynne Pocock, Val Robinson, Jean Shield, Elizabeth Swindley, Martin Sykala, John Tobin, Margaret Tuffnail, Chris Ward, Sara Whatley, Clare Yorke.

St John's: Shirley Baxter, Pauline Brown, Brittany Fowler, Tina Gill, Hilary Goodman, Eric Kilsby, Brenda May, Pieter Mommersteeg, Tony Norman, Muriel Palmer, Margaret Sheppard, Diana Wright.

Year's mind anniversaries:

Richard Felce, Barry Sauntson, George Whiting, Frederick Church, Laura Alton, William (Bill) Donald, George Mantle, Henry Munn, Susan Margetts, Alice Morris, Mary Humphrey, Marjorie Martin, Doreen Matson, Edith Hood, Betty McGeorge, James Brown, Eric Fletton, Georgina Weston, Herbert Rawlings, Samuel Jackson, Henry Marple

Please continue to pray for:

Moheb, Therese & Lilly – our family from Egypt and their family who are Coptic Christians still in Egypt.

A Prayer for Ukraine:

A Candle of Peace has been set up in both churches as a focus for our prayers.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Praying for Afghanistan

We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan in all the difficulties of the restrictions they are living under.

