

Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service so that you can say hello to her.

A thought from Sam

How often do we compare Mary and Martha against the other? Do we read Martha as the rushed busy-body with no time? Or Mary as someone as still and spiritual.

These two diverse women bring their own discipleship, beauty and difficulties into the path of Jesus. Sisters that are not strangers, but with deep love, care and protection for the other.

Rather than the phrase many have faced in the midst of their busyness: "don't be a Martha." How, instead, do we learn from Martha?



Prayer

This prayer comes from BBC's Radio 4's Sunday Worship, 3rd July, that I listened to whilst away on holiday.

Lord, help me to use the gift of time wisely.

"What is life?" James asks. "For you are mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." *

Guide me to spend less time on social media and more time seeking your truth, less time chasing success and more time seeking your peace.

May I see each day as a special gift from you.

I do not know what tomorrow will bring but with your help and guidance I will become humbler, gentler and more compassionate.

Hear and answer this prayer Lord, in your own time. Amen

*James 4:14

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 24th July 10:45 Morning Worship led by Nigel Worth with Sandra O'Toole preaching

Sunday 31st July Minster Service at St Peter's, Hartshorne

Sunday 7th August 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 14th August 10:45 Holy Communion with Rev Bex Allpress

Sunday 21st August 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 28th August 10:45 Morning Worship led by Sandra O'Toole with Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 4th September 10:45 Morning Worship with Rev Mike Firbank

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

24th July	Christine
31st July	Deb P & Alicia
7th Aug	Jane
14th Aug	Bill
21st Aug	Val & Andy
28th Aug	Nige & Deb
4th Sept	Christine
11th Sept	Deb P & Alicia

Refreshments Rota



We now have a rota for serving tea & coffee after the service. Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk. Thank you

17th July	Nigel
24th July	James
31st July	Maxine & Jane
7th Aug	Deb W
14th Aug	Carol
21st Aug	Christine
28th Aug	James
4th Sept	Nigel
11th Sept	Maxine & Jane
18th Sept	Deb W
25th Sept	Carol
2nd Oct	Christine
9th Oct	James

Knit or crochet a child's blanket for UKRAINE

A project to knit or crochet



Would you like to put your talents to good use? Knitting or crocheting blankets is something that you could have fun making, and that will be for a great cause.

Woman's Weekly will get your blankets out to help

comfort children who may have lost everything, those from Ukraine or children here in the UK.

Please feel free to use any of your favourite patterns/ designs. Just make sure that the blankets are sized for a child's bed (75 x 75cm/30 x 30 inch)

The campaign closes on 2 November 2022, and blankets should be sent to Woman's Weekly's head office. They will then arrange for them to be delivered to the children. Please include your name and postal address or email address.

Please send to:

Mary Bird, Head of Marketing, Woman's Weekly, 4th Floor, Future plc, 121-141 Westbourne Terrace, London W2 6JR

Any questions please speak to Jane. Perhaps you could team up with a friend to make a blanket. I can help with posting the finished blankets.

Thank you