

# M St MARY'S CHURCH Newsletter



*Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have wrestled with God and with men and have overcome (Genesis 32.28)*

## God was in there...

Last week we asked if any of our church family had an encouraging story to share of seeing God at work and Pamela Skipwith had this to share.

Pamela writes...

'Tommo (our eldest) is a paramedic in Birmingham and last Sunday evening was going to Salisbury with three colleagues for a long awaited, intensive 4-day medical residential training course.

I spoke to him early Tuesday evening, since it was his birthday (41) and he was away from his family. He said the course was really interesting, halfway through, and they were just having a beer at the end of the day, and he'd go for a run later.

On Wednesday Nic, his wife, rang me. Tommo had woken in the hotel at 4am with a fever and really sore throat,. So, all the paramedic students were tested for Covid and he and his three pals were sent back up to Birmingham, to wait two days for their test results and in to observe strict quarantine in the meantime. Nic told me he could only crawl to the spare room, he felt so lousy - both their young children were upset and emotional because they weren't allowed to hug him or have cuddles. Nic, of course, was anxious saying, "Tommo's never ill; he usually just soldiers on."

Wednesday was our home group and Geoff and Hope Price\* were also joining us. As we began our prayer session, Guy requested prayer for Tommo and the family (who were also booked to go on the children's first camping trip at the weekend). Soon after Hope had prayed for them and we were about to pray for others a WhatsApp message came through on my phone from Nic. The test results had been inexplicably rushed through and showed them all to be negative!

Poor old Tommo had an infected tooth or gums, so the next morning a dentist proscribed him heavy-duty antibiotics - and they're now away camping.

Such joy, though, and surely God was in there. We all got such a lift.'

If you have a God-story to give us all a lift, then do share!

## Midweek Church Opening—Change

With the start of our 9.00am Communion service in church this Sunday **we will no longer be opening the church for private prayer on Saturdays**. This is to allow ourselves 72h, where possible, between openings, which will reduce the amount of cleaning that is needed. We will keep monitoring the situation and increase our opening sessions when we can.

## Needed:

### Financial Assistant and Treasurer

We have two very important roles that we need to fill soon, those of Treasurer and Financial Assistant. The Financial Assistant is a new role and involves elements of 'book-keeping'. Bank statements will need to be reconciled, invoices logged and data entered into our software package (Finance Coordinator), which will produce the necessary income and expenditure reports. Full training on the software will be given. The Financial Asst will work closely with the Treasurer, whose job it will be to oversee the Finance Team, review monthly financial reports with the Financial Asst and report to the PCC, working with them to produce an annual budget and address any financial questions. For more information about these roles contact David Costelloe on 01630 657451.

## Regular Services

To join any of our regular Zoom services, click on the links below. If you need a copy of the liturgy for any of the services, please contact the Church Office.

### Sunday Morning 9.00am Holy Communion CHURCH

This service will alternate between Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship settings. **We still need more welcomers for this service. If you can help, please let Helen Hughes at Church Office know.**

### Sunday 10.30am (Morning Prayer) ZOOM

These services are alternating between a Breaking Bread service and a Morning Worship service.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

The readings this Sunday are: Genesis 32.22-31 and Matthew 14.13-21

### Wednesday Morning Prayer 10.00am ZOOM

a short informal service lasting about 30 minutes

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

### Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm ZOOM

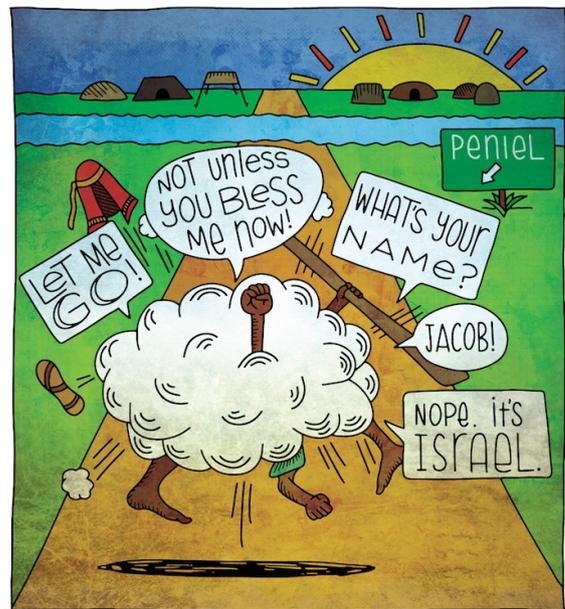
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**If you would be willing to read or do the intercessions for any of our services please let Helen Hughes know at the Church Office.**

You can join any of the above meetings by phone using any of the following numbers and the meeting IDs and passwords above:

0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240  
0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874



## Foodbank Items Needed



### Stock Items urgently required

Tinned Potatoes	Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes	
Biscuits	Tinned Spaghetti	Jam
Rice Pudding	Custard	Toilet Rolls
Size 6 Pull-Ups	Shampoo	Hair Conditioner
Washing Up Liquid		Men's Shaving Products

For Children's Holiday Lunches

Tinned Chilli Con Carne	Tinned Mince Beef	
Tinned Ravioli /Spaghetti	Tinned Hotdogs	
Tinned Fruit	Biscuits	Cereal Bars

### We have plenty of

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Fish & Tea.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Rooms on Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11am. If you are unable to bring donations to the Parish Rooms or to the drop-off points in our local supermarkets, please contact Catherine McBride or Carol Corney, who can arrange to have someone come

## Staying in Touch

Our Church Office is not staffed at the moment, but e-mails and phone messages are being picked up regularly:

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'United Breaks Out' is the online version of New Wine's 'United' summer conference. The programme runs until the morning of **Monday 3rd August** and includes worship, seminars and live sessions. Check out the website for more information: [new-wine.org/breaksout](http://new-wine.org/breaksout), which also provides a link to the YouTube channels where you can watch live or catch up at any time. There is no need to book; however pre-registration is needed for a few of the seminars.