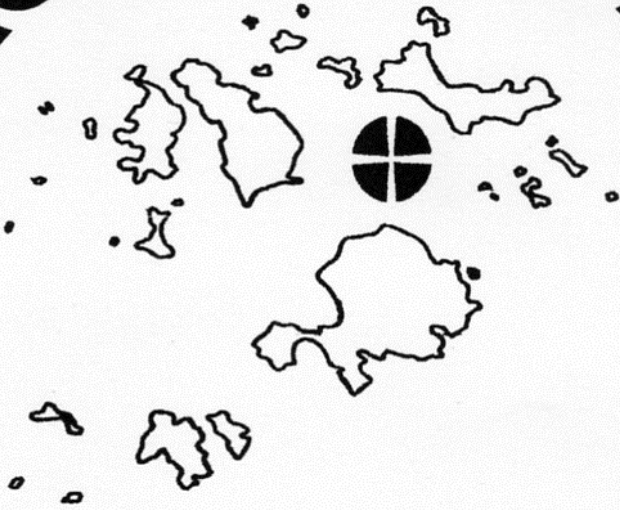


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## Thoughts from the Manse

As this May edition of 'In Touch' comes out, the World Gig Championship will soon be in full swing. We have been told that this year we are to expect a record number of gigs and it seems that, despite the economic downturn, there are still many people who are determined to return to our beautiful islands year after year.

Often on a Sunday morning in the summer months, I will ask our many visitors how many times they have visited Scilly. It is not unusual to find those who have been coming here for thirty years, and in some cases many more years than this. Welcoming visitors to our worship both on St Mary's and in our fine historic chapel on St Martin's is an important part of our mission in the life of our church; indeed many of our visitors worship with us every year – they have become friends and I know that there is a long list of those who live on the mainland who look forward to receiving this monthly 'In Touch' magazine with news about all that we are doing as a church on these islands.

What is it about the Isles of Scilly that draws people to come back year after year? For some I expect it is the feeling of remoteness and being away from it all that is the greatest draw. There are certainly not many other places where even in the height of summer you can find a secluded sandy bay and find that you have it all to yourself, and we know that this remote and beautiful setting has inspired countless artists, authors and photographers to produce image that capture this unique island atmosphere.

Artists and photographers speak of the special qualities of the light here in Scilly, and it is certainly the case that in some conditions the air seems to be so clear and the colours so bright that they take on a special quality. And so it is that the very special light found here in Scilly is part of the appeal to the many who visit these islands year after year. This is in stark contrast to what we read in our Bibles about the subject of light and darkness.

At the start of the Bible we read of how God created light and said that it was good: later we read of God's presence as a fiery pillar bringing light to His people on their journey; and the psalmist describes God as his 'Light and Salvation'. As we go on we find the concept of light being linked to the concept of salvation and Isaiah speaks of how God's people are called to 'walk in the light of the Lord'.

The New Testament, too, has much to say about light and darkness. We find that those who live with no knowledge of God are described as living in darkness and the whole theme of darkness and light becomes one of the key themes in the writing of the Apostle John. At the start of his Gospel Jesus is described as the 'True Light' who is sent by God to bring light and salvation to all who will believe but what is said next in John's Gospel is very challenging to say the least. John

tells how a religious leader of his day comes to speak with Jesus about the Kingdom of God and it is in this conversation that Jesus confirms that He has indeed been sent by God to bring light into a world of darkness but that the problem is that many people seem quite happy living in darkness and see no need of this gift of Light.

Yes, these are certainly challenging thoughts that are equally as important here on the beautiful Isles of Scilly as they are in any other place. This may be a truly unique location but those who live here are just the same as those who live elsewhere: we too are human and there are times when we would rather go our own way than go the way of God.

On a Friday evening on St Mary's I usually hold a slide show with about 100 beautiful images of the islands. I call the evening 'The Ups and Downs of Living on Scilly' and many summer visitors come to these shows year after year. Often they ask me what it is like to live on these remote islands over the winter months, and I usually give the same answer which is 'When it is good it is very, very good, but when it is bad it is awful!' This usually is greeted with much laughter but I expect those of you who live here will know just what I mean.

I have lived here on St Mary's for the past four years and from time to time I reflect on what it is like to live in this remote island community. My conclusion is that in many ways the people here are much the same as those I have lived amongst in the various other places where I have been called to serve in other parts of Britain. Yes, some are good, some are very good, some can be difficult at times and at times some can be awful.

What we read of Jesus' sayings in the pages of John's Gospel rings just as true to me here on Scilly as it does in any other place I have lived. There are some who on their journey through life have acknowledged that, in Jesus, we can know and receive the light of God's love, but there are many who, despite living in this beautiful location, are in effect living in darkness and have no concept of what it is to live their lives in the light of the Good News of the Gospel.

Here, just as in other places, we meet with those who have yet to know the power of God's love to make all things new. Some will acknowledge the great challenges and great failures of our world, they can see the great divides between the rich and the poor, they can see how nations seem locked in conflict with other nations, and there are many who acknowledge the selfishness and pride that make this world as it is. Yes, here on Scilly the reality of what we observe is much the same as in any other place, there are many who have yet to know the truth of God's almighty plan in sending His Son Jesus to be the Saviour of this world.

And so it is that our Methodist Church here on the Isles of Scilly recognizes that we are in many way greatly blessed to be living and worshipping in such a beautiful location, but we also know the great need

that is before us and around us. Our task is clear, and that is for us to tirelessly proclaim the great love of our gracious God to all who will receive His blessings to us in Jesus His Son. We rejoice that many visitors will again be worshipping with us over the summer months, and we rejoice that many on the mainland who so love these islands are supporting the mission of our church in their prayers.

We give thanks that the Rev Stephen Radford and his wife Heather will be visiting us from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May. Stephen and Heather have been visiting Scilly for many years and we always look forward to them worshipping with us and sharing in fellowship. They are in ministry at Walkden just outside Manchester and their visit this year comes at the end of Stephen's three month study leave from his busy circuit. We pray that they will be greatly blessed during their time with us. In Luke's gospel we read 'They will come from the east and the west and from the north and from the south and they will take their place in the great feast in the Kingdom of God'.

It is indeed a wonderful fact that the Spirit of our Sovereign Lord can touch our lives today, and it is indeed a wonderful thing that people from all over the world come to our islands and worship with us in the summer months. Maybe this is just a foretaste of all that will be ours at the promised coming of God's Kingdom.

May we continue to encourage each other to know the light of God's grace in the months ahead, and may we all step from the darkness of this world into the light of God's Kingdom by truly knowing the Lord Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of the world.

*Charles R. Gibbs*

## **Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May 2013**

Today around 870 million people are desperate for food. One in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight. This is a scandal.

But IF we bite back at hunger this Christian Aid Week we can help communities find ways to not only survive but to thrive, with enough food to eat not just today but tomorrow.

A wonderful sum of over £1000 (taking into account Gift Aid) has been sent to Christian Aid from Scilly as a result of the Lent Hunger lunches.

## News from St. Martin's

Some months there is much to comment on and at other times it is less easy to produce a newsy piece. I think this could be a lean contribution!!

Since writing for the April edition of In Touch Rev C Gibbs and Mrs Barbara Hasler have taken each of the weekly services. It has been good to welcome long standing visitors to these, including Michael Pellow a cousin of Gladys Perkins. Their mother and father respectively were members of the large Christopher family. Also we were joined by Mary Gibb's sister and brother-in-law on April 7<sup>th</sup>. As they had never been to Scilly before a boat trip to worship was a new experience.

Palm Sunday was a united service when our Anglican friends came to Chapel and Charlie led worship. Beryl Read joined us on Easter Day and assisted Charlie during this very special time of celebration, when we rejoiced in the Risen Lord.

Unfortunately Jackie Perkins has fallen and damaged her arm, so we think of her as well as others who are under the weather and needing our prayers.

Finally a reminder to all readers of In Touch that the exhibition of photographs entitled 'Island Life Now and Then' will continue throughout the summer in the Sunday School room adjoining the Chapel. It is well worth a visit and voluntary donations help with our funds.



It is not the number of books you read, nor the variety of sermons you hear, nor the amount of religious conversation in which you mix, but it is the frequency and earnestness with which you meditate on these things till the truth in them becomes your own and part of your being, that ensure your growth.

*F. W. Robertson*

## Where did Jesus go?

*Paul Hardingham ponders the Ascension*

In Salvador Dali's picture of Jesus' ascension all you can see are his feet! As we celebrate the event this month, it prompts the question 'where did Jesus go?' Peter says Jesus 'has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). However, the New Testament tells us three things about what Jesus is doing at the Father's side.

*Sitting:* At Pentecost Peter says Jesus is 'exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear...' "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand'" (Acts 2: 33-4). Peter is affirming Jesus' position of authority and power at the heart of the universe. By pouring out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the life of heaven i.e. eternal life, forgiveness, healing, release and God's provision for our lives.

*Standing:* When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death by the Jewish authorities he points out, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' (Acts 7:56). Our experience of heaven is only ever partial, as we live with the reality of suffering and setbacks. However, Jesus is still on the throne! He has a bigger plan and purpose for our lives than we might imagine (including the difficulties), and we are called to trust him daily.

*Praying:* 'Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.' (Romans 8:34, cf Hebrews 7:25). Even when we don't know how to pray, we have the assurance that Jesus is already praying for us! He knows our needs even better than we do ourselves, so when we feel condemned or defeated in our Christian lives, we have somebody on our side!

The Ascension reminds us that the risen Jesus lives in the immediate presence of God and both transcends and embraces our present experience. This truth lies at the heart of the up language used to describe the event.

'Heaven relates to earth tangentially so that the one who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth: the ascension therefore means that Jesus is available, accessible, without people having to travel to a particular spot on the earth to find him.' (Tom Wright).

## **Pentecost – the Birthday of the Church**

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion. A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles – but he knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptized. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



## Latest News from UCDF

It has been decided that within five years the responsibility for most of the work of running UCDF will be handed over to the team in Uganda. The aim will be to have a self-supporting, long-lasting haven for 'lost' children which will be run as an extended family as it has up to now. It has been discovered that unless the charity builds a new school it cannot be fully in charge of the refuge and it would come under the control of the authorities with a possible loss of security for the children.

UCDF own (for 95 years) 17 acres of land and the school and new refuge will be built on this and the secondary school pupils will all be children of parents or guardians who can afford to pay fees. This will bring in an income to pay teachers and running costs. The rest of the land will be used to grow food for the refuge and some of it has been planted with bananas which will be sold to bring in more money. A group of poor previously unemployed labourers are employed to work the land and their wages help them feed and pay school fees for their children.

At present the charity supports 28 young people who are in schools and colleges and 6 older ones who are looking for work. The Fold (as the refuge is called) provides a safety net for the youngsters where they can go in school holidays or if life with families becomes too difficult.

They have six new small children and when the school has been built they will take in up to fifteen more children. There is a great need for more children than this to be taken in but if they were to do this the quality of care would go down.

Many people sponsor children in UCDF's care and others contribute to the general running of the charity. UCDF are very grateful for all the support they receive and hope that people will continue to support them in the future.



## **Enriched by Liberalism**

*In this article from the Methodist recorder, which is abridged, Rev Leslie Griffiths explores why he is liberal.*

I write as a Christian whose whole being is enriched by a faith in which I feel anchored and secure. The person, teaching and example of Jesus give me my focus. My love for Jesus has led me to the very bridgehead that links earth and heaven, time and eternity, man and God. This is where I see through a glass dimly and yet where, occasionally, I catch glimpses of immortality. I feel that my search for God often leaves me feeling His absence rather than His presence, as if it's a room I enter which someone has just left. On the other hand there are times when, like William Blake, I am able to 'see the world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wild flower' – a heightening of awareness that allows me to catch fresh insights in familiar places, to see new depths in people I thought I knew well.

I sometimes feel that I'm clinging to reason and understanding by my fingertips. This can be overwhelming. It certainly defies my capacity to explain or express things. Yet it can be thrilling to find oneself standing before the unknown and (possibly) the unknowable. It is only by pushing oneself to the very edge of one's possibilities that men and women can discover who they really are, what they're made of, what they're made for, what it means to be fully human.

It's here, where everything can feel so threatening, that a big decision has to be made about how to proceed. I might just feel tempted to build myself a castle within which I can feel safe by withdrawing from the battering of the storms. I can opt instead for the security of well-worn traditions that avoid questioning and offer me protection from the cold blasts of unfamiliar thinking. But I'd rather not. Like C. S. Lewis I've been 'surprised by joy' so often in the course of my life with shafts of understanding coming from totally unexpected quarters, that I prefer to remain open to what might happen. I feel so safe in my love for Jesus that I have no fear, none at all, for what might spring upon me in unexpected ways. Science, literature, philosophy, politics, culture – all are such fascinating fields to explore. I want to be free to explore them. I want to engage with the ideas, the energies, the flights of fancy they will inevitably release. I want them to help me with my search for meaning and understanding. I'm sure I shall be

blown off course again and again by the surging Spirit of God blowing, as always, where He wishes. I know that Christ alone is all in all. It's my faith in Him that gives me the freedom to encounter and to engage with new ideas and radical programmes, wherever they come from.

If I'm a liberal, then it's this openness to new possibilities that is the very essence of what I mean by that word. I'm fed up with people accusing us 'liberals' of having sold out to modern culture, of having no identifiable stance, that 'anything goes' as far as we are concerned. I hold to Christ. I hold fast to his teaching and example. He is my guiding star. I must admit that I'm ready to keep a more or less open mind on almost everything else. And as I live through what seem to me to be the death throes of the Church, I know that I'm going to need to go on looking to Jesus, beginning and end, the bringer of good news and the herald of God's kingdom.

*This article first appeared in 'Sherwell Link' and we thank our friends from Sherwell United Church in Plymouth for giving us permission to use it.*

*We thank God for the inspirational preaching by Rev Leslie Griffiths which we heard when he visited us on the Isles of Scilly.*

### **Musings on our life of faith...**

Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma - but never let him be the full stop.

## **Humans are predisposed to believe in God**

Humans are predisposed to believe in God and in some sort of life after death, according to the recent findings of a three-year international study.

Religion is 'not just something for a peculiar few to do on Sunday instead of playing golf', says co-director of the project, Prof Roger Trigg, from the University of Oxford. In a study that involved 57 academics in 20 countries across multiple disciplines, 'we have gathered a body of evidence that suggests that religion is a common fact of human nature across different societies'.

The study found that human thought processes, from infancy, are 'rooted' to religious concepts. But people living in cities in developed countries are less likely to hold religious beliefs than those living a more rural way of life. Nevertheless, the findings suggest that 'attempts to suppress religion are likely to be short-lived, as human thought seems to be rooted to religious concepts such as the existence of supernatural agents or gods, and the possibility of an afterlife or pre-life'.

## **Time for a Smile**

### **The puppies**

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realized it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, 'Thank you so much. I hadn't realized you baptized them, too'.

## **Wesley Cottage Prayer Garden Opens**

Holy Saturday saw a crowd gather in the sunshine at Historic Wesley Cottage, Trewint for the opening of the newly created Prayer Garden. Reverend Steve Wild, Chair of the Cornwall District of the Methodist Church who own Wesley Cottage, was assisted by representatives from throughout Cornwall in leading a short act of worship that introduced different aspects of prayer. Those attending came from all over the South West and from as far afield as Mauritius for the occasion.

Members of nearby Altarnun Parish Church have taken a leading role in the landscaping of the garden, generously providing designs and labour free of charge. At the opening service Church Warden Mr Tony Naylor expertly read the Gospel story of Jesus calming the storm on behalf of the Church of England, emphasising the garden's focus on stillness and peace.

Located near the busy A30, it is hoped that the Prayer Garden will be a tranquil place for people to find a few moments of rest. It will continue to be developed in the coming weeks, with installations to aid personal reflection arriving alongside plants known for their healing properties. The garden is expected to be fully operational by the time Wesley Cottage opens for the summer on the first of May (Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm) but visits can be arranged before then via [www.wesleycottage.org.uk](http://www.wesleycottage.org.uk), or by telephoning the curator on **07938013939**.

### **Wesley Day Celebrations**

Wesley Day Celebrations are held in May each year to mark John Wesley's Conversion on 24th May 1738

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Service led by John Hogarth in the Prophet's Chamber including the reading of a Wesley Sermon.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Services to be led by Rev Steve Wild and Rev Celia Philips.

4pm - open air service at the porch. Preacher: Rev Ruth Goodland followed by tea in Altarnun Church Hall.  
6.30pm - Saltash Ladies Choir at Altarnun Parish Church followed at 7pm by Wesley Day worship in Altarnun Parish Church. Preacher: Rev Keith Garner (Wesley Mission, Sydney, Australia).

## **One Day at a Time**

Anything that we put our minds to –  
We can do – ‘one day at a time’,  
For God will help us reach the summit  
Of every hill we climb.

He’ll lift us up whenever we stumble  
On this rocky road of life.  
He’ll bring us comfort, strength and hope  
In times of sorrow, pain or strife.

And when we’re lonely or depressed  
He’ll send someone our way –  
Whose gentle voice and friendly smile  
Will brighten even the darkest day.

As long as God is in our lives,  
And I know this to be true,  
We can accomplish anything  
That we set out to do.

## **Ten Commandments for Church Growth**

1. Don’t just have a welcome mat – be welcoming
2. Get the building to say ‘hello’
3. Worship like you really mean it
4. Make everyone feel important
5. Make the kids happy and they’ll bring their parents along
6. Act generally as though you expect ‘outsiders’ to come in
7. Preach about things people talk about
8. Take the Bible more seriously than you take yourself
9. Talk about God as though he has turned up
10. Make Jesus a ‘mid-week’ man.

With thanks to Royton Methodist Church magazine for these.

## **Four out of five believe in the power of prayer**

Four out of five British adults believe in the power of prayer, according to a new ICM survey.

What do you pray for? Three in every ten people, asked what they would pray for, cited peace in the world and an end to poverty, reflecting the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, in his inauguration sermon. Archbishop Justin said: 'Let us provoke each other to heed the call of Christ, to be clear in our declaration of Christ, committed in prayer to Christ, and we will see a world transformed'.

Asked what it would be for if they were to pray, 31 per cent of respondents cited peace in the world, followed by an end to poverty in the world (27 per cent), a family member (26 per cent) and healing for another (22 per cent). While 5 per cent said they did not know what they would pray for, 14 per cent said they would never pray.

Women are more likely to pray than men, according to the survey, with 85 per cent of women citing something they would pray for, compared with 76 per cent of men. Those aged over 65 (89 per cent) and those between 18 and 24 (85 per cent) are the most likely to pray, while those between 35 and 40 (75 per cent) are the least likely.

'Prayer is one of the most natural and instinctive of human responses, so I am not surprised to see these findings', says the Bishop of St Albans, the Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith. 'I come across people on an almost daily basis who want to talk about prayer and how to do it. This has been even more evident recently, as many people are facing uncertainty about jobs and finance. However, there has also been a desire to pray for trouble spots in the world, not least when we see the appalling photos from Syria on the television.'

Other subjects for prayer cited in the survey were: 'my partner' (17%), 'less stress in my life' (16%), 'a prayer of thankfulness' (16%), 'prosperity' (16%), 'healing for myself' (15%), 'guidance' (15%), 'a friend' (13%), 'marriage or relationship' (12%), 'forgiveness' (10%), 'work' (9%), 'my spiritual life' (8%), 'my church' (4%), 'my studies' (3%), 'something else' (6%).

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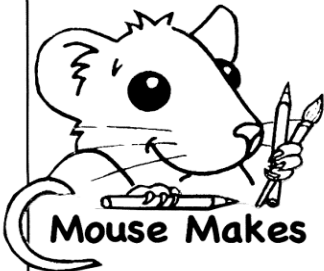
## Birthday Greetings in May

We send our love and best wishes to Dorothy Beedell, Mervyn Bird, Andy Brooks, Michael Jenkins, Nick Jenkins, Harriet Pender, and especially to Emma Roberts who will be celebrating her centenary. We hope you all have a wonderful day.

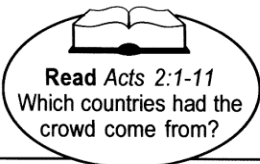




A bookmark for **PENTECOST**



It was the festival of **PENTECOST** and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like tongues of **fire** which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



**The Holy Spirit**

**Teaches**  
John 14:26

**Reveals**  
John 16:14-15

**GUIDES**  
John 16:7-11

**Helps**  
Romans 8:26

**Comforts**  
John 14:16-17

**Transforms**  
2 Corinthians 3:18

**The work of God's Holy Spirit in us brings:**

- LOVE
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- HUMILITY
- SELF CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23

**To make your bookmark:**

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



## PRAYER CHAIN

In the first instance please contact Charlie Gibbs (422406) and then please phone me, Mary Ratcliffe (423030). I will then pass on the prayer request to the first name in each of the groups.

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*For the Prayer Chain to be effective it is essential that requests are forwarded to the person in the column beneath your name, if that person is not available please ring the next person on the list.*

*If anyone else would like to join in this special ministry, please contact me on 423030. We thank God that we can be channels of His grace.*

## MAY SERVICES

### ST MARY'S

|      |                      |                                                                               |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5th  | 10.00 am<br>11.00 am | <b>Children's Church</b><br>Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Holy Communion</i>        |
|      | 8.00 pm              | Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Songs of Praise</i>                                   |
| 12th | 10.30.am<br>8.00.pm  | Mervyn Bird and Neil Didlick<br>Gordon Bird                                   |
| 19th | 9.15 am<br>11.00 am  | Beryl Read and Barbara Hasler<br>Mary Ratcliffe<br><i>Songs of Praise</i>     |
|      | 8.00 pm              | David Pender                                                                  |
| 26th | 9.15 am<br>11.00 am  | Mary Ratcliffe and Neil Didlick<br>Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Holy Communion</i> |
|      | 8.00 pm              | Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Songs of Praise</i>                                   |

### ST MARTIN'S

|      |          |                                            |
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| 5th  | 11.00 am | Barbara Hasler                             |
| 12th | 11.00 am | Chris Savill                               |
| 19th | 11.00 am | Len Michell                                |
| 26th | 6.00 pm  | Rev Charlie Gibbs<br><i>Holy Communion</i> |

### PARK HOUSE

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| 5th | 4.00 pm | Gordon Bird |
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