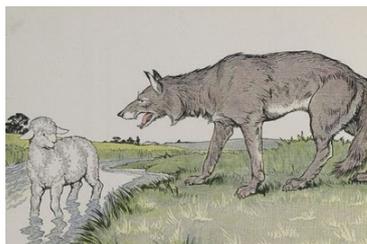


St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 7th July 2013



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Family Service
12.15pm Parish Eucharist

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WE WELCOME all who join us for our service today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Family Service - the time to meet and greet.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: *Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Jean Williams; Doreen Howe; Jim Gregory*

....those in care homes: *Florence Emery; Jessie Child; Pat Cook; Clemency Clarke; The Most Rev'd Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York*

....R.I.P: *Alan Hope*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 8th July – 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9th – 7.00pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Bellingring Practice

Wednesday 10th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 12th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

Saturday 13th – 10am-4pm Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – 14th July 2013

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

NOTICES

There was another very enjoyable Coffee Morning on Wednesday 3rd so please make a note that the next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 7th August at 10.45 am in the church. All welcome for coffee/tea and chat!

This year's **RUFUS Lunch** will be on Sunday 21st July at 12.30pm. The venue is Northill Village Hall. Please speak to Issy Taylor for tickets. Contributions for the raffle will be gratefully received.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR, JAMES BURGESS (Tel 01462 700115)

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ASSISTANT CURATE – The Reverend Patsy Critchley BA

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The following letter was kindly forwarded to me by Jackie Painter.....

Chester, South Carolina, 4 July 2013

Hope all of you are enjoying this holiday!!!

I want to give you an update of the day spent in Henlow! 26th May!

We arrived at St. Mary's about 10:15am on a beautiful Sunday morning. Jackie and Alan Painter were there to greet us. They looked wonderful, especially Jackie as she has had some physical problems. Smiles on their faces as always.

Ray Raser, who is the Governor of the San Diego Colony as well as the CASMD newsletter editor, and I represented the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred. There were 38 tour members plus Frank and me. Twenty-eight were Mayflower descendants. Before the 11am service, they browsed through the church, took photos, and drank tea provided graciously by St. Mary's women. The St. Mary's Newsletter for the week beginning 26 May had the following: "11.00am Parish Eucharist-- Visit by the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred followed by buffet Lunch in the Parish Hall."

The Reverend Sue Groom led the Anglican service followed by communion. James E. Burgess assisted. Several of you that have been on previous tours have met him. His family descends from the Coopers of whom Humility and Agnes/Ann Cooper Tilley were Mayflower passengers.

After the service, we walked to the Henlow Parish Hall for a delicious lunch provided by the ladies of the church. The \$500 check was presented as well as the plaque honoring the Founders of the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred. The plaque came with a stand which Jackie was very grateful for because it is difficult to obtain permission to hang items on ancient church walls. After lunch, several folk walked groups through town. Others were given the opportunity to sit in some of the lovely yard gardens.

Henlow has a plaque from the Domesday Book of 1086 which celebrates 900 years of Norman Heritage. We walked along the streets observing the old homes, flowers, and trees. (One of which was called the mayflower tree!) Coming to Champneys which is now a spa but in the 12th century a Cistercian Monastery, we looked inside and admired the quaint countryside around it. The fields were full of wildflowers and a few sheep. The path took us back to St. Mary's.

Alan Painter met us to usher the tour members in for the 3.00pm Holy Baptism. "Please sit on either side of the church." And that is what we did! The service was nice, but seeing the water come from the same font that had been used to baptize Elizabeth Tilley and Henry Samson, was awesome! Little Robynne Anne Reid had forty-two extra guests that day! (Including our bus driver and tour guide)

Earlier, before and after church. photos were taken of the two Samson descendants and the five Howland/Tilley ones. The Howland/Tilley group were happy to see the replica of the Howland/Tilley spoon given by the John Howland Society. The original was found excavating the Howland home in MA. The Howland/Tilley and Samson plaques looked wonderful on the wall

Reluctantly, we had to board our bus for our overnight accommodations. Hugs were given to all around us. Jackie and Alan watched us go until we meet again.

I took photos, of course, and have a set for Guy as Historian as well as the St. Mary's Newsletter, Bob for our Kindred Newsletter, and a set for Jackie.

Did you know that St. Mary's records go back as far as 1588?

With all best wishes,

Barb Williams, Governor Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred