Next collection will be **August 6th** please leave donations in church.

If you would like to pray privately with someone at Sun 10.30 service at SMM, please sit in the front pew with the green ribbon at the end of the service or speak to one of the vergers. Someone will pray with you.



Small Pilgrim Places are: Small places, simple, quiet & unpretentious, with the

presence of the Divine. St Laurence’s Ch.

[www.smallpilgrimplaces.org](http://www.smallpilgrimplaces.org) Thur 10 - 11 am and Saturdays 2-4pm.



**SMM** is a designated collectionpoint for **Small Electrical Items’.** recycling box is in the narthex for items: radios, remote controls, sat navs, freeview box, phones, irons, digital cameras etc

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ACNY is celebrating all creatures great & small: Summer social media campaign

- they are looking for anything to do with animals at church. Inside or outside, invited or uninvited, real life or painted, stained glass, statues etc. Please email images to marymagbelmont@gmail.com



Spirit-led prayer group: Dates for Aug: 10.30am on 1st & 15th August at SMM

St Laurence cream teas: August 2nd & 23rd: 2.00-4.00pm

**SMM PCC** meeting postponed until 11th August

at 6.30pm in Narthex

Congratulations and best wishes to Daniel Halliday and Ella Curtis who are getting married in Scotland on Friday 25th July.



Parish Hall: August 2nd at 7pm. £3pp and 6 in team. BYO refreshments.

**For our prayers this week:**

Pray for those who are unwell or asked for our prayers: Jean Dennison, Andrew Dover, Sylvia Dawson, Anna Harvey, Mike Jackson, Anne Johnson (P’ton), George Kitching, Trevor Uren, AlfieWalton, Geoffrey Winter. Those who havebeen bereaved:- the family of June Brindley; the family of Thomas Close, the family of Andrew Maddison.

**The Benefice of**

**St Mary Magdalene, Belmont &**

**St Laurence, Pittington**



**Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene**

**July 20th 2025**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

**SMM Hymns: 747** Ye watchers and ye holy ones; **376** Let all the word; **428** Love Divine; **67** Blessed assurance; **600** Such love; **Sheet** For all thy saints O Lord; **161** For all the saints.

**Bible Readings**

**Readings:** Song of Solomon 3:1-4

 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Upcoming services**

**w/b Sunday 20th July**

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP SMM

9.30 am Holy Communion SL

10.30 am Holy Communion SMM

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion SMM

Thur 10 -11am Church open for prayer SL

Sat 10-12 Orthodox Mass SMM

**w/b Sunday 27th July**

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP SMM

9.30 am Holy Communion SL

10.30 am Holy Communion SMM

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion SMM

Thur 10 -11am Church open for prayer SL

Funeral of Andrew Maddison at St Laurence on Friday 18th July at 11.30 am.

**Song of Solomon 3:1-4**

All night long on my bed
    I looked for the one my heart loves;
    I looked for him but did not find him.
2I will get up now and go about the city,
    through its streets and squares;
I will search for the one my heart loves.
    So I looked for him but did not find him.
3The watchmen found me
    as they made their rounds in the city.
    ‘Have you seen the one my heart loves?’
4Scarcely had I passed them
    when I found the one my heart loves.
I held him and would not let him go
    till I had brought him to my mother’s house,
    to the room of the one who conceived me.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-17**

14For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

**John 20:1-2,11-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!’

11Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13They asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?’

‘They have taken my Lord away,’ she said, ‘and I don’t know where they have put him.’ 14At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

15He asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?’

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’

16Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’).

17Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’

18Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’ And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**From our Parish weekly prayer cycle:**

Belmont Parish Council; "The Grapevine", contributors and distributors; those with alcohol problems; residents of South End, Pittington; Wiltshire Close, Moor Crescent, Bishop's Close, Grinstead Way, Grange Court, Belmont.

