**Services for next week:**

**Hampton-in-Arden**

**Thursday 15th**

10am Communion

**Sunday 18th**

8.15am Common Worship

11am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

**Bickenhill**

**Sunday 18th**

11am Matins

**Barston**

**Sunday 18th**

9.45am Prayer Time

10.30am Morning Prayer

**Readings for next week**: Acts 11. 1-18, John 13. 31-35

**We pray for:** Bob Middleton, Judy Middleton, David Mort, Mike Beasley, Ann Hall, Tony Worthington, Rene Sumner, Derrick Hill, Angela Jones, Mona Cardall, Dot Barton, Richard Herne, Barrie and Mavis Thompson, David Vickers, Sue Restall and Ronnie Boswell.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; Celia Heron, Richard Bibbings, Karoline Dearden, David Howells, Ivan Eley, June Hand, John Vaughn, Elizabeth Pakeman, Andrew Sumner, Roger Grain, George Colin Macnair and Irene Sutton. 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.**

**11th May 2025- 4th Easter**

Acts 9. 36-43, John 10. 22-30

**Thought for the week**.

**John 10. 22-30 Hear and follow**

I wonder whose voice people listen to? The loudest and most persistent and insistent voice saying, ‘listen to me!’? Or is it the voice of public persuasion? There is a voice that is loud and strident today, it is the voice of separation and nationalism. Looking after ‘number one’. We hear this in politics and economics and we hear it in church as well. However, this is not the voice we should be listening to. Jesus says ‘my sheep follow my voice. I know them and they follow me’. My question to us all is do we know Jesus’ voice and his calling us to follow him? We must listen and respond to the still small voice and follow Jesus in the way of love, compassion, self- control, mercy, generosity and sacrifice. He calls and we follow.

**S.D.**

**Collect**

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

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**Hampton**

* We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Michael at our 11am service this morning.
* **Tea and Toast** toddler group will be meeting on Friday 16th May at 9am in the church hall. Open to all pre-schoolers and babies and their adults. No charge but donations are always welcome.
* **Ladies’ Breakfast** May 17th at 9am in the church hall. Everyone very welcome.
* 21st May 2.30pm Funeral of Irene Sutton in church.
* Saturday 24th baptism of Fredrick Starkey-Janjua at 2pm in church.
* 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.
* Date for the diary - our **next fundraiser** will be Garden Games at the Purcell’s on the afternoon of June 7th… save the date. Further details to follow!

**Barston**

* A **big thank you** to all the folk who worked so hard yesterday for the BIG BREAKFAST to run smoothly. It was great to see so many village folk there along with other visitors from further afield. This ministry is being so blessed two years on.
* Today – **FAMILY LUNCH** after the service. All are welcome and if you are a visitor and would like to join us you are most welcome. There is always plenty to go round. Hopefully we can be outside in the garden.
* Wednesday 14th May **Coffee morning** 10-12 at the Guild House in Knowle to raise funds for St. Andrew’s Church where Craig did his placement last year. They are seeking to support families to have a church weekend away later in the summer. If you can pop along there will be coffee and home-made cake.
* Monday 12th St. Swithin’s House Filling Station team prayer time. NO MEETING this month as the hall was not available.
* Monday 12th 1.30pm **Rota Planning meeting** at Martin and Linda’s home.
* Thursday 15th May **Prayer Time** at 9am for the future of St. Swithin’s House (in the house). A time of waiting on God re the future of the house.
* **Bellringing practice** 6.45pm on 15th May. Please pray for the team as they prepare to ring at the wedding here on 23rd May and for the young couple, Jake and Laura, as they prepare for their wedding service here.
* **PCC meeting** Thursday 15th  May at 7.30pm, the last one before our APCM. Please pray for this important meeting.
* **Our APCM which will be held on May 25th** after the morning service. Coffee will be as usual and then we will have the meeting. This is a MOST important meeting (even more so this year), so please put this date in your diary. Churchwardens and PCC members are elected. Nomination forms are on the table. This will also be Ian’s last APCM as treasurer as he is retiring in this role after twenty years of unstinting service. He will be handing over the reins at the end of the year.
* **Old postcards** are still being collected in the box by the noticeboard.

**Bickenhill**

* Next **PCC meeting** 21st May.