



# South Wye Benefice Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 26<sup>th</sup> April

*Please welcome Rev., Jackie Nevill and Barry Stephens who are leading the service at St. Martin's this week.*

**Wishing our wonderful Churchwarden Onnie a very Happy Birthday!  
Thank you for all that you do!**

#### South Wye Services and Events week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Martin's Vestry Meeting and APCM to follow immediately after the morning service at St Martin's
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm	Bible Study in the Narthex
	2pm	Tuesday Coffee in the Narthex

#### For our Prayers

**Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:**

Brenda Baylis	Maureen Gerard	Jean D	Kieran	Pam KW	
Duncan KW	Pat D	James	Sue Ranyard	Julie	Kath

**Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:**

Caroline E.      Thomas

*If you would like a loved one added to this list, please contact me via the office.*

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the church after the service. Please plan to attend.

On Sunday 12th April the necessary forms will be available in the Narthex...

- Form for inclusion on the Electoral Roll for those not already on the roll.
- Nomination forms for...
  - Church Wardens
  - PCC Members
  - Deanery Synod Representative/s

Irene Goodman (PCC Secretary)

## Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Acts 2: 42-end

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

### *Life among the Believers*

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### Psalm 23

#### *The Divine Shepherd A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## **1 Peter 2: 19-end**

<sup>19</sup> For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **John 10: 1-10**

### ***Jesus the Good Shepherd***

<sup>10</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.