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Caroline is on holiday. She will be back on Sunday

From Heather

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My office hours are 10.00 to 1.00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
I am also continuing to work from home so you can contact me at either the office
(712611) or home (712428). The office is closed on Mondays and Michelle will be
in on Fridays from 10.00 to 12.00.

If anyone still has their aprons that were worn at the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee party in the Market Place do please let me know as we may be able to make use of them at the Coronation Lunch.

If you are sending in your articles, photos etc for the bumper copy at the end of the month I will need them by 12 noon on the last Wednesday of the month. **Favourite recipes or garden tips welcome – I do need your input!**

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Rev'd Denise

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Grace Slack, Freda Lang.

Those who have died: Ray Knox, Beryl Griffiths (formerly of Fairford)

Jean Mountford

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayers from St Mary's – Rev'd Caroline's Morning Prayer every day except Friday and Sunday from 9.00 am - <http://www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford>

Community Prayers

All are welcome to come and pray together for the world, the nation and our community along with any prayer requests that are placed in our prayer box in the Lady Chapel. We meet for about 30 minutes in the Chancel and please use the north door.

A Pentecostal walk to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the connection with the environment is planned for **Sunday 28th May** in conjunction with other parishes in the Cotswold Team Ministry. The walk will be followed by a shared picnic tea at 4.30pm and a Taize service at St Swithin's Church Quenington at 5.30pm.

From Ann Nicholls

A Chorus for this week

Abba Father, let me be yours and yours alone, May my will forever be evermore your own.

Never let my heart grow cold never let me go, Abba Father let me be yours and yours alone.

Lord, Jesus, thank you for caring for each one of us as the shepherd cares for his sheep, each one in his flock.

Help us to see and seize the opportunities you give us to witness to your wonderful works.

Give us the vision for those things that are eternal and of spiritual importance, and help us to be sincere and faithful when we pray for others. We pray in the name and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, AMEN

New Dean for Gloucester Cathedral

Please pray for Rev'd Canon Andrew Zihni as he prepares to become the 39th Dean of Gloucester Cathedral. His Installation service will be held at the cathedral on Sunday, 23rd April at 3pm.

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Dates for your diaries

Sunday 7th May – A Coronation Lunch in the Community Centre (see notices)

Sunday 14th May – Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.30 in the church

Thursday 6th July – Friends of Fairford Church and the Flower Team outing to Oxford (see notices)

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all the Flower Team for the beautiful lily arrangements that were done for Easter. The church looked lovely and a fortunate bride and groom enjoyed them on Monday for their wedding. Also, thank you to those who sent in some lovely photos of the flowers – one of which is heading this newsletter. The amount raised for the lilies is £232 at the moment. Thank you so much to all you very generous people who donated in memory of loved ones.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be on 14 May at 4pm in the church. For more details contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

Coffee Rota: would you like to join our team of volunteers who provide us with a drink and a nice biscuit after the 10am Sunday morning service? To join the rota, please contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com. It's fun to do, a good way to get to know your fellow worshippers and your turn will only come round every two or three months. What's not to like?

Friends of Fairford Church and the Flower Team

This year the outing is to Oxford on Thursday 6th July. Christchurch Cathedral in the morning and the Botanical Gardens in the afternoon. The cost per person will be £35 pounds. Forms will be available from the Parish Office and will also be in the church from Sunday 14th May.

The Coronation Weekend

St. Mary's are having a **Coronation Lunch** in the Community Centre on **Sunday 7th May at 12.30 pm** - This will be in the form of 'bring a dish of food' for about 4/6 people either hot or cold main course or salad or potatoes or puddings. No Coronation Chicken – this is very kindly being made for us. If you could let me know nearer the time what you are planning to bring it would be very helpful. Please bring your own wine. Tickets are now available from the Parish Office. It will be admission by ticket only at the door. I will also bring some to church next Sunday.

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Treasurer's comments 31/3/2023

Some 35 of you will have recently received a begging letter from me; a big apology to those who had to pay £1.50 excess postage to receive them—refundable personally from me!; thank you all for your varied responses so far.

“Ha, so you are after my millions are you”!

“I don't want to be tied to regular giving, but here is £250 cash.”

“Both my husband and I have signed up to regular giving.”

Two very generous donations; one by someone not living in Fairford.

You will know who you are—thank you all so much for your support and generosity.

Totally unrelated:- the Town Council news letter in January publicised their support for the “Warm Room” in the Community Centre. I would like to blow St Mary's trumpet and say that you have supported 40% of the costs too.

Yours Chris Peachey

Searching for our new Treasurer

Over the past couple of years the wonderful Chris Peachey has done a sterling job of looking after our finances as we seek to negotiate the new shape of things after Covid and all its attendant problems. However, Chris was very clear with us that this could only be a temporary appointment, and we are now looking for someone to take the job on from him, with a full handover to get everyone up to speed.

If you feel this vital role is something you might be able to help with, please speak to Rev'd Caroline or the wardens. Similarly, if you know someone you think might be right for this role, we'd love to hear your thoughts.



Eco Church Group

In June, we are planning a **Churches Count on Nature** event to be held in the churchyard. This is part of **Love Your Burial Ground Week**, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. It is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK.

Thank you for your support

We are delighted with all the support that has been shown, in so many ways, for St Mary's Church Eco Group. We are grateful to church members and others in the community have helped by planting bulbs, raking grass, identifying wild flowers and

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plants, attending the coffee morning and bulbs sale last autumn, supporting Fairtrade and other environmental initiatives as well as thoughtfully including environmental topics in their prayers. **Thank you.**

If you would like more information or to be involved in any of the Eco Group activities, please contact:

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St. Mary's Church
Fairford
A Coronation Lunch
(Bring and Share a Dish)
on
Sunday 7th May
In the Farmors Room
The Community Centre
At 12.30 pm

Please bring a dish of food
Main Course or salad or vegetables or Pudding
(enough for 4 to 6)
(No Coronation Chicken)
Please bring your own wine.

Free Admission by Ticket only
(Tickets available from the Parish Office)

