

St Mary's Newsletter

30th April 2026



Sunday Services

Sunday 3rd May

8.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Café Church

Sunday 10th May

10.30am All Age Communion with Baptism of Hazel



Preaching in the summer

Last year many of you enjoyed talking about your favourite (and often overlooked) woman in the Bible.

This summer we are going to look at the men, some suggested 'grumpy old men of the Bible' as our title, but they needn't be grumpy or old.

The invitation is for **anyone** to choose a person in the Bible and tell us something about them. The following dates are available. Email Gail to pick a slot and a man on a first-come, first served basis.

5th, 19th and 26th July

9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August

Discipleship

Are you in a homegroup? Would you like to be? These groups meet to study the Bible together, pray and share life. Speak to Liz, Chris Smith, Sam or Gail.

In June/July Gail will be running a short study group (4 weeks) about the Holy Spirit. Drop her a message by email, text or WhatsApp if you are interested. The group will run either on a Monday or Wednesday evening.

Local Community

You may be aware of plans by Greenham Parish Council to build a community centre on the Diamond. Here is a link to share your thoughts about their plans.

<https://greenham.gov.uk/news/cllr-billy-drummond-requests-your-thoughts-on-a-diamond-community-centre>

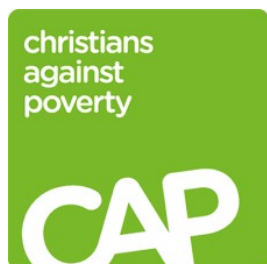
We have been asked to put together a Rounders Team for the **Greenham Parish Sports Day**. The date clashes with Pat's Memorial service – Saturday 20th June so I am not able to captain the team but some of you who didn't know Pat might wish to take up the invitation and represent us.

Faith in Action

10th – 16th May is Christian Aid Week



If anyone would like to collect at the Retail Park for an hour could they contact Katharine Prior at kath.prior68@ntlworld.com



Do you or somebody you know need help with planning their personal finances - making a budget, sticking to a budget, saving for things?

If so, the CAP Money Coaching course is perfect for covering these topics and more with practical advice and tools.

A 3-week evening course is starting in May - completely free with refreshments and free parking. Please see details attached.


Family News and Events

Hubb.Church

You may have heard of Hubb, or heard people talking about it. Hubb is our new 'church management' software; a software system designed to help us with various administrative aspects of church life such as hosting our website, rotas, booking the hall and lots more. We are gradually learning more and more and will be using it for more and more as time goes on.

We have now transferred the Electoral Roll onto Hubb.

This means that in a couple of weeks you will get an email from us about the information we hold and how we use it. The email will tell you about any action you need to take but don't worry – if you are not a 'digital native' then help is at hand in the form of our friendly team of Paul Davey, Sam Mackwell and Steve Brautigan who will be delighted to answer any questions about how, why and who. Watch this space.



In October we will be celebrating our 150 year birthday with a special service led by Bishop Mary. We are also hoping to have Greenham Railway back in action and to have a community party.

What else could we do?

Please put your thinking caps on – no idea too big, too small, too wild or sane. Speak to one another and speak to Gail or any member of the PCC.

If you would like to help co-ordinate our plans then please speak up – maybe organising a party is just up your street and although you can't help regularly you'd be able to do a one-off event?

A service to remember and celebrate Pat Simons



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

PAT SIMONS



Saturday 20th June 2026
2.30pm - 4.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Greenham RG19 8RZ

A short service to give thanks for the life of Pat, followed by afternoon tea in the church centre.

If you are planning to join us, or have any questions, please
RSVP: rememberingpatsimons@gmail.com



Reading

We are still in Easter but beginning to look towards Pentecost and our reading reflects that. Why not take time to do some reading around the promise and the action of the Holy Spirit as well as spending time with today's reading.

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'