

# The Church in Warden Hill



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(Anglican & URC)



# Welcome

## THE GRAPEVINE 24th MAY 2020 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

### SILVERDENE SNIPPETS: White Glory

I've mentioned before the pink and purple in the garden, and some of it is still with me. But they have been replaced by white as the predominant colour. I have a daisy lawn - there are hundreds of them, opening up in the morning to greet the day, closing at night to show some of them have petals tipped with pinkish-red. There's comfrey, beloved by bees - growing tall, then flopping over the path. One patch has been devoured by scarlet tiger moth caterpillars. Later in the season I hope to be rewarded by the flashes of red as they dance through the air - they are day-flying. There are drifts of lily of the valley: reminding me of the Denny window in St. C's - and the promise of a visit to see it as soon as I'm able. The Firethorn is showing white, but not quite out - another promise for the future.

Then there are soft-fruit flowers: stars of strawberries with their yellow centres, nestling among the fresh green leaves; and hanging white bells of the blueberry. From my garden, I've been blessed with views of a white lilac; soaring white branches of hawthorn; spires of horse chestnut; and the froth of elder.

White for purity and hope for the future: strawberries and blueberries for me: elderberries, hawthorn and firethorn for the birds, and conkers for the squirrels. God in nature is bountiful to all.

Pam Dainton

### A Message from Revd Gary

I wonder if the meeting to elect Matthias as the 13<sup>th</sup> disciple, to replace Judas Iscariot, in Acts 1.12-14, was the first such example of a 'church business' meeting? He was chosen ahead of Barsabbas, and neither were mentioned again in the Bible! What happened to them I wonder? Whichever way, Matthias put his hand at that 'church meeting' and put himself forward. He took up the challenge, stepped out of his comfort zone, and placed himself into the grace of God, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ as best he could. 2,000 or so years later, we too are called to do the same, as best we can. How will you put your hand up?

### This week

This Sunday there will be a 8am BCP Holy Communion and 10am Prayer & Praise service live-streamed on our social media pages and website: [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk) (follow the links)

### This Sunday's readings:

*Ezekiel 36.24-28; Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11*

### Devotional Bible readings for the coming week

*A good way to stay connected is to read the Bible and see what scripture is saying to you each day, and what you might want to pray about.*

*There is also a live-stream service of Morning Prayer, led by Revd Gary or Revd Nick, weekdays at 9am here: [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org) (scroll to the bottom of the page).*

#### Monday

*Psalm 93  
Numbers 22.1-35  
Luke 7.36-end*

#### Wednesday

*Psalm 2  
Numbers 23.13-end  
Luke 8.1-15*

#### Friday

*Psalm 28  
Numbers 27.12-end  
Luke 8.40-end*

#### Tuesday

*Psalm 98  
Numbers 22.36-23.12  
Luke 8.1-15*

#### Thursday

*Psalm 24  
Numbers 24  
Luke 8.26-39*

#### Saturday

*Psalm 42  
Numbers 32.1-27  
Luke 9.1-17*

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with any one of the Clergy.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Without your information we are unable to provide pastoral care.

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to

Edna Willox ([grapevine@tciwh.org.uk](mailto:grapevine@tciwh.org.uk) Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening

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Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**MORNING PRAYER** This is being led by either Revd Gary or Revd Nick each weekday at 9am. Do join in and post your prayers on-line each day as we gather together to read, reflect and pray. You can join in via: [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org) or on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pipandjims](https://www.facebook.com/pipandjims)

**SPRING LIVE STREAM SERVICES** The South Cheltenham Team have produced a schedule of services for the coming month. This can be found on our website under 'Services' and is as follows:

*The First Sunday Holy Communion services will be themed with just one reading*

**All services can be accessed from one of the following:**

TCIWH website: [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk)

St. Peter's website: [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pipandjims](https://www.facebook.com/pipandjims)

**YEMEN UPDATE** Recent news from Tearfund reminds us that there are 24 million people in need of humanitarian aid and 9.9 million at risk of starvation. Yemen is also facing one of the biggest **cholera** outbreaks on record, with more than one million cases reported.

Within the country there is a huge sense of fatigue, so families are breaking up and social and family support is being destroyed. This leads to crippling mental health challenges such as depression and burn out.

Tearfund and their partners are still present and working to provide safe water and food, giving tools and training to help people create some income, which will give them back a sense of purpose and identity and some hope.

Please continue pray that these seeds of hope as well as practical help will alleviate the grave situation.

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**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR** those areas of the world affected by natural disasters, and those caught up in armed conflict.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR** those who are troubled at this time especially because of C19, those who are sick, and those who mourn.

FRIDAY 29th: International Day of UN peacekeepers. Prince of Peace, we give thanks for all those who have dedicated their lives to helping resolve conflicts in our world.

## Weekly Prayer Focus

24th	Japonica & Hillier Drives	28th	Rosehip & Camellia Courts
25th	Mimosa Avenue & Salix Court	29th	Stancombe Grove & Azalea
26th	Rothermere & Lilac Closes	30th	Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road
27th	Tamarisk Close & Wisteria Court	31st	Sissinghurst Grove & Ansell Close

**CORONAVIRUS SURVEY** A survey to capture the experience of churchgoers during the lockdown has been set-up by York St. John University. To take part, please go to: [www.tinyurl.com/yqsq9fy2](http://www.tinyurl.com/yqsq9fy2)

**THE COLLECT** for the Sunday after Ascension Day....

O God, the King of Glory, who has exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, do not leave us comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**AMEN**

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