

# St James Church Fordhouses



Notices May 2024



## May News



Everybody, keep the date! Yes, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm, we are all invited to be at church for the **wedding of Ian Newman and Catherine McCulloch**! Please be there if you can, not just to celebrate with them, but to pray for them as they start out on their married life together.

We have had news from **Rosie & Barry Egerton** who now live in Scotland, close to their son and his family. Barry's dementia has led them to have to make a decision for him to move into a specialist home, as Rosie is no longer able to care for him at home with her deteriorating eyesight. Please pray for them both and their family as they learn to cope with this new and unexpected change.



**Kerry Holt's** licencing service is at St Peter's Church on 22nd June in the evening, for more details please speak to Jacquie. Please keep her in your prayers as she takes this next step in her ministry.

As you will have noticed, at the moment we have no heating in church. **The boiler** has a serious problem which looks like it cannot be fixed, therefore we will most likely be needing a new boiler. As you will understand this will not only take some time to resolve, but it will involve a major expense of up to £15,000. Please pray for this situation that it can be resolved quickly and that the finance can be found.



A reminder that if you need to **contact Taiwo**, especially for Pastoral issues then please contact him via the Parish Office - See contact details below.

There will be **no church prayer meeting** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (due to the church being a polling station) nor 9<sup>th</sup> May as that morning there is an Ascension Day Holy Communion service at St Mary's.



The DCC has agreed for us to have a new fence to the front of the car park (to match the fence at the side), as well as a fence to the side garden to keep our children safe when they use the outside space. To **smarten up the side fence** to match the new, we need to clean and paint it. Hence we are holding a work party to do this on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, starting at 9:30am. To enable this to be done as quickly as we can, we will need a team of at least 8 volunteers, so if you can help please add your name to the list which will be in church.



Also at this time of year we like to carry out items of **essential maintenance and garden tidying**, hence we will be having a general Maintenance Day on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, again starting at 9:30am. This also gives us opportunity to make all look good ready for the wedding the following weekend.

You should have noticed that following a decision by the DCC, the **church grass** is being regularly cut and maintained by Richard Jones (Vi Jones' son). This has a cost to the church (as we do not have enough volunteers to cut the grass) so we are asking everyone to contribute to this cost, please give your donation to Jacquie in a marked envelope. Thank you!

The DCC have agreed to us holding **two social/outreach events**. The first is a repeat of our now famous Bastille Day Cheese and Wine evening. This will be in the evening of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, details to follow. The second is an outreach event to invite family, friends and the local community to, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, which may be in the form of an afternoon tea, again details to follow.



Nick is updating and revising the **duty rota**, so please look out for this, also please let Nick know any dates you are not available. This should be available next week.



**Carol** would like people to visit her or be in touch. So if you would like to do this (her new home is in Verona Court, close to Holy Trinity, Heath Town), she would love to hear from you. If you would like to contact her, please speak to Jane Gardner or Jacquie Mullett who have her details.



#### **Celebrations:**

**Birthdays** - 7<sup>th</sup> Ian Newman, 22<sup>nd</sup> Taiwo Olumuyiwa  
We pray that you will all have blessed birthdays.

## Notice Board

- ♥ As always our **Sunday Services** are in church at 9:45am.
- ♥ Ascension Day Holy Communion Service, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May in the morning at St Mary's.
- ♥ **Thursday Prayer time** - Thursdays in church at 9:30am (not on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May).
- ♥ **Sunday School** - Younger Sunday School in the Lounge every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month, when parents can use the lounge with their children, some resources will be provided to use). Older Sunday School (8-12 years old) on the first Sunday of each month.
- ♥ **Postage Stamps** - Don't forget to pop your used postage stamps in the box in the foyer for the RNIB.
- ♥ At church we still have a surplus **Fridge/Freezer**, so if you need of one, or know someone does, then please take it. Talk to Jane or Nick for information.
- ♥ In the past we have helped with the distribution and collection of Christian Aid envelopes. Is this something you would like to help with? Please speak to Nick or Val. Christian Aid Week 12-18 May. You can also donate on their web page [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



**Foodbank:** As usual, please leave your gifts of food and other items in the basket in the entrance foyer at Church, or give any financial donations to either Nick or Jessica. Thank you again for your continuing support.

## Diary Dates

- ♥ **CAMEO:** 2-4pm on 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- ♥ **3 C's for May:** 2-4pm on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Please Pray



If you would like specific prayer for someone, please add them to our prayer board in the entrance. These are some we should be praying for: Kerry Holt as she is Licensed, Rosie & Barry Egerton, Darren Worley, Doreen Cripps, Carol Griffiths, Alan Redmond, Joe (Donna's dad), Roger (Sandra's cousin), Elizabeth Westwood (Maureen Horton's daughter), Pam (David Newman's mother-in-law).

Please pray for the situation with the church boiler and how to finance this.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## Rotas

If you are on cleaning duty, please use the cleaning check list - **Please do this** from 9:30am onwards on Saturdays, if you want to do this at a different time, please speak to Jacquie to check that the church is free. We could do with additional volunteers to help with the cleaning, if you think this is something you could do, please speak to Jacquie, Jane or Nick, thank you.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May - (TO/IP)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Jane Gardner  
 Chairs: Nick Gardner  
 Duty: Jane Gardner  
 Computer: Jacquie Mullett  
 Readers: Jane Gardner - Acts 10:44-48  
 Catherine McCulloch - John 6:35-59  
 Drinks: Jane Jones  
 Flowers: Jane Jones

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - HC (TO)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Jessica Bate  
 Chairs: James Hesp  
 Duty: Jessica Bate  
 Computer: Jane Gardner  
 Communion Cup - Mary Widdal  
 Readers: Jessica Bate - Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26  
 Ann-Charlotte Holman - John 7:33-39  
 Drinks: Ann-Charlotte Holman

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - 5pm Healing (TO)**

Duty: TBA  
 Computer: Jessica Bate

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - (TO)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Pukka Braitch  
 Chairs: Pukka Braitch  
 Duty: Ian Newman  
 Computer: Chris Astley (Jessica Bate)  
 Readers: Mary Widdal - John 15:26-27 & 16:4-15  
 Catherine Tromans- Acts 2:1-21  
 Drinks: Jessica Bate  
 Flowers: Sheila Turner

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May - HC (ES)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Sue Tilley  
 Chairs: Nick Gardner  
 Duty: Nick Gardner  
 Computer: Jane Gardner  
 Communion Cup - Nick Gardner  
 Readers: Nick Gardner - John 3:1-17  
 Sheila Turner- Romans 8:12-17  
 Drinks: Jean Cook

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - (TO)**

Cleaning (Saturday): Mary Widdal  
 Chairs: Chris Astley  
 Duty: Jacquie Mullett  
 Computer: Richard Mullett (Ann-Charlotte Holman)  
 Readers: Jacquie Mullett- TBA  
 Catherine McCulloch - TBA  
 Drinks: Sue Miller  
 Flowers: Catherine Tromans

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