

# SMLM

# St Mary's News

## Welcoming, Connecting, Blessing, Growing, Stewarding

**Everyone is welcome to our regular Sunday services:**

### **Sunday 3rd May**

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

6pm Wellspring Worship & Bible Reflection

### **Sunday 10th May**

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

### **Sunday 17th May**

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Gather worship for all

5pm Forest Church

6pm Easter Evensong

### **Pentecost Sunday 24th May**

8am BCP Holy Communion

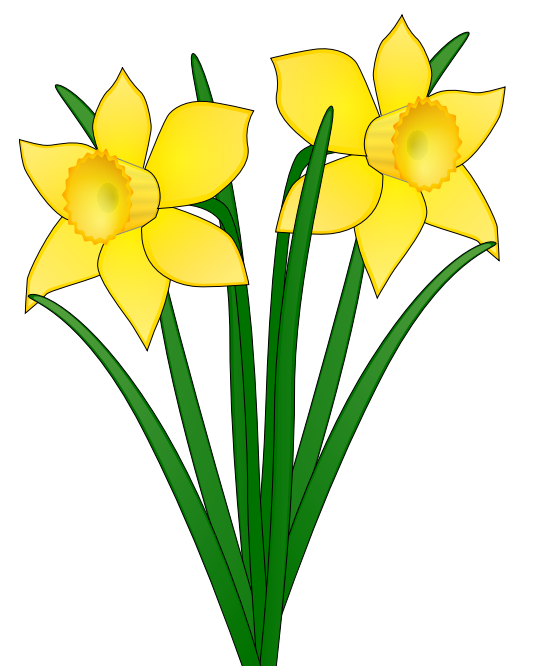
9:30am CW Holy Communion

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### **Trinity Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

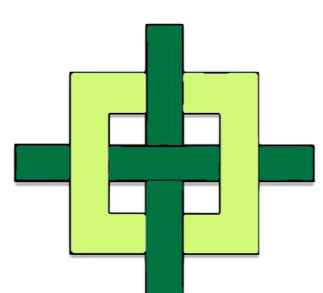
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**Connecting** - you can connect remotely to our services through the church website: <https://www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/>



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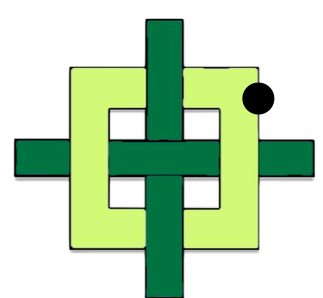
## Days of Prayer for 'Thy Kingdom Come' May 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer initiative that runs from Ascension to Pentecost.

As the people of Christian faith in our village I feel challenged to follow Jesus out on to the streets of Lytchett with a prayerful attitude. I am sure many of us are already praying for various situations and people in the village that we are aware of. What I am proposing is that we try to cover every road in Lytchett Matravers with a prayer-walk during the TKC days of prayer. We can also pray for community places and work places around the village, such as the library, Village Hall, etc. There will be a sign-up sheet/map at Church and I encourage you to sign up for whatever you feel able to. Don't forget to use Bible verses to guide your prayers and try to engage with the people, to hear them and what they might bring to prayer. It is a good idea to go in pairs or small groups, which allows for shared encouragement and agreement in prayer.

24/7 Prayer International also offer the following suggestions for prayer walking:

- **Decide on a Route:** Choose a route to walk taking in your target road/place.
- **Prepare Your Heart:** Begin by asking the Holy Spirit to guide your steps and to show you what He wants you to see, praying for the needs around you.
- **Pray Positively and Visibly:** Instead of just pointing out problems, focus on God's blessings, purpose, and peace for the homes and people you pass.
- **Use Your Senses:** Let what you see and hear guide your prayers—pray for the families living in a house, safety for the school, and blessing on local businesses.
- **Listen to God:** Actively pause and listen to what God might be saying to you about the area, as well as praying out loud or silently as you walk.
- **Record and Reflect:** Consider taking notes on what you felt, heard, or saw for future prayer sessions.
- **End Well:** Meet up at the end to share experiences, pray, and debrief what God has revealed.



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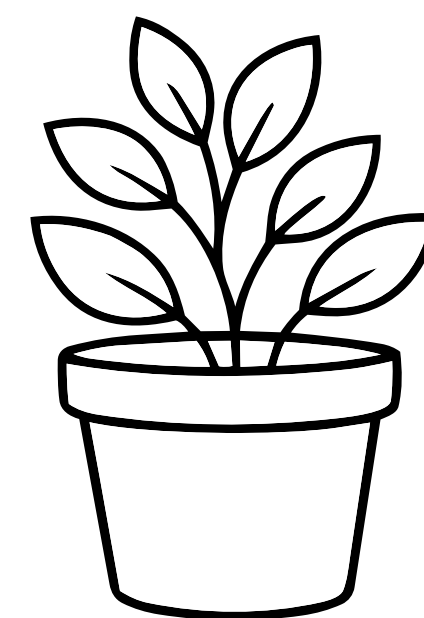
## **Can you help to deliver the Parish Magazine?**

If you enjoy walking around the village, this is an ideal opportunity. We are looking for more volunteers to deliver the magazine every month. If you'd like to take on a 'round' of about 20 magazines then please let Ann (Jones), Nita or Karen know.

## **St Mary's Church Fundraising- Save The Dates!**

The two dates for our cream teas this year are:

**Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>**



Both teas are at St Mary's Church. 2.30-4.30pm.

Our Cream tea in June includes our ever popular plant sale. If you have any plants you can donate, please drop off at Deans House, Deans Drove, where they will be much appreciated. Or, please drop off to any member of the fundraising team closest to you (Ann M, Debbie, Jackie, Ruth) If you would like plants to be collected phone 01202 632298.

So...put the dates in your diary and we look forward to welcoming you on June 7<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you for your continued support.

*St Mary's Church Fundraising Team*

## **Diary dates for May**

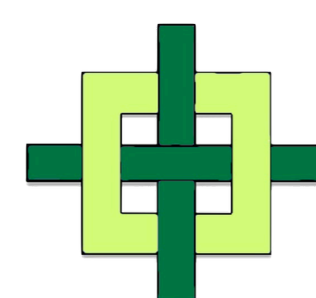
5th - Churches together / CFiLM AGM 7pm @SMLM

10th - 16th - Christian Aid week

12th - PCC Meeting

14th - 24th 'Thy Kingdom Come' Days of Prayer

27th - Community Lunch



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