



## N O T I C E S

SUNDAY  
22 July



**St Mary Magdalene (Trinity 7: Proper 11)**  
8.00 am Holy Communion (p167)  
10.45 am Matins (p30)  
Psalm 150 (p773)  
Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-end  
New Testament Reading: Mark 15:40-16:7  
Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall  
6.30 pm Evening Communion Order 1 (p167)  
New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Gospel: John 20:1-2,11-18  
*Prayer Link Road: Hawthorn Road Neighbourhood Link: Jayne Roscoe*

TUESDAY 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

WEDNESDAY 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments  
**ST JAMES** 7.30 pm Holy Communion followed by social 'get-together' in the Parish Hall for all who lead Intercessions and/or read Lessons. Anyone who would like to join 'the team' would be welcome to join us.

FRIDAY 1.30 pm Wedding: Graham Bult and Jane Gough

SUNDAY 29 July **Patronal Festival: The Eighth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 12**  
8.00 am Holy Communion Order 1  
10.45 am Matins with Baptisms  
6.30 pm Evening Worship

**Guide Book to St James:** A new guide book for St James has been produced by David Cummings and is available from the back of Church. Price £2 (a bargain)!

**Adopt-a-Grave:** This scheme was launched at the Flower Service. We are inviting people to adopt a grave (or group of graves) which are unattended, to look after them and keep them tidy. We have already covered a good number but if you would like to help, please contact Keith Smalls (335668).

**Rota for Church Opening:** Volunteers needed! Please can you help as stewards to keep the Church open between Morning and Evening Services during July, August and September. We need 2 volunteers for each 2 hour 'slot'. Please enter names on list at back of Church.

**Flower Festival:** A total of £4272.80 was received in donations and payments for programmes and refreshments. £2798.30 was taken on the door at St James (meaning about 900 people viewed the displays). £1474.50 was taken for refreshments at the Methodist Church (meaning over 500 people were 'refreshed!'). Accounts are not finalised, but it is hoped that events and donations beforehand will cover all expenses. The final donations to the Charities will be announced in due course.

**Please turn over**

# FLOWER FESTIVAL:

I feel sure that the 2007 Flower Festival will be remembered for many years to come as a very special event in the life of our Church and Village. It was a truly remarkable weekend and was so much a 'Village affair' with the Village Show, the refreshments in the Methodist Hall and the decoration of the Village as well as the displays in Church and the Churchyard.

Our admiration and gratitude go to all who arranged the displays on the central theme of 'Our World', which were stunning in their beauty, creativity, imagination and skill. Obviously our particular thanks go to Margaret Renner, who initiated and devised the whole project and Angela Haswell, who master-minded the plan and pattern of the displays. But the Festival would not have materialised without the involvement and help of so many people in so many different ways that it is impossible to thank them individually. There were those who helped with the organisation, the volunteers acting as stewards and on the 'front desk', the army of workers preparing the Churchyard and providing 'back up' work in Church, the separate contributions of those providing refreshments in the Methodist Hall and the Village Show in the Parish Hall, those providing financial and administrative help and all the heavy work of preparation and transport and so many other details.

It was a joy to me just to spend time in St James talking to all the visitors – some very familiar and others complete strangers – and to hear their stories of what the Festival had meant to them. I believe it touched many people and inspired all sorts of responses – most of which will never be public knowledge. The whole Festival was a marvellous team effort and a real blessing. It was one of those occasions where, as St Paul observed, God blesses the blessings. The Festival was a real blessing in itself, but also inspired and initiated so many more, often unintentionally. Thank you to each and everyone who contributed in any way to help make the Festival such a success. And if it inspired in you any particular thoughts or visions for the future in our shared ministry and mission please share them.

*Peter Lee*