

Anglican Parishes of Spearwood & Hilton

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PEW NEWS



Third and Fourth Sundays After Pentecost

Third Sunday

Gracious God,

we who were baptised into Christ
Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from
death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we
may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings: Genesis 21.8-21,
Psalm 86.1-10, 86.16-17,
Romans 6.1-11, Matthew 10.24-39

Fourth Sunday

O God,

your Son has taught us that those
who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our hearts to the needs of your
children,
and in all things make us obedient to
your will,
so that in faith we may receive your
gracious gift,
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings: Genesis 22.1-14,
Psalm 13, Romans 6.12-23,
Matthew 10.40-42

Dear Church Family

Opening of Churches

We are pleased to announce that both Spearwood and Hilton Church Councils recently met and are scheduling the re-opening of the churches for July.



Our intention is to start small and build up when we are more familiar with the requirements. We are planning starting with a mid-week Communion Service of up to 20 people at Spearwood and then a combined Service of Holy Communion at Hilton on Sundays.

St. Edward's at Hilton has a larger venue and has the capacity to accommodate more parishioners, whilst complying to the current regulations, sadly St. Michael's at Spearwood's size prohibits its use on Sundays without the possibility of having to turn people away.

In time and when we are more comfortable with the current regulations or when restrictions lift further we will be in a position open both churches for regular Sunday worship.

It will be wonderful to return to sharing some services together in person as soon as practically possible and I look forward to seeing you all again. To enable this to take place it is vital that volunteers step to assist with various roles on a roster basis. Without your help we will not be in compliance with the regulations and will not be able hold any services.

We are looking for the following volunteers:

1. Two persons prepared to welcome with sanitiser at entry and direct people to where they need to go.
2. Two persons to keep a database of attendees each week.
3. A team of approx. 5 persons prepared to clean the church and toilets following the services.

If you are willing to help out on a roster basis with any of these roles please let Revd. Debbie know as soon as possible so that she can draw up a roster and confirm that the services are able to take place.

In the meantime we will continue to stream Sunday services on both of our websites.

Thank you.

Revd. Debbie

On the delights of a working party in the churchyard

The Rectory

St. James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

A few weeks ago, some visitors to our church congratulated me on the decision they thought we had taken to let our churchyard run wild, so it could provide a natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. While assuring them that thoughts of rabbits, moths and nettles were rarely out of our minds, I made a mental note that it was time for a working party to be drafted; our local flora and fauna needed reminding who is really in charge.

The request for volunteers produced the usual crop: those young farmers who saw it as an opportunity to compete with one another to prove who was the fittest, the recently retired who were determined to prove that they were just as able as those half their age and those whose main intention was to tell the rest how much better the job used to be done in their day. I explained to them all that naturally I would have been only too delighted to help, but my poor back excluded me. I did, however, offer to sit in the sun and keep watch over their jackets. We all have our own particular ministries.

We were all more than a little surprised to see that Lord Euxton had put his name down on the list; the only exercise I have ever seen him doing is lifting a large whisky and soda. But on the day we found that his interpretation of offering his services meant sending round the undergardener.

I never realised that Dr Tomkins could run so quickly until he accidentally scythed the top off a wasps' nest. Hotly pursued by several thousand irate insects, he cleared the churchyard, vaulted the wall and headed across the green to the village pond. Having spent the last three decades complaining about young people in the village diving into it, I suspect he will now be the first to contribute towards its upkeep.

The moment of high drama was when a tree stump was dragged up using a tractor. Such force was needed that if the chains had snapped, a substantial portion of the men of the parish would have been decapitated. When the stump finally gave up the struggle, it emerged with several long-forgotten headstones and a portion of the church's water main. The new feature of a churchyard fountain looked rather charming, until the water board arrived to cut us off.

During the lunch break, most had brought packs of sandwiches or flasks of soup – apart from Major Mitchell (retired) who dragged a picnic hamper from the car boot and set about a three course meal washed down with a bottle of chilled Chablis. His decision to have a little nap, empty hamper and bottle beside him, when all the others returned to work was not entirely surprising. Three hours later, with the job completed, we all left for home, with the Major still enjoying his siesta. I woke him up at 6pm when I returned to church to say Evensong.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



*They were trying to remember
when they had last left the house.*

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