

## Dates for the Diary

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024** – St. Nicholas Church – APCM after the 4pm service.

### During our time of vacancy, pray for:

Godly wisdom, insight and unity for the church councils and those assembling the paperwork required for the recruitment process.

God to be preparing the right person to come and further the ministry in our benefice.

Strength and inspiration for the wardens, ministry leaders and others involved in supporting the church through this time of vacancy.

### A Prayer for Parishes in a time of Transition

Dear Lord, our God and Father,  
in this time of transition  
give us the eyes to see Your presence in our lives, ears to listen to Your will,  
lips to speak Your words,  
and hands to do Your work.  
Grant us grace and go before us,  
as we seek Your Holy Spirit's counsel,  
as we live in community during this time,  
and as we prepare for the arrival of a new priest in our midst.  
We pray this through Jesus Christ,  
and for the sake of His Kingdom,  
in sure and certain hope of  
Your promises to us.

### Contact Details

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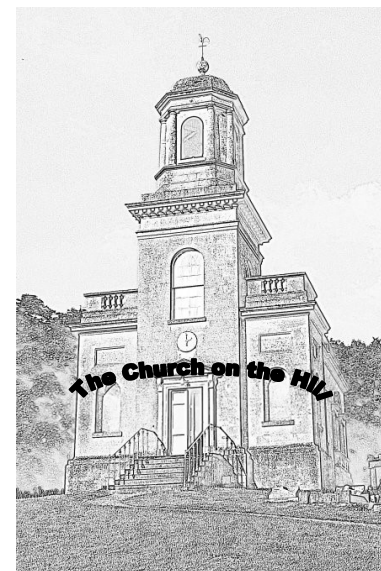
## Greenways Group of Churches

# St. Nicholas News April 2024

*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"*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Praise</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Praise with Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Praise</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Praise</b>

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## **Ministry Musings**

Jesus Calling .....

‘ In simple trust like theirs who heard ,  
Beside the Syrian sea ,  
The gracious calling of the Lord ,  
Let us, like them , without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee .’

The disciples were together by the sea of Tiberias . They must have been feeling lost and bewildered . What would they do now ?  
Simon Peter decided to go fishing and the other disciples agreed to join him . They went out and got into the boat , but that night they caught nothing . Just after daybreak , Jesus stood on the beach .  
He said to them , “ Come and have breakfast . Now none of the disciples dared to ask him , ‘Who are you ?’

Jesus again appears to his disciples , this time on the beach .  
The disciples had clearly returned to their families and were back at work . This particular morning they were struggling to catch any fish but on obeying Jesus and casting their nets in a different direction , they made a remarkable catch .  
They realise it IS the Lord and so Peter is straight out of the boat , while the others pull the boat in and drag the net to shore .

Jesus had bread and cooked fish and offered them breakfast .  
“Come and have breakfast” , how wonderful that must have sounded to the hungry fishermen . How wonderful to see Jesus again . How friendly and intimate a scene and how simply and sensitively Jesus deals with the disciples . He knew their needs and their hunger .

He had called them three years previously and promised to make them ‘ Fishers of men’ .  
They were very different people now . They had spent the last three years with Jesus , listening , learning , praying .  
Little did they know of whom they would become .

Peter , James , John and others becoming church builders , letter writers , sermon preachers , people healers ...all with the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus .

Jesus could have gone to the Temple or to Calvary to show the crowds that he was alive but instead chooses to cook breakfast for his friends , giving them a strong experience of his closeness . Here there is food , love , warmth and great joy.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee !  
O calm of hills above ,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity ,  
Interpreted by love  
Interpreted by love  
( John G. Whittier )

May we feel a great closeness to Jesus as we kneel or sit with him in Church, in our homes and in our daily lives .  
May we know the beauty of his peace surrounding us each day .

Blessings  
**Judith**

## **A Prayer for the King**

Father of mercies,  
grant to Charles our King  
comfort and sure confidence in you,  
and keep him in perpetual peace and safety,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.