

St Mary's Newsletter

7th May 2026



Services

Sunday 10th May

10.30am All Age Communion with Baptism of Hazel

Thursday 14th May

Ascension

Holy Communion in church at 9.30am – a short said service of Communion

Sunday 17th May

8.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Morning Worship



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.

26th July

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

Nehemiah and Melchizedek have been taken – who's next?

Local Community

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.

<https://greenham.gov.uk/news/community-sports-day-saturday-20th-june-2026>

Discipleship

Everyone who was at Café Church on Sunday had a reminder of how amazing New Wine was last year and perhaps you have been prompted a bit?



NEW WINE 2026 IS CALLING...

Fancy a week (or weekend) of worship, teaching, laughter, camping chairs, questionable weather forecasts, and excellent coffee queues? Then New Wine Festival 2026 might just be for you! Every year, a cheerful bunch of Greenham folk head off to a field in Shepton Mallet to go deeper with God, worship together, learn loads, and have plenty of fun along the way — and you're invited to join us!

📅📅 Dates: Tuesday 28 July to Sunday 2 August*

*Optional departure on Monday 3 August

📅📅 Tickets available:

📅 Full Week

📅 Weekend (NEW for this year!)

📅 Day

Whether you're a festival veteran or have never pitched a tent in your life, there's something for everyone. No camping gear? No problem! If you'd love to come but don't have tents or equipment, we can help sort you out. And if camping really isn't your thing, don't panic — offsite accommodation options are available too!

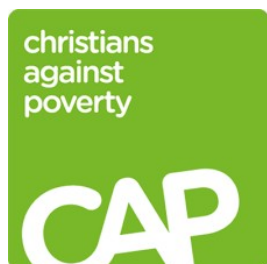
📅📅 Scan the QR code above, or see/email Becca rebecca@stmarysgreenham.org to find out more and book your place! But be quick — once the tickets are gone, they're gone!

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.

This year, UCB are celebrating their 40th anniversary since it first started, in one room with two people, and has gone on to be almost a worldwide distribution, two radio stations plus the recent addition of a children's version App, 'Spark'



Daphne has been our contact with UCB for many years and she is wondering whether anyone would like to take over from her. She and Wendy have so many great testimonies about the work of UCB so please do speak to them if you would like to know more.



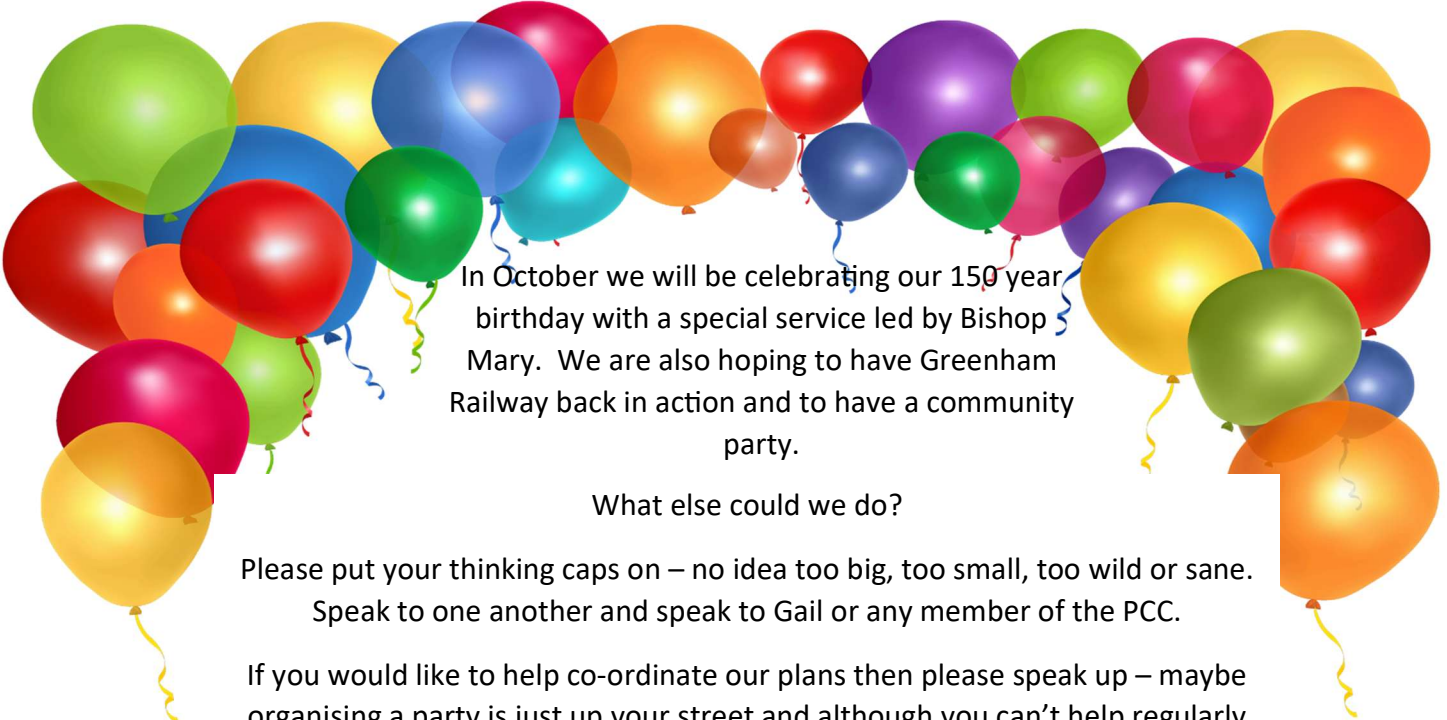
Family News and Events

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.

Many of you will have received an email, even before last week's newsletter! Any queries, confusion or concerns can be discussed with Sam Mackwell, Steve Brautigian and Paul Davey. Please also pray for this team as we work out the kinks!



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?

Best idea so far is 150 Years of Praise – a celebration of church music, songs and hymns which will have been used here since the church was built.

Reading (same one as last week)

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.'