

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 May 2020

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Note: The image (above) refers to the psalm: *Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.* Here, living streams (the Holy Spirit) flow from the baptismal font. The trees' leaves and fruit (sacraments) provide healing and nourishment for our souls-images from the Apocalypse.

This Sunday's Scripture Readings Acts 8:5-8;14-17 Two Apostles travel to Samaria to lay hands on (i.e.confirm) those converted and baptized by Philip (one of the new Deacons).

1Peter 3:15-18 The newly-baptized community addressed by Peter face hostile questioning.

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises to send the Spirit of truth into the disciples' hearts: it is through the Holy Spirit that Jesus (and the Father) are present after the Resurrection.

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 21 May is Ascension Day. There will be a Zoom Mass at 10am. Please join in the usual way: invitations, with the link, will be sent the day before.

CURRENT WORKS AT ST WULSTAN'S CHURCH: (1) The wooden panel screening the upstairs sacristy from the sanctuary is being replaced on recommendation of pest control people, since it's full of active woodworm. (2) Work on the north side of the church, which was to have started on 11 May, is now planned to begin in early June. The nave windows will have iron stays replaced by stainless steel, windows will be cleaned, damaged stonework, interior and exterior, made good, and all external masonry repointed. (3) Alan Simcox, our architect, has made an inspection and is preparing his Quinquennial Report. He will do the Priest's House later. Work on the driveway has been postponed since we cannot afford it at present.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Carmel Glennie who suffered a stroke the week before last. Having been moved to the stroke unit at Evesham Hospital, she was not at all well, when I last heard—on Wednesday, and received the Sacrament of the Sick. Please pray for her husband, Hugh, and for the family.

FINANCIAL MATTERS Earlier advice about new standing orders has now been changed: if you would like to make a new standing order, it will be gratefully accepted. Please inform Sue Rigby of the starting date hsrigby@btinternet.com or phone 01886 853653.

The Parish bank account is as follows:

Barclays Bank plc a/c no. 70331066 Downside Missions Trust Little Malvern Account 20-47-06

(Please also see attachment on Easyfundraising).

MALVERN HILLS FOODBANK The new advice is to leave donations **in kind** at the Foodbank collection points in either **Waitrose** or **Morrisons**. Current needs include: instant coffee (100 gr); tinned potatoes (400 gr); UTH milk (1 ltr); tinned fruit (250 gr); non-bio washing powder/liquid; adult/child toothbrushes; deodorant.

PLEASE PRAY for Oscar Rasile who died on 23 April, for Christopher Kouwen, Mary Plunkett, Paul Hothersall and Les Miller, who have died recently, for John Bilsborough, Andy Cooper, John Crowe, Pat Higgins, Rosemarie Kay, Andy McGowan, Pauline Mills, Peter Onions, Nicholas Ratcliff, Raymond Turner and Ellen Verdult who are unwell/housebound.