

# St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton

## Weekly Newsletter

### 25 September 2021

For a number of weeks now we have sensed God encouraging us to listen to his voice. Now I realise that even writing that statement is weird. How do we know that God is encouraging us? Does God speak? How can we hear his voice? How do we know it's God and not our imagination? These are all great and very valid questions.

For answers I would love it if you haven't listened to it yet to go to our 9:30am service on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September that you can find on Facebook or Youtube and in that service listen to Rev Sue Woods talk. It's fantastic and really sets the scene in answering a load of those questions. We've sensed God encouraging us through our prayer meetings. People have had Bible verses pop into their minds. They have had pictures or impressions pop into their imaginations which have led us to this point. These are just two of the many ways that God speaks.

This has led us to our 24-2 prayer weekend in the Rectory garden starting on Thursday 14 October at 3pm and being open right through till 3pm on Saturday 16 October (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**). Please do come along. Sign up on the sheet in church this Sunday or just pop in at any point. We will have a launch hour at 3pm on the Thursday. There will be a guide to take you around the prayer tent for the hour and lots of opportunities to listen to what God is saying to you and to the whole church household.

I am really excited to see what happens and what God might say to us.

See you all soon, Tim

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#### This Sunday's Readings – Spending an Hour

**Psalm 131**      **Matthew 26:39-46**

#### What's on in the week ahead

**Sunday Services** 26 September at 9.30 and 11.15

Creche 11.15 in Church

Sunday Club 11.15 in Littleton School

Youth 11.15 in OSB

**Beer & Bible** 28 September at 8.15 in The Barley Mow

**Wednesday Service** 29 September 10am (Communion)

**Littletons** Thursday 30 September at 9.30 in OSB

**Sunday Services** 3 October **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

at 9.30 and 11.15

Creche 11.15 in Church

Sunday Club 11.15 in Littleton School

Youth 11.15 in OSB

**Services will be streamed for those unable to attend church. You will be able to watch them live or recorded on Facebook or YouTube.**



**Wednesday Services** will be either Communion or Word and Worship. This will be highlighted in the weekly newsheet for your information.



### **Reopening on 27 September 9-12 in the OSB**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our weekly gathering in The Old School Building. It will be great to all be back together again, enjoying each other's company and delicious homemade cakes with a cuppa.

If you've not been before do come along. You will be made very welcome and meet some lovely people, both young and old.

***We have put COVID safety measures in place and we ask that you wear a mask when moving around inside the building.***

### **CAKES PLEASE**

We are grateful to all the wonderful bakers in our midst who have provided cakes for Cornerstone over the years.

There will be a list in church for you to sign up if you can offer to bake in the coming weeks or get in touch with Irene to let her know what you can offer.

Thank you in anticipation.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We would be glad to have some new volunteers to help out with church life. This could be as part of the services, with our youth and children's work, at Cornerstone or behind the scenes with the essential tasks that need doing to keep the wheels oiled and our church building and grounds in good order. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you, Irene

### **CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE GREENO CENTRE**

Unfortunately, the ongoing pandemic again means that we will be unable to hold our Christmas Day lunch this year. We feel that it would not be possible to hold the event in a Covid-secure way.

We will be distributing festive gift bags during Christmas week, which were so successful last year, delivered by volunteers.



If you would like to support this project, we would be grateful to receive financial donations. Please note, due to Covid-secure procedures, we are unable to accept donated gifts.

We would like to express our thanks to the members of the Shepperton community, the local churches, businesses, community groups and individuals who kindly support this event each year with their generous financial donations.

If you would like to donate, or nominate a person to receive a festive bag, please contact Stephen Gould.

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