

## Services and Opening Times

### 1st Sunday of each month

8.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. All Age Service

### 2nd Sunday

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion

### 3rd Sunday

8.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer

### 4th Sunday

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion

### 5th Sunday

9.45 a.m. Family Communion

## A Rocha Eco Church

At St. Mary's church, we are committed to being a more eco-friendly community, in line with looking after God's creation around us. As a part of this, we have a core team of people who form the Eco Church team who take a lead on this. We now have our bronze Eco church award, and we are working towards our silver award. If you are interested in becoming a part of the team, please talk to Liz Lee.

Each month, we will suggest making **JUST ONE CHANGE** to reduce our environmental impact and encourage nature. This month's eco tip for **July** is that Huntingdon Council provide a free loose compost initiative. Simply bring your own bag and fill it up from one of the containers at Alconbury Waste Transfer Station, Stangate Business Park, Alconbury Hill, PE28 4JH. This saves buying compost in a plastic bag.



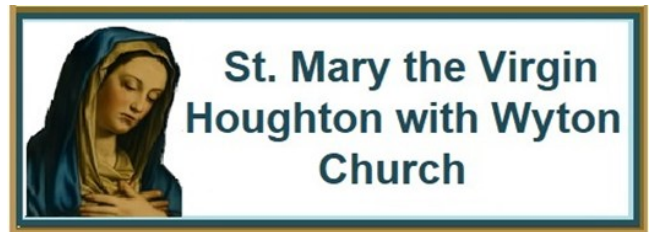
We are delighted to announce that our church has been awarded the **Bronze Eco Church Award** in recognition of our commitment to caring for God's creation. This achievement reflects the

efforts of many people across our church family who have helped us become more environmentally aware in our worship, buildings, community life, and stewardship of the natural world. We give thanks for all who have contributed their time, ideas, and enthusiasm.

We are already starting on the **Silver** award!

Thank you all.

**Liz Lee** (ECO Co-ordinator)



## The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

5<sup>th</sup> July 2026



Entry into Jerusalem by Giotto di Bondone c1303-1305

### Today

#### 8.30 am Holy Communion Service

Leader: **Rev Steph Pedlar**

Preacher: **Guy Morton**

#### 9.45 am Family Service

Preacher: **Rev Steph Pedlar**

Readings: **Zechariah 9:9-12**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-28**

### Collects: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

1. Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2. Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

### **The Coming Ruler of God's People**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

**Romans 7:15-25<sup>a</sup>**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel:

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-28**

<sup>16</sup>“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” <sup>18</sup>“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

### **Jesus Thanks His Father**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

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### **Holiday Club**

Steph is organising a holiday club for children from reception to year 6, the week beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> of July in St. Mary's Centre each morning (registration from 9.15 and starts at 9.30 till 12midday). If you would like to help or have any child that you would like to reserve a space for, then please speak to Steph or contact her on [revstephpedlar46@gmail.com](mailto:revstephpedlar46@gmail.com)

**ZOOM Meetings**—Evensong on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Anyone wanting to join should request the info required from **Guy Morton** on **01480 494641**

### **Notices**

**1.** Recycle your small electrical items and cables etc in the **Pink Bin** adjacent to the main door of The St. Mary's Centre.