

The Parish Church of St Mary's
Hilton with Marston-on-Dove

August 2019

St. Mary's Church, Marston-on-Dove

CHURCH OPEN EVENING

Friday August 9th 7pm - 9pm

Live Music from Dove Valley Jazz

Restoration Information

Historical Records

Guided Tower Tours

Refreshments and more

Ticketed Event £5.00 per ticket

Available on the door



For more information contact the
Parish Office on 01283 808408

Tower tours are undertaken at own risk
(height restrictions apply) Access to the
tower is narrow via a spiral staircase.

CHURCH FETE

Saturday August 10th

10am - 4pm

Traditional Games

Stalls and Tombola

Cakes and Refreshments

Guided Tower Tours

Children's Treasure Hunt

and much more

The Parish Church is located off Marston
Lane, one mile to the West of Hilton.

Sat-Nav: DE65 5GB

Sunday services every week at 11am

All welcome

NOTICES AND SERVICES



Services in August

Sunday 4 th August	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) No Good News Crew
Tuesday 6 th August	11.00am Holy Communion at Percy Wood Close
Sunday 11 th August	9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Service
Sunday 18 th August	11.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 th August	11.00am Family Communion

Currently we are awaiting a new vicar as Reverend Andy Murphie has relocated to a parish in the Lake District. All services, baptisms and wedding bookings are proceeding as normal.

For up to date information on services please see

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CHURCH NOTICES

Church Bells

If you are interested in learning how to ring the bells then please let Nigel or Helen know as we are looking to train up a small team to be able to ring the bells on Sunday mornings.

Summer Open Days - Friday 9th August & Saturday 10th August

We are again opening the church for tower tours, music and refreshments on **Friday 9th August from 7pm – 9pm**. Live music will be played while refreshments are served. The parish records will be available to look through as well as the chance to tour the tower and see the work completed on the bells. Tickets will be available on the door for £5



During the day on **Saturday 10th August from 10am – 4pm** we will be holding a Church Fete with additional stalls, games and refreshments. Tower tours and parish records will also be available.

Flowers in Church You would be very welcome to put flowers in Church or give a donation for flowers to remember a special occasion or anniversary. If you would like to do this please speak to a Churchwarden.



Stamp collection There is a collecting box for used postage stamps in the Church porch for 'Oxfam'.

Parochial Church Council

Next Meeting: Standing Committee/PCC – **Tuesday 13th August at 7.30pm** in the Schoolroom

PCC Members: Mrs. E. Barber (Churchwarden); Mr. N. Brown (Churchwarden); Mr. J. Murphie (Hon. Secretary); Mrs. H. Brown (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. S. Johnson; Mr. B. Keane; Mrs W. Morris; Miss C. Owen; Mrs. L. Rees-Jones; Mrs. P. Roberts; Mr. P. Walton-Knight; Mr. G. Draper; Mr L. Bean

DIY Bible Study

In our DIY Bible Study this month, we look at Luke's gospel, Lifting up the Lowly. The thoughts and questions are adapted from the book '100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies' by Penelope Wilcock.

Bible passages

Luke 1:51-53

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

Luke 2: 8-11

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 15: 1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

Luke 12: 32-34

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For when your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 22: 24-27

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Commentary

Luke's Gospel, places emphasis both on the non-negotiable essential discipline for a disciple of practicing simplicity and humility, and also on the special place the poor and lowly and outcast have in the heart of God. At the time and place of Christ's birth, shepherds were looked down upon – they were on the very bottom rung of the social ladder – yet it was to them the angel came. The Song of Mary, which Luke sets out for us, rejoices in God's option for the poor, remembering and lifting up the lowly. Luke shows Jesus born in a stable because there was no room at the inn, the child of a couple who could afford only the poor man's sacrifice (Luke 2:24). Teaching about money is prominent in Luke's Gospel, for example the parables of the Rich Fool (12:13-21) and Dives and Lazarus (16:19-26) – and Jesus warns that no one can serve God and money (16:10-13).

Questions

- Luke tells us that Jesus said "... those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples". What do you suppose he meant by that?
- Mary in her song rejoiced that God had "filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty". What do you think about this? In what way has God "sent the rich away empty"? And how has he "filled the hungry with good things"?
- Jesus says, "Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What are the purses he means? What is that "treasure in heaven"? Do you think you have it? How do we find it?

Prayer

O God of love, your heart burns with compassion for the poorest, the loneliest and the lost. Your eye sees even the sparrow that falls. You feel the sorrow and despair of the poor, and your choice on earth was to share that with them. Help us, we pray. Forgive us where we are complacent, indifferent, and selfish. Find us where we ourselves are poor or lonely and forgotten. Strengthen us to serve, to share, and to love, and so bring us to the place where heaven's treasure is to be found in our midst here on earth. For we ask it in Jesus' holy name; Amen.