

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

October 2019



**NOTICES AND
SERVICES**



Services in October

Tuesday 1 st October	11.00am Holy Communion at Percy Wood Close
Sunday 6 th October	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) With the Good News Crew
Sunday 13 th October	9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Service
Sunday 20 th October	11.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 th October	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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Future Events

Sunday 10th November 11.00am – **Remembrance**

Sunday 15th December – **Turkey Cobs and Trifle**

Sunday 24th November 3.30pm – **Christingle**

Sunday 8th December 11.00am – **Nativity Service**

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.

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 8th October 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



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Good News Crew



Next meeting in 2019 on:
Sunday 6th October – The Spice Stall

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints Day/Remembrance

Sunday 1st December – Preparing for Nativity/Christmas Crafts

Sunday 8th December – Nativity

The Good News Crew is an opportunity for children, aged 3 and up, to encounter bible stories in a fun and relevant way through activities, stories, craft and prayer. They usually meet on the **first Sunday of each month** and start with the normal service at 11am.

Please see Helen or Louise for further details: admin@stmaryshilton.org,
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In our **DIY Bible Study** this month, we look at A gospel for the whole world. The thoughts and questions are adapted from the book '100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies' by Penelope Wilcock.

Bible passages

Luke 17:11-20

Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Luke 24: 52-53

While he was blessing them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Acts 1:4 (from the opening of the book of the Acts of the Apostles)

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."

Acts 28:28-31 (the ending of the book of Acts)

"Therefore I want you to know the God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!" For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ – with all boldness and without hindrance!

Commentary

Luke's Gospel portrays Jesus as a universal savior for all humankind. Gentile soldiers come to John to be baptized (Luke 3:14), and Jesus is shown associating with Samaritans (Luke 9: 51-52). In the first of our passages above, Luke traces the lineage of Jesus back to Adam, father of humanity (unlike Matthew, who traces the line back to Abraham, father of Judaism). In our second passage, we see a Gentile singled out from a group of people healed of leprosy, and commended for his faith. Following this story, Luke juxtaposes the teaching of Jesus in response to questioning by Jewish leaders, that the kingdom of God can never be monopolized or pinned down to a location – where ever and whoever we are, it can be found in the midst of us. Luke wrote the book of Acts too, and they are best understood as one two-part work. It's instructive to trace the movement of the gospel, carried like a torch from Jerusalem, the heart of the Jewish religious world, to Rome, the heart of the secular Gentile Roman world, as Luke unfolds the story over the two books. In his Gospel, Jerusalem is central. He roots the opening chapters there; the first words we hear Jesus speak are in and of the Temple (Luke 2:49). In the wilderness temptation his order differs from Matthew's in climaxing at the Temple in Jerusalem (Luke 24 52-53; Acts 1:3-14). We watch as Luke then shows us the gospel fanning out through and across the Gentile world to the triumphant conclusion (Acts 25:28): "God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"

Questions

- What do you think it means to say the kingdom of God is in our midst? How do we find it? How do we realize it?
- Luke showed the gospel moving from the heart of Judaism to the heart of the Gentile world, but also from the heart of the religious world to the heart of the secular and political world. What challenge might this offer to our own faith practice? How might we make a similar journey as modern believers?
- If the modern-day church is the equivalent of the Pharisees and the Jewish people, who are the Gentiles and how might we reach them?

Prayer

O God of the whole world, of all people and all creation, words cannot express how glad and grateful we are that your plan had room for us too. Help us remember that your gospel is for all people. Help us to live generously and openly, sharing and offering what we know of the life and love of Jesus in every way we can think of to everyone we meet. For we ask it in his holy name; Amen.