

# Stillington News

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May 2023



Flags and bunting are already appearing, is Stillington ready?

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

Coronation at 11am

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

10 AM - Celebratory Church Service at St Nicholas

12.15 PM - **DIY Lunch-cum-Picnic on the Village Green. Family, Friends and Neighbours - everyone welcome + free ice cream tubs**

1.30 PM - **Coronation Mugs for all children 16 yrs and under who live in Stillington, Marton and those who attend the primary School**

MONDAY 8TH MAY

3.30 PM - **Children's Sports at the S&SC**

5.00 PM - **Hog Roast at the S&SC (Tickets £5pp from the Shop)**

5.30 PM - **The BEACON will be lit at the S&SC**

**Thank you to The Gulshan and the Bay Tree for hosting earlier Coronation Suppers.**

**The White Bear supper is on 27 April.**

**STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB  
BRING & BUY PLANT SALE**



**Bank holiday**

**Monday, May 1st. 10am to 12noon**

**Also Coffee and delicious Scones**

**Main Road, Opposite the Shop**



Heart & Craft for 4<sup>th</sup> May is Oil Pastel Sgraffito with Jane Carlisle Bellerby

18<sup>th</sup> May will be a still-to-be confirmed activity with Sorcha McCole

2-4pm in the Village Hall

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or text to 07497 051424

Please email contributions for the **JUNE** issue to [news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by **Wednesday 24 May**

## QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT Fundraiser event for FOSS



**At Stillington School**

**On 19th May 7pm**

Tickets

£6 Adults

£4 Children

All proceeds to go to FOSS  
(Friends Of Stillington School)



**MADDIE MORRIS**

will be providing an evening of thought-provoking folk songs at the Village Hall on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

Winner of the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award Maddie's powerful, poetic and insightful music takes folk back to its roots, using song to tell story and tackle issues of social inequality.

She is bold and refreshingly unique, taking traditional song in new directions to shine a light on contemporary issues.

**Book in advance at [ruralarts.org](http://ruralarts.org), buy a ticket from the Village Stores or pay on the door – all £10 Raffle and drinks available on the night.**

## NEW OPENING HOURS Stillington Sports and Social Club Bar

From May 1st:

**Monday 5:30 – 9:00**

**Tuesday 5:30 – 9:00**

**Wednesday 6:30 till late**

**Thursday 5:30 – 9:00**

**Friday 5:30 – 9:00**

**Saturday 1pm till late**

Please come down and enjoy the new look bar area.

## Tuesday Pop In

We open the doors of the Village Hall every **Tuesday at 10.30 - 12 noon**



Sorry - there will be no 'Pop In' Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 2nd May** as the Village Hall is not available.

Please do join us on **Tuesday 9th May** for a 'Coronation Pop-In'.

## Stillington Post Office & Stores

*Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.*

Please note our opening times for the

### May Bank Holidays

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Shop 6.30 – 10.30a.m.

The Post Office will be closed.

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Shop open for papers 6.30 – 9.30a.m.

Please pick up your papers early.

The Post Office will be closed.

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Shop 6.30 – 10.30a.m.

The Post Office will be closed.

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Shop 6.30 – 10.30a.m.

The Post Office will be closed.

## Stillington Sports and Social Club

Plans to refurbish the bar area were well underway whilst Dennis North was still with us and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April became Action Day 1 with many volunteers turning up to help remove partitions, the carpet and open up the area. Since then, it's been a hive of activity with yet more volunteers working with Andrew Shipley as 'foreman'. Cracks and holes have been filled; walls plastered where needed; and people are painting and yet more painting. New flooring, sponsored through the Football Club, is ready to be delivered and plans are being made to raise funds for new TV, furniture and fittings. It all needs seeing to be believed....

Going forward, more help will be needed to maintain the pitches and grounds: please contact the Cricket / Football sections or through Angela Shipley 07595 185648 or Jo Gault 07977 492589.

## Stillington and District Community Archive

'The Battle of Boroughbridge (1322)  
A presentation  
by Louise Whittaker of  
The Battlefields Trust

**Wednesday 17th May  
at 7.30pm  
in Stillington Village Hall**

Guests Welcome  
Delicious Refreshments

## Stillington Wanderers

27 March was a splendid clear day for a Terrington walk, north of Ganthorpe, up the hill through Cum Hag Wood with fantastic views of Castle Howard Great Lake. Continuing west through Shaw Wood, along the ridge & finally turning south back to Terrington via the school grounds. Walkers were in the Caste Howard area again for 10 April walk starting from Easthorpe to Bog Hall and continuing south with views of the Temple and Mausoleum. Heading back via Low Gaterly with the A64 traffic buzz in the background. A cloudy day didn't do justice to the flowering blackthorn.

**Next walks are Monday 8 May and 22 May. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am.**

## North Yorkshire Council

From 1 April we said farewell to Hambleton District Council along with the county council and six other district and borough councils in North Yorkshire to become North Yorkshire Council.

The new North Yorkshire Council is now the geographically largest council in England. A main office has been retained in each former district area and supported by a further 30 local customer access points. There is now one phone number 0300 131 2 131 and one website [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk), to access support and services.

## Bric-a-brac wanted

I am collecting bric-a-brac for a jumble sale to raise money for **Dementia Forward**. If anyone has any items they would like to donate (non electrical), please can you text / phone **Tracy Sinclair 07786 877119 before 20th May.**

## Diseased Ash Trees to be felled

Stillington Sports Club grounds have many ash trees showing signs of dieback disease through its woodland as do neighbouring farmers in their woodland. Please be aware these trees will have to be removed in due course.

## How do we contact officers of the new council?

Council officers can be contacted through their current email address e.g [firstname.surname@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@harrogate.gov.uk). From 1 April, any emails sent to these addresses will be automatically forwarded to a ne [@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:@northyorks.gov.uk) email address.

## How do we contact Planning?

We continue to use the existing contact details. There will be one website for the North Yorkshire Council which will contain information from the current county and district/borough councils on the services they manage, including Planning.

Our local Councillor is Cllr Malcolm Taylor who can be contacted on 07712 726644 or [cllr.malcolm.taylor@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.malcolm.taylor@northyorks.gov.uk)



Stillington Branch Royal British Legion was officially closed in 2022. The final act will be the laying up of the Standard in St Nicholas Church Stillington in perpetuity. The act of laying up will take place on Sunday 21st May 2023 during the regular 10.00 am communion service. You are invited to come along and witness this final event in the history of Stillington Branch RBL.

## Village Hall Diary - May

<b>Tue 2nd</b>	Easingwold Ladies' Club Lunch	<b>10.30am - 2.30pm</b>
<b>We d 3rd</b>	Parish Council Meeting	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thu 4th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Thu 4th</b>	Hearts and Crafts	<b>1pm - 5pm</b>
<b>Fri 5th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm - 3pm</b>
<b>Sun 7th</b>	Parish Council	
<b>Sun 7th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 3pm</b>
<b>Mon 8th</b>	Parish Council	
<b>Tue 9th</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Wed 10th</b>	Women's Institute	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thu 11th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Fri 12th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm - 3pm</b>
<b>Sat 13th</b>	Ripon Rotary Bike Ride	<b>8am - 12pm</b>
<b>Sun 14th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 2pm</b>
<b>Mon 15th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30pm - 4pm</b>
<b>Mon 15th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30pm - 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tue 16th</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Wed 17th</b>	Ladies' Lunch	<b>11am - 3pm</b>
<b>Wed 17th</b>	Community Archive Group	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Thu 18th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Thu 18th</b>	Hearts and Crafts	<b>1pm - 5pm</b>
<b>Fri 19th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm - 3pm</b>
<b>Sun 21st</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 2pm</b>
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30pm - 4pm</b>
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30pm - 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tue 23rd</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Thu 25th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Fri 26th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm - 3pm</b>
<b>Fri 26th</b>	Folk Singer	<b>4pm - 10.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 28th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 2pm</b>
<b>Tue 30th</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10am - 12pm</b>

**Please note that this diary may not include all  
Village Hall events for April**

These events may be subject to change or cancellation. Please check  
the online calendar for up to date information

<http://www.thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp>

You can book the Village Hall through the contact form on our  
website. Alternatively Text, or WhatsApp, **07726421287**

### Stillington Village Hall AGM

**The AGM will be held at 7pm  
on 28<sup>th</sup> June**

## SGC NEWSLETTER – May 2023



### 2023 Plant Sale

This Bring and Buy Plant Sale will be held on **Bank Holiday Monday 1 st May, from 10am to 12 noon.**

It will follow the very successful format of last year. The plants will be on display outside Muriel Law's house on the grass. Please bring your contributions to add to the plants already there. In her garden, Muriel and her helpers will serve Coffee and delicious scones. Here you can relax and chat with other members and friends. This is one of our main fundraising events for the year so please come and support the event. Membership Programmes for 2023-2024 These will be available at the AGM and Plant Sale or by contacting Gelda, the Membership Secretary on 810513. You will need your new card to get your discount at Castle Howard and Deans Garden Centres.

### Annual Show

This will take place on Sunday August 13 th Schedules will be available from the shop in August.

### May. Tips for the Garden:

- Start planting out summer bedding towards the end of the month.
- Look after your finished spring bulbs for next year.
- Remember to open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days. You can also damp down your greenhouse on hot days to increase humidity and deter red spider mites.
- Keep your lavender plants healthy with regular pruning.
- Thin out drifts of hardy annuals.
- Harden off half-hardy plants by leaving them outside during the day and bringing them back under cover at night for 7 to 10 days before planting outdoors.
- Plant summer hanging baskets, adding good-quality compost, slow-release fertiliser and water-retaining crystals, to keep them in top condition. Protect them from late frost.
- Continue dividing herbaceous perennials to improve vigour and create new plants.
- Divide hostas as they come into growth.
- Prune Penstemons now - cut all the old shoots back to the base, providing there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves. **Robert Churton**

**Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7. A second Defibrillator is at the Sports and Social Club near the Squash Court entrance. No code needed.**

**\*Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do\***

## Countryside Notes May 2023

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. This morning is a little grey after yesterday's warm sunshine, that really gladdened the heart of all around. The Greylag Geese were feeding in the grass where the ewes are grazing, they took not the slightest bit of notice of me who was no more than sixty yards away on foot. They looked fine in the morning sunshine. This morning they are flying about and being very noisy but happy. I should have written this last night but time got away from me, after spending a long but profitable day at Malton Market selling prime Hogs (last year's Lambs). Now we are due to start lambing tomorrow, the sheep are in good condition with plenty of grass in front of them to eat, rather different to last year when grass growth was late followed by drought and, admittedly, we had too many Ewes for the field.

What a glorious full colour palette is all around us as flowers burst into bloom. The Dandelion is just coming into its full golden yellow glory on the roadsides along with Celandine and white Stitchwort, Wood Anemones, purple Violets and Primroses adorn many of the grass verge banks. Soon, the Cowslips will be there, along with Bluebells where some are already in flower. Bluebells grow from bulbs and are rather persistent, marking out old hedge lines and ancient woodlands long since gone, as seen by old pasture land that grows these woodland flowers long past the time of the woodland trees have departed. The Blackthorn is spectacular this year, even though a bit late. There are many blossom trees around in gardens as well as in the hedgerows, maybe by the time you read these notes, the Hawthorn will be laden with its snow-white cascades of blossom, where now the buds are swelling, we will wait in anticipation for the glory of it.

The warmth has brought out some Butterflies: The sulphur-yellow Brimstones in brilliant colour; Tortoiseshells, with their small blue spotted wings and, more recently, Orange-Tips, who have wonderful green marbling underwings and, of course, it is only the males that display the orange patched wings. They will be seeking "Jack by the Hedge", Honesty and other Brassicas to lay their eggs on.

Bird life is a bit on the low numbers side. We have a pair of Goldfinches at the feeder each morning, along with Tits and Tree Sparrows and the occasional Greater Spotted Woodpecker, while down the yard, we have Chaffinch and a goodly number of Yellowhammers in a flock, feeding around the sheep troughs.

Yesterday, there were four Herons in one field. I guess that they are last year's young that haven't started to nest. Herons nest in trees in colonies known as Heronries, nesting in February.

Last night as I walked towards a building corner, I was surprised by a Cock Pheasant flying very low and in an argument with another. The tactic was to land and be ready to fight before the antagonist had time to land, a good surprise tactic, but the surprise was to be his for he did a somersault in mid-air, before departing with a lot of noise upon seeing me.



R & M

(Original artwork by EJ - Blue Tit, Goldfinch & Chaffinch)

### Stillington Charity for Relief in Need

The charity AGM is to be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7pm in the Bowling Pavilion at the Sports Club. The meeting is open to all.

### Upcoming FOSS events Raising funds for Stillington Primary School

**19th May**

Quiz & Curry night at School 7pm  
(See front page for more details.)

**26th June**

Jumble Sale at School 2-4pm

**9th September**

80's/90's Disco/Karaoke at Stillington Sports Club  
8pm onwards £5 per ticket

**27th October**

Bingo and Pie & Pea night at School 7pm

All events to be confirmed nearer the time, with further information.



### Easingwold Home Library and Information Service

**Need something to read but cannot get to the library?**

This **free service**, offered jointly by Easingwold Community Library and NYCC, is ideal if you find it difficult to get to the Library, carry books comfortably or if you are a busy carer. You can opt in and out so it is ideal if you are recovering from illness or cannot get out in bad weather. Our friendly volunteers will select items to suit your tastes (including large print, audio books, DVDs and children's books) and will deliver directly to your doorstep every two weeks. We cover Easingwold and all the surrounding villages and operate according to current Covid-19 guidelines.

To find out more, please visit **Easingwold Community Library** in the MarketPlace, ring the library on **01609 534584** or email [ecl.generalenquiries@gmail.com](mailto:ecl.generalenquiries@gmail.com). One of our volunteers will then contact you.

## Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 12th April, we welcomed Dan Shrimpton to talk to us about the Joseph Rowntree Theatre. It is the only remaining Rowntree building still used for its original purpose and is Grade II listed. It was opened initially in 1935 but closed during the War and re-opened in 1946. In 2003 it became a charity and in 2012 it was sold to York St. John. In 2017 the charity bought the freehold of the building. From the outset, it has been run by volunteers who currently number over 170 and include the Trustees who manage the theatre, stage crew, box office, fundraising, marketing, front of house and refreshments.

At the moment major work is on-going to replace areas of the roof ( some of which is still covered with original 1930's roof tiles ). There are further development plans under discussion, the foyer of the theatre is very small with many short flights of steps limiting access for the less able although there is wheelchair access via a side door. An extension to form a useful community space would be ideal but much discussion will be needed in order to satisfy the strict criteria which comes with being a listed building.

This was a really interesting talk, highlighting many aspects of what happens behind the scenes of stage shows ranging from lighting and scenery changes to structural security and health and safety.

Our next meeting will be our AGM so is not open to visitors.

I will let you know about our June meeting nearer the time..... watch this space!!

**Your editors are: Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair. If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email. If you would like to make a donation to the Stillington News you can do so either by BACS: Stillington News; Acc no: 41651089; Sort code: 09 01 54 or sending cheques to: 1 Chantry Gardens, Stillington, YO61 1NF**

## Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas' Church



Every month the Eco-Working Group at St Nicholas' Church gives a few handy tips for every household to understand and control their carbon emissions, as an act of love for Christ's creation and our fellow human beings. For May, then:

### May – Share the Love

1. Join the Climate Coalition Speak Up week [www.theclimatecoalition.org](http://www.theclimatecoalition.org) to voice your concerns about our children's futures, to our elected representatives.
2. Write to your local councillor or MP about a local or national eco issue. There are top tips on how at [www.hftf.org.uk](http://www.hftf.org.uk). Be polite, don't make it about party politics and make sure you are not being a NIMBY.
3. Halve the carbon cost of every car journey by car sharing. A medium car emits 360g of CO2 a mile whether it has one, two or more people in it. Join a car share club online and save up to £1000 a year.

## Weather Report – April 2023

### Rainfall

March was as wet as February was dry. Rainfall totalled 68mm, about half as much again as usual and the second highest figure in eighteen years. So far, April has also been wet, 39.5mm up to the 15 th , compared with an average figure of 37mm for the month.

### Temperature

The highest temperature in March was 16.3°C on the 17 th and the lowest was -3.5° C on the 10 th /11 th . With all that rain there was not a lot of sunshine. My panels generated 250kWh, the lowest March figure since 2018. During the first half of April it has begun to feel spring-like. Temperatures have reached ten degrees or more every day and on four days exceeded fifteen degrees. However, nights have been quite chilly, with a low of 0.3°C on the 2 nd /3 rd .  
M.T.

## May 2023, the month to celebrate much.

Wow! There is quite a lot to celebrate this month and who doesn't like to celebrate?

It seems that no matter what ever your cup of tea may be, there's something somewhere that will give you cause to celebrate, be it a birthday, anniversary or any other number of events. This May we can't help but notice one significant event, the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday the 6 th of May, there will be a plethora of events being held up and down the country, and around the world. Well, that got me thinking about celebrating, and in particular, what else we could be celebrating this month. In the Church we will be celebrating the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven on Thursday the 18 th , and then on Sunday the 28 th we celebrate the birth of the Church on Pentecost (any excuse for a party if you ask me). Here are just a few of the more obscure celebrations taking place this month: International Gilbert & Sullivan Day (3 rd ), Star Wars Day (4 th ), International Nurses Day (12 th ) Held on the birthday of Florence Nightingale to mark the contributions that nurses make to society. Elmer Day (27 th ) A celebration of reading, of elephants and of accepting yourself and others, just like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, star of the Elmer books by David McKee. There are many more I could have mentioned here. Celebrate, it is the word itself that has caught my attention, particularly if we unpack it. Celebrate can also mean rejoice or praise, it can mean hail or honour, and that is where, for me, it takes on greater meaning, for that is what we do when we gather for worship, that is what marks us out as Christians as we rejoice in the Lord; sing praise to God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit; hail our blessed and anointed King of Kings; honour our Lord of lords. If you feel like a good sing, or would like to celebrate with us, you know where to find us, especially on a Sunday morning.  
Blessings,

**Rev. Steve**

## CHURCH SERVICES - May St Nicholas, Stillington

### Priest:

Rev Stephen Whiting 810251  
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### Church Wardens:

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Richard Mapletoft 811854  
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Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 810940  
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### Worship in Church

**Sun 7th 10.00am** CORONATION SERVICE. ALL ARE WELCOME AT THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT.

**Sun 14th NO SERVICE** at Stillington. The Canadian Memorial Service at Sutton (10.00 am) is recommended.

**Thur 18th** Ascension Day service. Time and place to be arranged.

**Sun 21st 10.00am** Holy Communion and THE LAYING UP OF THE BRITISH LEGION STANDARD. See separate notification. Another important event for the village.

**Sun 28th 10.00am** Pentecost Holy Communion. A very special time of the Christian year.

**Visiting the church** The church is open every day, from nine or earlier until four.

**Prayers for the village** These are every Thursday at 9.00am. If you would like to join us or if you would like prayers said for anyone or anything please contact Margaret Price (811262; [pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com)).

**Holy Communion at home** Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home? If you are not able to come to Church on a Sunday morning would you like a visit at home? Do make a phone call to arrange a convenient time. Margaret Price 811262.

### From the Parish Registers

The funeral was held for Mr Dennis North in St Nicholas Church, Stillington on Thursday 30th March.

### 200 Club Results

1st Mr P Robinson - £50  
2nd Mrs W Heap  
3rd Mr J Brenndorfer  
Drawn by "Our ernie"

## Methodist Chapel

### Minister:

Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429  
david.bidnell@gmail.com

### Steward:

Robin Jackson 810250  
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

### Villages Working Together

**May 7th** at St Nicholas' 10am  
Ecumenical Coronation  
Celebration Service

**May 14th** Service at 3pm  
Alne Hall

**May 21st** Sunset 7.30pm  
Communion

at Byland Abbey conducted  
by Rev David Bidnell  
and Robin Jackson

**May 28th** at Tholthorpe 3pm  
conducted by  
Mrs Frances Priestnall

### Film Afternoons

At the Methodist Church

**Thursday 18th May 2pm**

Come along and enjoy good  
company, a good film and of  
course refreshments.

For full details **Tel 810250**

### St Nicholas Church Rotas:

#### FLOWERS

**Wednesday 3rd May:** All help  
please to decorate the Church for  
the Coronation

Meet in Church 10 a.m. The  
theme for flowers will be white  
and gold/yellow

**Sunday 14th May:** Mrs G  
Churton

**Sunday 21st May:** Mrs W Walton

**Sunday 28th May:** Mrs W  
Walton

**Sunday 4th June:** Mrs P Clark

#### CLEANING ROTA

**8<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May**

#### CLEANING

Mrs R Bresnen

BRASSES

VACANT

**22<sup>nd</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

#### CLEANING

Mrs W Walton

BRASSES

Mr & Mrs Ratcliffe

## St Leonard's, Farlington

### Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251  
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### Church Wardens:

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Richard Haste 878581

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The joy of Easter is now behind us. In May, we have a month with two special services of different celebrations – Rogationtide and Whit Sunday.

The services at St Leonard's in May are :

**Sun 14** Rogation Service at the church **3.00pm**

**Sun 28** Whit Sunday/Pentecost : **10.30am**

Holy Communion (BCP)

**Rogation** is one of the farming related services we celebrate at St Leonard's. It is a service of blessing for the work of farmers, their livestock and their crops – very appropriate in rural Farlington. Traditionally, the Rogation service was followed by three days of fasting; ours will be followed by delicious cakes and scones! Please come along and join us, we would love to see you. Weather permitting, the service will be held outdoors in the churchyard – please wear suitable footwear.

St Leonard's follows the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). You are assured of a warm welcome at any of our services.

The Church is open daily for private prayer; the peaceful Churchyard is open at all times.

## St Mary's Marton

### Church Contact:

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[martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com)

Sue Whiting 810251

We have 2 services in May: **on Sunday 14th May we will have a short service at 6pm** followed by refreshments and our short Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Everyone is welcome as we reflect on the past year and plans for the year ahead.

**On Sunday 28th May at 6pm** we will be celebrating our Celtic Communion service (green book).

At 12.20 every Tuesday prayers are said in the church, or, weather permitting, in the churchyard. Do feel free to bring your lunch; tea, coffee and biscuits are always available.

We are looking forward to our annual audit of wildlife ('Count on Nature') in the churchyard between 3rd and 11th June. We have tended to focus on plants in the past but would be delighted if anyone would like to come and identify birds, bees, butterflies or other wildlife! There will be some record sheets in the porch throughout that week, but there is also a wildlife observation book in church which visitors are very welcome to write in at any time of year.