E-new May 12th 2024

Hello! I hope you have managed to enjoy this weeks sunshine. These ten days between The Ascension and Pentecost are a special time of prayer as we remember the disciples waiting for the gift of the Holy Spirit. As Sarah said on Thursday at our Ascension service it is a time both of sadness for the disciples with Jesus leaving them but also excitement as God's presence is promised to us. How true it is that we often sit between joy and pain, presence and emptiness, the past and expectation of the future. This Sunday we recount Jesus' discourse to the disciples his prayer of protection and words of belonging to God. May we too be protected from evil and be found in God alone.

This Sunday we welcome Dean John Dobson to Swillington this Sunday. It is a real honour to have John with us and very much a return home for him. Revd Sarah Harrison takes her first Sunday service at Kippax. It is also Christian Aid week.

A big thank you to Tim Cox for installing our new pulleys in the bells at Kippax. They are sounding splendid and are much easier and safer to ring. Thank you! *See attached picture.*

As we prepare for Jo Medhurst our new Curate, I am away at the beginning of the week to receive some training in being a Training Incumbent.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to our Pentecost Praise service at Kippax next Sunday (19th May) at 10.30am for the whole Benefice. All are welcome to join the scratch choir or bring an instrument to play. Rehearsal is on the day at 9.15am. Please contact Revd Sarah (<u>sarah.harrison@leeds.anglican.org</u>) if you wish to see the music before hand.

Blessings, Bob

7th Sunday of Easter - May 12th

9am Allerton Bywater Sung Eucharist with Revd Bob Bailey.
10.30am Kippax Sung Eucharist with Revd Sarah Harrison.
10.30am Swillington Parish Communion with Dean John Dobson.
5pm Kippax Rectory, Youth House Group.

See <u>www.stmarysbenefice.org</u> for services and events in the week.

Team Prayer Tree:

Names of the deceased (RIP) to be remembered in prayers and prayers of comfort for their families and friends.

Swillington: Ada Yaffe (22/4 Church) SH

<u>Kippax:</u> Isobel Thorp (17/4 Church) GC Kenneth Smith (1/5 Church) BB Kenneth Keir (9/5 Church) BB Audrey Hutchinson (14/5) GC Doreen Jackson (31/5) GC

<u>Allerton Bywater:</u> Diana Kelly (23/5) SH

pentecost praise!

Sunday 19th May

St Mary's Kippax

Scratch Band & Choir

All welcome; rehearsal 9.15am before the service. for music contact: sarah.harrison@leeds.anglican.org tel. 07572 232540.

Bench

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Friday day off.