



Sunday 2nd May 2021



Dear Friend,

How are you? I hope you and all your family are well and safe? I hope you have been able to enjoy the wonderful sunshine we've been blessed with this week. It's been marvellous to be able to reduce the layers of clothes we put on, except the face coverings! I am really looking forward to

that day when we will be able to do away with face coverings. There has been more good news from the Government about the easing of the lockdown restrictions. It is hoped that the next dates in the Road Map are now more than hope, They seem realistic if we all continue to play our parts. Could I encourage each of us to do our part in helping to bring an end to this terrible pandemic? This is extremely important not only for our sake but for those of our loved ones, family, friends, and our society. As we do this, let us also spare a thought and pray for countries where the rollout of the vaccines has been less successful or where it is not available. The people of India come to mind as they literally gasp for breath. The United Kingdom and many other countries are trying to help. If you are able to help, please consider making a contribution through the Disasters Emergency Committee (more details

here <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/coronavirus-appeal>). If you would prefer to do this through Saint Mary's please send a cheque or cash to the Parish Office with the payee as ST MARY OATLANDS PCC. If you would prefer to do this online please contact the Parish Office through the details below.

This Sunday This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Easter and on Sunday, we will have the first Alive@10 Service for a year. This will be an All-Age service and everyone will be involved in worship, prayers, and learning. The theme is 'Issues of the Heart'. I will be speaking on the importance of a heart of flesh! I hope you are able to join us for a time of faith development whilst having fun and sharing fellowship. The 8 am on Sunday service and the 10.30am on Wednesday remain Holy Communion Services. I look forward to seeing you. If you are unable to attend, the Sunday 10 am service will be available online via these zoom details: Meeting ID: 830 4882 5832 and Passcode: 964308. My prayer for you this week is for *God's strength pilot you, God's might uphold you, God's wisdom guide you, God's eye look before you, God's ear hears you, God's word speak for me, God's hands guard you, God's shield protects*

you, God's host saves you from snares of devils, from the temptation of vices, and from everyone who shall wish you ill, afar and near. Amen.

Have a blessed week. Revd Folli Olokose vicar@oatlandschurch.org.uk / 01932840077

This week's Bible readings: Ezekiel 36: 22-36, Acts 8: 26-40, 1 John 5: 1-6 & John 15: 1-8 **Praying for the world especially:** The situation between the Ukraine and Russia. We give thanks for the roll out of the vaccine and pray for the people of India as they face a devastating second wave of Covid.

We Remember the Recently Departed: Bernard Day, Peter Hickman, Jennifer Willett, Joy Archer, Margaret Taylor and HRH Prince Philip. **From the Memorial Book:** Jack Popperwell, Private Hugh Grahame Montgomerie, Archibald Butler, Rosamond Bazely, Robin Broadbent, and Florence Williams. **Church Open:** The Church is open for private prayers and contemplation Tue-Fri 10 am-5 pm. If you would like someone to pray with you please contact Reverend Folli or Hugh Montgomerie.

Forthcoming Events

Friday Fusion Youth Group Friday 21st May 7-9pm Food, games and music for year 7 & 8 aged children. (every third Friday of the month) For more details please contact Laura

at childrenandfamilies@oatlandschurch.org.uk or call 07881 786309 for more information **APCM**

16th May 11.15am in the church. Open to all. **Family Praise Service** 16th May at 4pm. The theme this month is Pentecost. Please see the poster below. **Malcolm & Kim Groom's Open Garden** Saturday

26th June 2-5 pm. (fundraiser for St Mary Oatlands) for the Church) West Lodge, 169 Burwood Rd, WOT, KT12 4AT. 7.5 glorious acres of garden, Japanese tea house, children's trail, plant stall and raffle. Refreshments are available. Entrance charge applies. **Parish BBQ** Sunday 11th July. Time

11.30am - 3pm. You will be able to sign up for this event via the Parish Office a little closer to the date. **Sunday Coffee** 'Coffee Time' after the 10 am Sunday service provides an opportunity for fellowship, especially welcome given the last 12 months. Refreshments are currently served on the Church lawn after the service in good weather, or in the case of bad weather will be served in the Church to allow social distancing. If you would like to help occasionally or join a rota on a regular basis please contact the Parish Office for more details. **Thank you to Mike and Janet Williams** As well as being a valued member of our Church community Mike Williams served as Church Warden for many years, giving countless hours of his time. Mike and Janet have now moved to Dorset but will join us for the Church BBQ on Sunday 11th July. In recognition of Mike's service, we would like to present Mike with a gift during the service. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the gift please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.