

Upcoming dates for your diary (*details below*)

Fortnightly Midday Bible study group (& lunch after)	Wed 15 th July	12noon
Church Picnic	Sun 5 th July	from 11.30
Charlton Larks Concert	Wed 8th July	10.15am
Youth Group picnic on the Green	Wed 15 th July	5pm

Welcome

A big welcome and thank you to our **new churchwardens Laura Gilbert and Matt Pearson**, our **new PCC Secretary Colin Southway**, and our new **Parish Safeguarding Officer Alex Potts**. Thank you so much to all of you for taking on these new roles. And thank you to Reinhard Guss for continuing as Safeguarding Officer for a few more weeks during the handover period to Alex. Please note the following new email addresses:

Churchwarden: Laura Gilbert, laura.churchwarden@stmaryschartham.org tel: 01227 470 831
 Churchwarden: Matt Pearson, matt.churchwarden@stmaryschartham.org tel: 07940 317 179
 PCC Secretary: Colin Southway, pccsecretary@stmaryschartham.org **Rev Andrew**

EcoChurch Committee

*Would you like to help our church to take practical action in caring for God's creation? We are looking for people to **help us continue the EcoChurch survey** to identify more changes that we can make as a church to help respond to the change in climate and the loss of biodiversity. For more information on the 'Terms of Reference' of this committee, please see the PCC noticeboard at the back of church.*

*Please contact me if you are interested, thank you **Rev Andrew***

Safety in the churchyard

Please could we remind **parents to keep a close eye on their children** when they leave the church. There was an incident recently when a child left the church excitedly as a car was driving slowly and carefully to the church door - if the driver had not been so careful the car could have hit the child.

Please could **all car drivers** who need to drive up to the church **be extra cautious** and ensure that they drive very slowly - thank you. **Vicar & churchwardens**

Afghan Welcome Project: *We now have 5 team members, so we just need one more, but we are happy to have more than this. We are each undergoing the admin that is necessary to be part of the scheme: two references, DBL check, and several useful training courses. We have a 5 bedroomed house that will become available in July (near St. Dunstons) and a very friendly landlord. An Afghan family has been short listed for us, but nothing will be finalised until all the team have completed the necessary admin. So if anyone would like to join our dynamic friendly team, you are most welcome. Talk to Colin, Cathy, Maggie or David if you would like to know more. **David Chadwick***

Wednesday Midday Bible Study group

You are welcome to join us for a one hour bible study and discussion followed by a soup lunch. Meeting at 12noon in the church on 1st July (led by Rev Andrew) and 15th and 29th July (led by Gerry and John Willis). We will then take a break for the summer and see how best to continue in the Autumn. **Please see Gerry or John** for more details.

Charlton Larks Concert - Weds 8th July 10.15am at St Marys Church

*Come and join **Emily's Charlton Larks choir** for an eclectic and fun programme with audience participation expected!*

Free entry - donation towards the work of St Mary's Church.

Youth Emmaus this Wednesday 8th July at 5pm.

The Youth Group postponed from last Wednesday (due to the football - sorry), will take place this Wednesday 5pm at the Rectory.

During this session we will also be planning our **Youth Group Picnic on the Green** on 15th July 5-6.30pm

The King's Men - live at Canterbury Cathedral - Wednesday 15th July 7.30pm

*Please spread the word about this exciting concert to help **raise funds for St Martin's Canterbury** (the oldest parish church in England). Details and booking via QR code:*



Church Leaders Tea at the Rectory Sunday 26th July 3.30pm

Rev Andrew and Jo would like to invite all those in our church who lead a team or activity to afternoon tea. A chance to catch up over a cup of tea and cake and share ideas on how things are going in our church. More details and invitations are on their way, please do keep the date in your diary.

Collects and readings

Sun 5th July: Family Praise service

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 139:1-12

Sun 12th July: Family Communion

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Romans 8:1-11, Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

Sun 19th July

Romans 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
