**Services for next week:**

**Hampton-in-Arden**

**Thursday 29th**

10am Communion

**Sunday 1st**

8.15am Common Worship

11am All-Age Service

6.30pm Healing Communion

**Bickenhill**

**Sunday 1st**

11am Morning Prayer

**Barston**

**Sunday 1st**

9.45am Prayer Time

10.30am All-Age Service

**Readings for next week**: Revelation 22. 12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21; John 17. 20-26

**We pray for:** Bob Middleton, Judy Middleton, David Mort, Mike Beasley, Ann Hall, Tony Worthington, Angela Jones, Mona Cardall, Dot Barton, Richard Herne, Barrie and Mavis Thompson, David Vickers and Sue Restall.Rick Smallwood, Paul Pilkington-Birch, Val Sharp, David Scannell, Colin McDonald and Gordon O’Conner.

We also pray for the families of those who have died; Andrew Sumner, Roger Grain, George Colin Macnair, Irene Sutton and Richard Lea. If you would like people to be prayed for do let us know at office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk)



**Hampton. Barston. Bickenhill.**

**Three Churches Together.**

**Sharing God’s Love, Growing Faith and Worshipping Together.**

**25th May 2025- 6th Easter**

Acts 16. 9-15, John 14. 23-29

**Thought for the week**.

*A place of prayer*

Paul faces a difficult decision on his missionary journey – is he being called to Macedonia – a different country, a different continent. His reaction is to find a place of prayer: “On the Sabbath, we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer” (Acts 16:13).

When we face difficult decisions, I wonder whether we seek out a place of prayer? Do we have a space which we can go to, to just be alone with God, our Father? A spare room, perhaps, a corner of a bedroom, or the garden, or a shed? Maybe it’s not a physical space – it’s a time when the family have gone to bed, or before they get up. Maybe it’s an activity, such as walking the dog. Somewhere we can expect to hear from God, when we switch off our phones, and our broadband, and close the lid on the laptop. Listen to the silence, and worship him in the peace.

We all need a place of prayer. The more we go there, the more we will hear from our loving Father.

**RMM**

**Collect**

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

June 2nd **Filling Station** at Knowle Village Hall at 7 for 7.30pm. Steve Johnson, assistant minister at Knowle, is speaker.

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* **Quiet Morning**. Saturday 7th June at The Old Hall, Temple Balsall (adjacent to church building). Coffee available from 9.30am as you arrive for a prompt start. Finishing at 12noon. Theme of “Pentecost”. Led by Rev. Jenny Dyer – ex Methodist Minister of Balsall Common. Jenny will direct our thoughts before we find our own space within the beautiful grounds and buildings. If interested, please contact Doug Timmins (Organiser) on 01676 534346.

**Hampton**

* We are very saddened by the sudden death of Richard Lea, a long-serving member of our church. He will be greatly missed and our prayers are with his family and all who will miss him. Funeral details to follow.
* A **warm welcome to Craig Taylor** who is leading our 11am service this morning. Everyone is welcome to the church hall following the service to celebrate Rev. Sue’s birthday. Plenty of food and drink for all!
* Our next **PCC meeting** will be held on 28th May at 7.30pm in the church office.
* The **Ascension Day service** is at St. Peter’s Church (large car park) in Balsall Common at **8pm** on 29th May.
* Our **Garden Games fundraiser** at the Purcell’s (7 Bellemere Road) is on the afternoon of June 7th at 2-4.30pm. Free entrance and all donations towards the maintenance of church. There will be a tombola etc so please remember to bring cash to enter if you wish.
* **Hampton Village Festival** is on July 5th. Please contact Judith Weir or Anna in the office if you are able to offer any help. We are already collecting good-quality books and jigsaw puzzles so please put these at the back of church if you have any donations.
* Our **100 Club draw** took place on Thursday following the Communion Service and the results were 1st Prize £50.00 no 54 C.Fellows, 2nd Prize £25.00 no 38 D. Read and 3rd Prize £15.00 R.Lea. The next draw will take place on Sunday 22nd June after the 11am service at church. To increase church funds, we are looking to increase the club by 25-50 members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining, or you would like another number for yourself or a family member, please e-mail Judith for details at judithweir53@gmail.com
* **Church Cleaning** - We are delighted that someone has stepped forward to help on the team of cleaners so we now have NINE ... if (at least) one more person volunteers, s/he could be paired up with that person (but 3 more would be great!!).  Each visit usually lasts between about 45/60 minutes (max); visits would be every 4 or 5 weeks (YOU decide the time/day); NOTHING is heavy-going ... at all.  Please email me on kim.rawson@btinternet.com (or text on 07527540529) - I'm going to be setting up the rota for July to December in a couple of weeks' time.  Thank you - Kim [Training will be given].
* **Baptism** of Finley Humby next Sunday 1st June at 2pm.

**Barston**

* Martin will be leading the communion service today and Stuart preaching and presiding. Coffee will be served after the service in the House followed by the APCM.
* Thursday 29th at 9am A time of corporate prayer for the future of St. Swithin’s House.
* Sunday 1st June Bring and Share Lunch after the service.
* Please pray for Colin as he recovers from his recent operation. Also for Gordon O Conner as he awaits an operation in June on his bladder.