

# St Mary's Church, North Marston

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**The Wesley Centre**  
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**Ecumenical Partnership**



**PEW NEWS**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

**CLERGY CONTACT**

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## SERVICES

### SEASON OF CREATION

- 3rd - 10.00am - Family Service, Lay-led by David Heffer
- 10th - 9.30am - Holy Communion, Rev. Janet Bayly
- 17th - 9.30am - Family Service, Lay-led by David Bayly **(WC)**
- 24th - 11.00am - Holy Communion, Rev. Petra Elsmore
- 1st October - 10.00am - Family HARVEST Service, Lay-led by David Heffer, followed by an auction of fresh produce and a 'Bring and Share' Lunch in The Wesley Centre.

### READERS' ROTA

- 3rd - DH to organise (Jeremiah 15: 15-21)
- 10th - Clive Robinson (Romans 13: 8-14)
- 17th - David Perrett (Romans 14: 1-12)
- 24th - Val Newby (Philippians 1: 21-30)
- 1st October - 10.00am DH to organise (Deuteronomy 8: 7-18)

### PRAYER ROTA

- 3rd - DH to organise
- 10th - Tricia and Paul McSweeney
- 17th - Jennifer Heffer
- 24th - Jean Wright
- 1st October - DH to organise

### SUNDAY SERVICE COFFEE ROTA

- 3rd - Elizabeth and Hilary
- 10th - Tricia and Paul
- 17th - Val and Pete
- 24th - Clare
- 1st October - TBC

### THURSDAY MORNING PRAYERS

You are very welcome to join Petra and our small prayer group for lively discussion and prayers on Thursday mornings, at 10.00am in The Wesley Centre.

We use the *Office of Morning Prayer* from the Northumbrian Community as a starting point to explore and develop our faith.

If you would like to talk, Petra is available immediately afterwards.



### **Sunday 10th September.**

Families with primary school - aged children are most welcome to join us for art and craft activities, celebration and refreshments on the second Sunday of each month at the Wesley Centre in North Marston. If you would like to find out more, contact Petra on 07557045703 or via email: [petra.elsmore@gmail.com](mailto:petra.elsmore@gmail.com)



### **Every Friday 10.00am - 12.00 noon in The Wesley Centre**

You can't beat the coffee mornings for a friendly welcome, a spot of community chat and a slice of cake! We would love to see you!

### **MONTHLY LUNCH**

**Wednesday 13th September**

**Wednesday 11th October**

**Wednesday 8th November**

**Wednesday 13th December (Christmas Lunch)**

No need to book in advance; just turn up and enjoy a wholesome 2-course lunch, with delicious desserts and good company! No set charge, but donations are welcome.

If you would like to help with the coffee mornings and/or the monthly lunches, in any capacity, please contact Jennifer Heffer (670273) or Val York (670479).

### **RETREAT DAY**

Dear Friends

I have been running Retreat Days for many years and people find them helpful for stepping out of the busyness of life. The next one is

**Monday 18th September 9.45am – 4.15am**

**Steeple Claydon Church**

Please bring a packed lunch. All drinks will be provided.

Cost: £5

For more details please email Janet on [janet.bayly@gmail.com](mailto:janet.bayly@gmail.com)



### **Open Churches Day - Saturday 9th September**

Cycle, walk or horse ride around Buckinghamshire, raising money for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and our own church. Where you start and finish, what route you take, and how you travel is up to you.

For information: [www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/buckinghamshire/](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/buckinghamshire/)

Please note that St Mary's will particularly welcome volunteers to take part this year, as we will be applying to The Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust for assistance towards our project to address the cracking in the South Wall of the Church, and the threat to the Holden Window.

**PLEASE SPONSOR TRICIA, WHO WILL BE CYCLING AROUND AS MANY CHURCHES AS SHE CAN!**

### **POETRY, PROSE AND SONG EVENING**

**Friday 13th October 7.30pm**

#### **Poetry, Prose and Song Evening in The Wesley Centre**

We are looking for poets, readers, singers and raconteurs to bring to the evening a smile and laughter. The amusing and the serious are all welcome

Please contact the MC, Paul Ketteridge, if you would like to take part!

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Thank you to all who contributed to and supported the '**Summertime Bubbles and Bangers**' event, which raised in excess of £800.00 for the Church Restoration Fund. Despite the weather, everyone had a very good time!