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WEEKLY DIARY				
☺	Mon	7th	7.30pm	Knittering and Nattering
☺	Mon	7th	7.30pm	Mens Society - church hall
☺	Tues	8th	Andrew and Jenny's Day Off	
◆	Tues	8th	11.00am	Funeral - Doreen Clark
☺	Wed	9th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
☺	Wed	9th	12.00	Hope Cafe
☺	Wed	9th	7.00pm	Faith and Praises Music
☺	Thurs	10th	8.00am	Prayers in church
◆	Thurs	10th	10.30am	Funeral - John Carter
☺	Thurs	10th	6.30pm	Choir practice
☺	Thurs	10th	7.00 & 8.15	Young Peoples Fellowship - Vicarage
☺	Friday	11th	8.00am	Prayers in church
◆	Friday	11th		Funeral - Maurice Dobell
☺	Saturday	11th	10.00am	Church Open
☺	Saturday	11th	2.00pm	MU Centenary Service

Sidespersons Team [next week] John Freeman Cleaning Team Thurs am Doreen Royle



This week, at the beginning of a new month, we pray for all our special events happening in church.

- ✚ We thank you for blessing the MU with 100 years of service and we pray their celebrations will reflect your goodness and faithfulness.
- ✚ We pray for our vintage car rally and especially those people who come, that we may have the opportunity to share the gospel with them.
- ✚ We pray for CHAOS on the 26th May that you would inspire and equip all those in planning and preparing, and that we would know your hand upon the event.
- ✚ As a church may we understand more of what it means to know your will and have willing hearts and able bodies to be led by you.

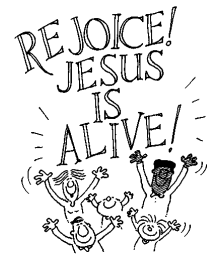
And we thank you Lord God for our church AGM last Monday for Derek, Chris, Jackie & Ruth our newly elected members and for David & Louise continuing their role as church wardens. May they and all of us serve you faithfully and be united in our churches mission.

Thank you that you continue to provide for us and despite our failings and fumbleings your word remains, your presence upholds, your sacrifice is enough and your sovereignty rules.



St. Mary's Ecumenical Church 6th May 2012

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VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Church - sharing the light and hope of Jesus with our community

A warm welcome to St. Mary's today, especially if you are a visitor

Refreshments are served after the 10.30 & 6.30 services

All Age Service Today at 10.30 is our all age service. Please encourage all children and young people to worship in their own way

Hearing loop is available - hearing aid users please turn to 'T'



Work of St. Mary's If you want to give to the work of St. Mary's please consider completing a Gift Aid Envelope. 10% of all that we receive is in turn given away to various mission agencies.

Invitation Please take a moment before the service begins to collect your thoughts & to pray for our time together as God's people. For all who will lead, preach, sing, accompany, read or pray.

Special Prayer [Collect] for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

8.30am Holy Communion [BCP]

Lead: Andrew Preach: Andrew
Readings

1 Corinthians 1 vs 18-25 NT162
Matthew 13 vs 31-35 NT14

6.30pm Evening Communion with the choir [BCP]

Lead: Andrew Preach: Jules

Readings:
Psalm 96 vs 1-13 OT562
Mark 16 vs 9-16 NT52

Hymns [A&M]

243 Christ is our cornerstone
261 Happy are they
233 Gracious spirit
205 Love divine

10.30am All Age Service with Faith & Praises Music

Theme: The Lords Prayer
Topic: Thy Kingdom Come
Andrew will take the service

Readings:
Matthew 13 vs 31-35 NT14

Songs:
Allelu Allelu
Jesus is the name we honour
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
How great thou art

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone SO much for their cards and flowers over the past few weeks. They have been a great comfort to us all, and the words and messages have brought such love to me and my family at this sad time. We so appreciate your kindness.

Philippa (Appleby)



Are you here today thinking about Baptism?

Welcome to church this morning!
Please speak to Linda our baptism link lady after the 10.30am service and she will take your details, Andrew or Jenny will then be in touch.



SERVICES NEXT WEEK 13th May - 8.30 Communion - Andrew will take the service.
10.30 Family Communion. Andrew will take the service and preach 6.30 Methodist Evening Service - Peter Levitt will take the service. Readings: Morning - 1 Corinthians 11 vs vs 23-32 & Luke 22 vs 1-23 Evening - Revelation 3 vs 14-22 & Luke 22 vs 24-30.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT CONFIRMATION? Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised & your intention to live committed to Christ. The Bishop will be with us on 8th July this year for a confirmation service. If you would like to know more about confirmation talk to Andrew or Jenny. We shall be starting classes a bit nearer the date



HOPE CAFE Wednesday at 12.00pm - church hall. Why not join the growing number of people who come along to enjoy lunch at Hope Cafe? Good food and good company at an unbeatable price of £2.50 - you can't afford to miss it!

WOMENS BREAKFAST - Saturday 19th May - 8.00am - church hall. Brave the time - you'll be glad you did! A healthy breakfast, served to you, without all the hassle of home and with a good spiritual message to leave with. Its the best way to start the day. There's a sign up sheet at the back of church - make sure your name is down. Talk to Jenny if you need any more information



ST. JOHN'S HARTFORD are running another CAP Money course at Christ Church, Greenbank on three Thursday evenings: 17th, 24th and 31st May at 7.45 pm. The course is FREE. It will help you take a fresh look at your finances and is designed to be applicable to all financial situations. Tell friends, family or your colleagues about it. To book a place or to find out more please call Jacqueline Crow (01606 891278) or Rob Lawrence (075396 41393), or visit www.capmoney.org.

MOTHERS UNION - A big thank you to everyone who supported our "Make a Mother's Day' appeal. Our final total was £320 which, with the contribution from Barclays Bank, makes a grand total of £640. This will enable us to fund a home carer for six orphaned families and to help two mums improve their literacy skills.



Sheila Whitfield is pleased to announce that a sum of £603 was collected for "Action for Children" via collection boxes. Thanks to those who have collection boxes.

SUNDAY 27th MAY - John Freeman will be walking the Wirral Coastal Walk - 15 miles - to raise funds for the 2013 Mission visit by the Melanesian brotherhood and other Religious Orders in the Solomon. Please support John - his legs need the boost of your cash to keep going! Sign up sheet at the back of church.



CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION - Saturday 19th May outside Northwich Road shops. Volunteers needed for one hour spells. Sign up sheet in church

LOUISE AND AMY PARRY are spending the weekend of 12th May at the Chatsworth Horse Trials raising money and awareness for the Fanconi Hope Charity. One of the events will be to build a balloon tower. Balloons are £1.00 each and there is a chance to win £50. There will be a list [and a pot for pounds] at the back of church if you would like to help.



HOLIDAY AT HOME - We have a great week planned for our holiday at home guests starting with a trip to the seaside in glorious sunshine and finishing with a stylish day visiting Lyme Park. In between you can be creative, be massaged, be nostalgic and patriotic. The last Holiday at Home weeks have been lots of fun, we've formed new friendships, laughed a lot, done interesting things and been well pampered...as any holiday should be. **Pick up a booking form from church today.** Also specially this year we are having a **Holiday at Home Sunday lunch on Sunday 1st July**, sherry, roast dinner with all the trimmings, wine and pudding. Places are limited so fill in the form and return with your holiday money as soon as you can.

ps. We have lots of offers of transport so don't be shy, let us treat you and give you a lift to all or some of our holiday days, the car seats are waiting for you to fill them!

FANCY A WALK? SATURDAY 19th MAY - Why not join the Rambling Group on their walk to Delamere? Meet at Forest St. at 10.00am or at the Forest View Pub at 10.30am. Each walk is about 5 miles and you should wear strong shoes or boots. The group is open to anyone who would like to come. There is more info on the noticeboard or talk to Nancy Jones [852087]



SERMON SERIES - For the next few weeks our Sermon Series in the morning entitled O Worship the Lord will look at six aspects of worship. How and where we worship, worship in difficult times, our daily worship, thoughtful, and true worship. The topic next week will be Thoughtful Worship.

JESSICA'S NOMINATION STORY - **These are the thoughts of the person who nominated Jess to carry the Olympic Torch, as they appear on the website [and on the noticeboard at the back of church]** - 'I have never met a person like Jessica before. She is 13 years old and has a condition which severely impairs her vision and affects her everyday life, both at school and at home. Despite this she never complains about her disability and she is always willing to tackle any task. She is inspirational because of her sheer determination, kindness, affability, warmth and resolve. She is always friendly and welcoming. She endeavours to involve others in activities and she always shows willingness to try new things and gain different experiences. Her ethos is that there is always someone else worse off than her. She believes that perhaps the reason for her condition is that god trusted in the hope she would be able to cope and furthermore helps others. I do not believe that I will meet another person like Jess in my lifetime. She is so strong and resolute and I am proud to know her. She fully deserves to be an Olympic Torch bearer because she would never ask herself. She personifies the Olympic values and spirit more than any other and she deserves to be seen by the public as the amazing person we know her to be.' **All of us from St. Mary's are proud of you Jess.**



CAR SHOW - 19th May 12.00 on the car park. 13 cars entered so far and possibility of more. An opportunity to meet and get to know people from the village. May be show them round the church, tell them what we do and witness to our faith if opportunities arise. Please come along and tell everyone you can. The church will be open for visitors and the usual team will be increased with extra volunteers and the ministerial team. Margaret is organising refreshments in the church hall and donations of cakes would we welcome. Help is needed to help set up in the morning. Lots to do in this very different way of sharing our faith. Sign up sheets for things at the back of church or talk to David Whitfield.