

Ukraine Help

In response to appeals of help we are starting a collection point at St. Nicholas Church .

The Church will be open on Mondays pm 3-4:30. and Tuesdays pm 3-4:30 , starting on Monday March 14th , to receive any of the following items :

Please note the church will not be open on the 2nd and 9th May

Tinned food with ring pull openers

High energy bars

Cuppa Soups

Good quality Winter Clothes, especially coats and blankets

Thank you for your help

Sue Boulton 01249 656344 or Judith Eckersley 01249 443317

Children's Society

Mary says **thank you** to all our Children's Society supporters. This year the sum raised was just over £900. Gift aid will increase this amount by a further £ 225. If you would like to support this charity please contact Mary.

Prayer and Share

You are welcome to join us every Tuesday morning at 9.30am at St. Nicholas church. A quiet space and a time for praying and sharing together.

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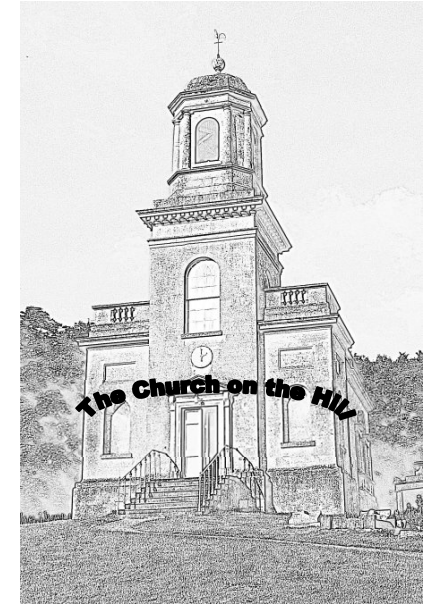
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The Rt Rev Maurice Wood (1916-2007)

Bishop Maurice Wood prayer seems appropriate for Hardenhuish:

“Make us like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden; so that men and women and children may find Christ as the light of the world, and his church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord”



Sunday	1st May	4.00pm	Afternoon Praise
Sunday	8th May	4.00pm	Afternoon Praise with Celtic Communion
Sunday	15th May	4.00pm	Afternoon Praise
Sunday	22nd May	4.00pm	Afternoon Praise
Sunday	29th May	4.00pm	Afternoon Praise

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Walking.....Jerusalem – Emmaus - Jerusalem

Roads are an integral way of life which, for most of the time, we take for granted. They allow us to move from place to place but we may become frustrated in our travels if we experience delays due to congestion, adverse weather or even the state of the roads themselves.

During his earthly ministry Jesus travelled on foot and would have experienced the quality of the roads connecting the various towns and villages. The Romans tended to build roads in straight lines and only between strategically important towns that would enhance the effectiveness of the Roman Empire. Many of the lesser roads would be little more than dirt tracks with the challenges of gradients and debris to overcome when using them.

This would have been the type of road that the two disciples travelled along from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

Luke is the only gospel to record this story and tells us that it was approximately 7 miles from Jerusalem, so on rough terrain probably taking about 4-5 hours.

They were on this road talking “about everything that had happened”. We can only speculate on their conversation taking into account the fact that their world had been turned upside down with all the events that had taken place in the previous three days.....the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

Maybe the conversation went something like this.....

‘How could this have happened; we have spent the last three years with Jesus and he taught us so much. We witnessed him healing people, teaching people, casting out demons. He taught us to love our neighbour, walk the second mile. He said he was going to prepare a place for us in his Father’s Kingdom. We thought he was going to free us from the Roman occupation.

The walk to Emmaus starts with slow steps of grief, trauma and profound disappointment and it ends with exciting running and the joy of finding life transformed. The reason was Jesus.

Jesus came alongside but the disciples did not recognise him. He asked them about their conversation. Luke records that “they stood still; their faces downcast”. Was this their lowest point, meeting a stranger who didn’t know or didn’t care or didn’t understand the significance of what had taken place in Jerusalem.

Yet this would be the most important encounter that would radically transform their lives forever. As they walked together Jesus reminded them about what the scriptures said concerning himself, they listened but did not take it in?

At the end of their journey the disciples asked Jesus to stay with them in the house and it was during their meal together that Jesus broke the bread and ‘their eyes were opened and they recognised him’ but Jesus then disappeared from their sight.

They recalled together, “wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road?” They got up at once and hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the others, a very different journey this time.

“An encounter with Jesus is to experience and to live in the reality of the presence of God’

The risen Lord Jesus is with us now, walking along side us, hearing our anxieties and worries. We need to recognise him and lay all at his feet because that is why he died for you and me. He loves with an unconditional love and wants to be part of our lives for ever.

Love and God Bless

Judith

Dave & Veronica Kilmister

Sunday 3rd April, Passion Sunday, saw the retirement of Rev Dave Kilmister and his wife.

Dick says: I would like to express my thanks to Rev. Dave Kilmister and his wife Veronica LLM for their ministry to us and the group as a whole.

Veronica became a Licenced Lay Minister in February 2011 (after being proposed for 'discernment' by Hardenhuish PCC). Dave was also a Licenced Lay Minister for a few years before being 'Priested' in September 2007. On several occasions they have taken a service and played organ or keyboard for it too! They have both written carefully crafted ministry musings for both this web site and the newsletter for which Mark and I are most grateful. They have hosted the former group council meetings (and many others) and have opened their former home and gardens to the Women's Union for tea parties.

Dave is the longest serving priest in this group of churches since it was established back in the 1970's. He has diligently performed all his duties as a priest, being a celebrant at Holy Communion services, officiating at Baptism, Wedding and Funeral services and of course all the while not receiving a stipend. Treasurers out there rejoice - this has probably saved the Bristol Diocese something like £750,000.