

Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

5th May 2024 (Sixth Sunday of Easter), 9th May (Ascension Day), 12th May (Sunday after Ascension), 19th May (Pentecost), 26th May (Trinity Sunday)

St James' Ruscombe

9th May (Thurs)	7.45pm	Holy Communion	Lucy Bowley	Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-end
12th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Gabi Gutmann	Psalm 1, John 17:6-19
19th May	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Revd Liz Jackson	Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26,27 &16:4b-15
26th May	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Graham Theobald	

St Mary's Twyford

5th May	10.30 am	Family Service	Family Service Team	John 15:9-17
12th May	10.30 am	Worship for All	Gabi Gutmann	Psalm 1, John 17:6-19
19th May	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Liz Jackson	Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26,27 &16:4b-15
26th May	10.30 am	LEP Service	Revd Helen Charlton	Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Twyford URC

5th May	10.30 am	Morning Service	Revd Gordon Connell	1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
12th May	10.30 am	Morning Service	Judith Norris	Christian Aid
19th May	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Gordon Connell	



Church Family News



Pastoral Care Team

We are excited to announce that the Pastoral Care team has been given a new lease of life under the capable leadership of Katie Sabberton-Coe. Our caring and committed team stand ready to work closely with our clergy and prayer ministry team to walk alongside anyone within our church family in need of a listening ear and help them to feel loved and supported as they seek God's guidance and peace to negotiate the peaks and troughs of daily life in our world today. Please reach out to us if you would welcome our support by emailing pastoralcare@thru-christ.org.uk or office@thru-christ.org.uk or by phone on 0118 934 4792 to be directed to the member of our caring team best placed to assist you. We would like to have the strongest and most diverse team possible in place to assist our new vicar when they join us soon so if you feel called to this ministry then please speak to Katie so that your interest can be considered.



On **12th May** we shall be celebrating the beginning of **Christian Aid Week 2024**. It was almost exactly 75 years ago that Christian Aid was established to alleviate poverty and deprivation in Germany following the devastation of the allied bombing during the Second World War. Sounds familiar doesn't it, only the names have been changed, but the need still goes on.

There will be Christian Aid Envelopes available in all our Churches on 12th May and our services will have a Christian Aid theme. Our Church collections for that day will be devoted to the work of Christian Aid and I hope that members individually will feel able to support with their own contribution towards this essential relief work. Thank you.

Terence Powley (Twyford and District Christian Aid Treasurer)

I am looking for some help with one small admin area of the safeguarding work at St Mary's and St James, taking approximately 2 hours per month. Specifically, I am looking for someone to take on the task of checking the ChurchSuite database once a month to see who needs to refresh or update their safeguarding training courses, then email those people an appropriate training link, and finally enter the training details onto the database once courses are undertaken. Jane Errington has been doing this for the last two years but feels it is time for her to stand down, so we are seeking her replacement.

If this is something that you think you could help with for our LEP, please do not hesitate to email me on safeguarding@thru-christ.org.uk or call me on 0118 969 0930/ 07974 650871. Many thanks.

Claire Lawrence (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Steven, Lizzy, Ted, Eldred, Peter, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John, Tony and Anne.

Please contact the church office to be included here

Confirmation Service Sunday 19th May at 6.15pm at St Paul's Church Wokingham



5 members of our congregation are being confirmed by Bishop Olivia and you are welcome to come along.

Please support them in your prayers:

Paul Duffield
Kieren Griffin
Barry Setterfield
Tee and Julian Pearson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 7th May at the URC: A Stroll in the Park (England's royal, private & public parks)

Ascension Day Holy Communion Service: 7.45pm Thursday 9th May at St James' Ruscombe.

Over 60s Club: 1.45pm Wednesday 15th May at St Mary's Church Centre: Picture Show 4 - Alan Copeland

Deanery Confirmation Service (Bishop Olivia): 6.15pm on Sunday 19th May (Pentecost) at St Paul's, Wokingham

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 21st May at the URC: Industry in Victorian Reading - Richard Marks

Midweek Communion: 10.30am Thursday 23rd May at St Mary's Church Centre.

Over 60s Club: 1.45pm Wednesday 29th May at St Mary's Church Centre: Flower Arranging - Veronica

Donkey Derby: 1-5pm Sunday 16h June at King George's Field. Please contact Phillippa with offers of help.

ZOOM: We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND NEWS: Please email office@thru-christ.org.uk if you have any church events, clubs or notices that you would like to be included in this news sheet or would like to promote your group etc.

Church Office