Prayer List

Those in Residential and Nursing Home Care: Doreen Purnell, Mim Smith and Mrs Pike.

Those at home or being cared for in hospital or at home

From Hullavington we pray for, Jebbie Hewitt, Eileen Fry, Jan Lane and Lis & David Cheshire.

From Luckington we pray for Lynne Simpkins and Kate Vittle

From Sherston we pray for Shane Housden, Leanne and Ena.

From Stanton St Quintin we pray for Ruth Plowright and Gwen Hale.

We also pray for Indie with heart issues, Bridgette, Jennifer, Paige, Colby and his family.

Those who have died

We pray for Pam Forster, her family and friends and all the families as they mourn.

Baptism and Weddings

We pray for those who are preparing for marriage over the next few months that they will be filled with love and joy. Also, those who are preparing for baptism, their family and friends, parents, God parents.

We pray for all those recently baptised and confirmed.

Please pray for our four schools in the Gauzebrook group

Please contact someone from the Ministry team if you would like to be placed on the prayer list.

News

This week's Sunday Services, 10th May Rogation Sunday

10.00 am, **Holy Communion,** Hullavington

6pm, **Rogation Service**, Bremilham

Next week's Sunday Services, 17th May

9.30 am, **Holy Communion,** Sherston

9.30 am, **Family Service,** Stanton St Quintin

9.30am, **Worship Together,** Foxley

11 am, **Holy Communion,** Hullavington

11am, **Worship Together,** Luckington

The Gauzebrook Group of Churches

LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOUR

10th May 2026

Welcome to this this week's Gazette

Welcome to you all this Sunday when we gather TOGETHER for our Pilgrim Service in Hullavington to worship and plan for the next stage on our journey. Last Sunday afternoon many of us had the joy of seeing Sharon being licensed to lead the churches around Tidenham. She was as radiant as ever and supported by a large number of supporters from her three different curacy churches as well as her new parishioners. We will never forget her smile and the joy she radiates to all around. But we also know the last two years have not always been easy. Not knowing where the Lord was leading in the midst of disappointment and confusion.

This morning the Lectio 365 reading reminded me of something similar. Another of the resurrection stories tells of Peter and some of the other disciples going fishing in the middle of the night when they were no doubt confused about what would happen next. Jesus had risen, but where was He and what were they going to do? They caught nothing all night. As dawn broke someone on the beach spoke to them. Only when he told them to put their net on the opposite side of the boat and they began to haul in a huge catch did John recognise Jesus and Peter jumped in the water to join Him. Sometimes when we are confused or sad, or discouraged for some other reason, we fail to recognise God's presence with us. We know in theory that Jesus is with us by his Holy Spirit, but it is all too easy to let the current discouragement blind us to his presence and deaf to his voice. Only when something extraordinary happens do we then see and hear that He has been with us all along.

'Don't let your hearts be discouraged neither be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you.'

As we travel through this Vacancy let's encourage each other not to be discouraged, reminding one another that the Lord does have a plan, and one day we will see and hear and understand what that plan is.

Henny Metters

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Administrator *Kathryn Talboys, bbbandgb@gmail.com 01666 825019(Monday 9-4, Wednesday 9-4 and Fridays 9-3.30).*

Readings

Acts 17.22–31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,
"For we too are his offspring."
Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Psalm 66.7–18

Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me,
But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

1 Peter 3.13–end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And

baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14.15–21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

What’s on this week?

Monday	**7.00pm- 8.30pm**	**Bible Study in SSQ at the home of Ruth Williamson**
	2.00-3.30pm	**Bible Study at the home of Marjorie Morgan, 3 Bouverie Park SSQ**
	7.30pm -9pm	**The Alpha Course, Court House, Hullavington**
Tuesday	**2.00pm-3.30pm**	**Luckington Bible Study, Hullavington Church Room (14/4 to 2/6/26) To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
	2.00pm-3.30pm	**Sherston Bible Study, starting April 21st in the Vestry; meeting every other Tuesday (May: 5th and 19th. June: 2nd, 16th, 30th. July: 14th) To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
Thursday	**10am – 12noon**	**Holy Cross Café @ Sherston**
	2pm – 4pm	**Coffee Shop @ Stanton St Quintin**
Friday	**10am – 12noon**	**Coffee Shop @ Hullavington**
	10am – 11am	**Little Lights @ Hullavington, an informal pre-school service in Hullavington church.**