

Our prayers are asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church, that we would experience the hope of Eastertide
- for our parish safeguarding officers, Roxy & Mary and the diocesan safeguarding team
- for the peoples of India
- for all involved in distribution of the COVID vaccine
- for all who are sick with coronavirus & those who are ill in different ways
- for all who have died including Betty Morris, Sheila Proctor, Norah Bland, John Nail & Folajimi Olubunmi Adewole

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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Easter 5

Safeguarding Sunday

2nd May 2021

10.00am	United Parish Holy Communion	St Mary de Lode
Reading	John 15: 1-8	
Minister	Nikki Arthy	
11.15am	Praying at Home	Zoom
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The Zoom link should be on the email you received with this pew sheet; if not contact admin@swithunandmary.org.uk

Today we keep our annual **Safeguarding Sunday**. If in thinking about safeguarding matters you wish to talk to Mary, Roxy or Nikki do be in touch. Our contact details are on the back.

**Zoom Coffee** is every Sunday at 12noon. All are welcome whether or not you attend the service.



**Morning Prayer** via Zoom this week is on Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am. Compline via Zoom is on Thursday at 9.00pm Services last about 20 minutes and all are welcome.

**Prayers for the City** take place in Discover DeCrypt each Friday at 1pm. You can attend in person or via the Discover DeCrypt YouTube channel.

### **Next Sunday Easter 6**

United Parish Holy Communion	St Swithun's	10.00am
Praying at Home	Zoom	11.15am

Please let the relevant churchwarden know in advance if you are hoping to **worship in church** and remember to bring a mask.

The funeral service of **Betty Morris** will take place in St Swithun's on Wednesday 5 May at 1pm. Due to coronavirus restrictions, numbers are limited so please do remember Betty at that time.

Thank you to all who attended the **annual meeting** last Sunday. It was good to gather via Zoom to look back on the past year and to look forward a little. Richard Lane and Nick Roberts were re-elected as churchwardens; Peter Gould re-elected as warden of Discover DeCrypt. Dot Stephens was elected for another term of office to the PCC. Mary Gould and Roxy Nicholls were reappointed as Parish Safeguarding Officers. Rose Lane stood down from the role of PCC secretary and Debbie Hotchkins from the PCC. We thank everyone for their hard work and willingness to serve in these roles. The PCC is looking for a **new secretary**. Might that be you? Please ponder and pray. Support will be given.

### **Save the date: fundraising auction on 11th June 2021**

The closing date for submission of auction lots is 17th May. Please do join in this exciting event all for parish funds!

## **Christian Aid Week 2021      May 10-16**



It is not an easy time to appeal for donations to the work of Christian Aid. But I know there are loyal supporters in the parish and many who recognise their own good fortune and respond to desperate need of others, so I ask confidently for you to be generous. There will not be a House-to-House collection for the second year running because of Covid-19 but if you are able to help there are several ways you can donate.:

- E-envelopes: you will receive one of these if you are on the parish emailing list
- Respond to national invitations, as they hit the media, to text a donation
- Put a cheque in an envelope (any envelope) and mark it clearly for Christian Aid and drop it off at The Rectory or 22 Court Gardens
- If giving a donation in gratitude for your vaccination appeals to you more, you can follow Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester's recommendation and donate at [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk) and typing in VaccineAppeal

There will be a short service to mark Christian Aid week in Discover DeCrypt, Southgate Street on Friday 14 May at 1pm. You are welcome to attend in person or online.

When it is Covid-safe to do so, I will be holding a celebration Big Breakfast to raise further funds even if it has to be barbeque style! Thank you for your support.

*Mary Gould, Christian Aid Week organiser*