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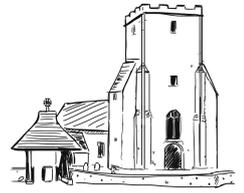
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The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



From 19 June various restrictions will be lifted, and we are still working out how that will affect things here at St Mary's. The PCC are considering advise which has come from the CofE, but caution will be our watchword!

Today we publish the **Banns of Marriage** between Stephen Mark Bamber & Judith Fleming and between Matthew Victor Blackhurst & Rosanna Joanne Humble - both for the third time of asking.

**Needed!** For St Mary's presence at the East Preston Festival weekend (next Saturday: 24 July): cool boxes and already frozen freezer blocks... See Chris Wood for more details!

As part of the East Preston Festival Weekend, we're joining together with Our Lady Star of the Sea on **Sunday 25 July 3pm for Songs of Praise** to be held in the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea. If you're able to help serve refreshments, please let Rev'd Emma know.

St Mary's is using the **Parish Giving Scheme** to support our finances - over the next few weeks there should be forms and details for everybody. The PGS is designed to replace envelopes, putting cash on a collection plate and bank standing orders - with a simple Direct Debit which automatically reclaims any Gift Aid with each donation and will increase each year by the rate of inflation (if you tick that box).

Fr Andrew needs your help! As part of the MA he's doing with Chichester University devised a **questionnaire** about our church and Green issues - if you could spare 15 minutes that would be extremely helpful, thank you! (Questionnaires are on green paper (!) at the back of church.) Thanks for all those which have been returned so far!

**Alison Grant writes:** Steve and I are taking part in the 'Mighty Hike', walking a half marathon on the Gower in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of my mum and sister, Mary and Amanda Medhurst. Macmillan Cancer Support really helped us as a family when we needed it most. We appreciate it's been a difficult year for all, but if you are able to give a donation of any kind, that would be amazing. Thoughts and prayers are also gratefully received! Thank you. Alison Grant"

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-grant26>

Sorry if there's been any confusion (blame Fr Andrew!), but today is the last **Sunday Club** we'll be back on 12 September - have a great summer! More details from Charis (782014).

**Sacristan needed!** Since becoming Church Warden, Mary is stepping back from her Sacristan duties - could you be her replacement? More details from Mary, Jean or Gloria.

**Little Angels** for 0-5 years & their parents/carers has restarted in the Spire Room (Fridays, 10-11.30am) & will continue to run during the Summer holidays (older children welcome). If you have some time on a Friday morning to come along to welcome families & to help make tea/coffee, perhaps on a monthly basis (or more regularly if you can!), please let Lucy or Rev'd Emma know.

Inside every prison there is an **Independent Monitoring Board**, a group of ordinary members of the public doing an extraordinary job. Ford Prison is currently inviting applications for these roles. For more information: <https://www.imb.org.uk/join-now/current-vacancies/>

**Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially:** Gordon; Janet; June Kirkham; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; Andrew Moore; John White, Ann Mitchell; Timothy Lovett; Ray Hand; Jean Hornby.

**We remember those who've died recently: and those whose anniversary falls this coming week:** Douglas Medcalf; Dennis Cooper; Gerald Adkins; Frank Cates; Alice Turnbull; Luci Fisher; Albert Rushton; Dennis Beckenham; Marie Wilson; Doreen Pepper; Kenneth Day.

**Next Sunday's readings** (25 July: St James the Apostle): Jeremiah 45.1-5; Acts 11.27-12.2; Matthew 20.20-28

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**Collect:**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death

that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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**A reading from the Gospel of St Mark:**

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ...

...When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**Post Communion:**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.