



Parish of St. Mary's Swynnerton & St. James' Cotes Heath
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The Reverend Prebendary Gerald Gardiner will be at St. Mary's at 10.00 on Sunday or you can join in from home using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172796502?pwd=dm9PandVL1l6YTgzOFFTQzQ1L0NqQT09>



St. Mary's saw its first wedding of 2021 last weekend when Daniel Evenson and Charlotte Carey from Yarnfield took their vows in the parish church.

They were the first couple married here since the amendments to the Marriage Act came into force earlier this year.

Clergy no longer register marriages; they complete a Marriage Document which the newly-weds take to the local registry office, where the marriage is recorded online.

The calling of Banns and the ceremony remain the same, but the new system allows for both parents' names to be included on the certificate, which is issued once the electronic registration has taken place.

Churches may still keep a record of each wedding that takes place. Daniel and Charlotte's names are on page 1 of our new book!



"We have a God who wants us to bring everything to him in prayer" says the latest Tearfund prayer resource. "However, sometimes it can be difficult to know where to begin – or how to keep going when the situation feels unchanging or too big. Also, how can we talk to God about refugees or hunger when sometimes we don't even know the scale of the crisis ourselves?"



We do not have to carry the crises of the world alone; God knows, understands and cares deeply. We can be assured that God is working to restore all things and when we align ourselves with his plan, incredible things can happen"

'For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.' (Isaiah 41:13)

Tearfund has lots of practical ideas for making prayer more meaningful; one suggestion is to find a map or globe of the world, place your hand over an area – for example, the English Channel, Syria or Yemen and pray for safe passage for refugees. Ask God to comfort and provide for them as they seek a new home.



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There have been multiple heat waves across the globe this year and some of them, like the ones seen in Canada and the United States' Pacific Northwest, were unlike any ever seen before. It seems very likely that these weather events are connected to climate change.

Preparations are underway for the COP 26 UN Climate Change conference in Glasgow (31st October – 12th November) and you can learn more about the issues that will be under discussion at <https://ukcop26.org/> Ahead of the international Climate conference, the Young Christian Climate Network is organising a relay from St Ives to Glasgow. The walk will arrive in COP26 conference venue Glasgow on 30 October and passes through South-East Staffordshire on 27/28 August.



- **YARNFIELD VILLAGE PICNIC:** Join in this community event on Saturday 14th August, 1-4 pm on the Green. Anna and her team will be organising games and crafts for the children so bring some sandwiches and a chair and catch up with friends and neighbours.



Nesta writes about a simple but significant aspect of our church life:

'Having flowers on the altar is an important part of our welcome and worship here at St Mary's. You may have some special dates during the year, when you would like to do the altar flowers at St Mary's. Please sign up to the rota that you will find in a yellow folder on the table at the back of church. Any further information required, please contact Nesta Williams, 01782796520 or 07966465888 or email at williamsnesta@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.'



- Have you cultivated and maintained any new habits since the Pandemic begun? Early on, most people were vowing to "Build back Better" and had resolved to do things differently. Andrea writes from North Wales about her pastimes during the last months: *"Knitting dishcloths, decorating the hall, learning to felt, and crocheting old wool into blankets - all lockdown projects, but the thing I am keeping up is regular walking. Helps with mindfulness and hopefully helps my fitness."* Let us know if the crisis has changed your outlook and what you will continue over the months to come.

Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity.

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Today's Gospel Reading: John 6:35,41-51

- **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARGARET CHERRY.**
There will be a service with burial of ashes for Margaret Cherry, formerly of Cotes Heath, at St. James' church on Monday August 16th at 11.30.

This week we pray for Yvonne Pynenburg, Tom Ewart and Ann Ramsey.
We continue to remember Doreen Green, George Edwards, Richard Wenger,
Sylvia Loughhead and Nick Goacher,

We think of friends who have chronic problems and live with anxiety or pain and we include
Fr. Paul Chavasse, Elaine Dulson, Geoff and Linda Foster, Helen Ladell,
Margaret McKnight and June Steed.

There are friends we are not able to see so often -Pat Lawrence, Carol and Martyn Turner, Margaret and David Farr
and Heather Eyre.

Please continue to pray for Nicola's friend Jessica, Jonathan's girlfriend Maddie
and Ann Ramsey's daughter-in-law, Carol.

We also hold before God Lynne Williams whose father John has died and Chris Stokes who has lost his mother
Valerie.