

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 20th July – Fifth Sunday After Trinity (Green): Colossians 1: 15-28, Luke 10: 38-end, Psalm 52.

St Mary's Connect – Third Tuesday of the month– at The Shakespeare Inn – for lunch and chat. If you would like to join us, please contact Catherine Wilson on 01746 761786 to book a place– Next date we will meet is Tuesday 19th August.

The Art of Imitation Vocal Ensemble Concert Monday 21st July 7.30pm at St Mary's. £10 tickets from <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk</u> or go to the team ministry website 'upcoming events' page for the ticket link.

Film Club – Thursday 24th July, 7th & 14th August. 10am-1pm at St James Hall Church – come along for some crafts, games, watch a film and enjoy a meal together. Contact Suzan for more details & for catering purposes: <u>rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com</u> or tel: 01746 588528



Have you seen many butterflies this year? Whilst recent sunshine is encouraging them out, sadly over the last 40 years there has been a big decrease in butterfly numbers, acting as an early warning of other wildlife losses. We can help scientists understand why this is happening by taking part in the 'Big Butterfly Count'. Just spend a pleasant 15 minutes in your garden, churchyard or other green space, on a sunny day and note the maximum number of each species of butterfly you see. The count can be done any time from Friday 18th July to Sunday 10th August 2025. For details see: https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org

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COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,

comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,

you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLOSSIANS 1: 1-14 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother. To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellowservant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praving for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

LUKE 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him: and when he saw him. he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

PSALM 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods, he holds judgement: **'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?** Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'** They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.' **Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.