



# St Mary's Acton Dates and News

## May 2021



**Services in the Cross Country Parishes** (subject to change if COVID restrictions change)

	<b>Acton</b>	<b>Church Minshull</b>	<b>Wettenhall</b>	<b>Worleston</b>
<b>2 May</b>	11.00 Communion	9.30 brief Communion	11.00 Morning Prayer	No Service
<b>9 May</b>	8.00 Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer	11.00 Service of the Word	11.00 Communion	9.30 Communion
<b>Thurs 13 May</b> (Ascension Day)				
<b>16 May</b>	"Messy Church at home" 5.00 Evensong	11.00 Communion	11.00 All Age	No Service
<b>23 May</b>	11.00 Morning Prayer	Messy Church (TBC)	6.30 Communion	9.30 Communion
<b>31 May</b>	11.00 Communion	11.00 Service of the Word	11.00 Morning Prayer	No Service

### Bible Readings

	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>2 May</b>	1 John 4: 7 - end	John 15: 1 - 8	
<b>9 May</b>	1 John 5: 1 - 6	John 15: 1 - 8	Psalm 98
<b>Thurs 13 May</b> (Ascension Day)	Acts 1: 1 - 11	Luke 24: 44 -end	
<b>16 May</b>	1 John 5: 9 - 13	John 17: 6 - 19	Psalm 1
<b>23 May</b>	Acts 2: 1 - 21	John 16: 4b - 15	Psalm 104: 26 - end
<b>31 May</b>	Tsaiah 6: 1 - 8	.John 3: 1 - 17	

**Would you like to receive SMS Text Messages about Services and Activities at St Mary's?**

This is the fastest way of letting you know about last minute changes to worship which may be necessary as well as a way of receiving reminders

Please send a message, including your name, to 07486 020 084 to be added to the circulation list

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Parish Office open Tuesday and Thursday Morning 9.30 - 12.30 from 18 May (subject to Step 3 of the COVID restrictions being reduced on 17 May).

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. The Annual Giant Plant Sale & Art Exhibition.

**FOR FOUR DAYS !!!!**

**Friday – Sunday 30th April, 1 - 3 May, 2021. 10am-5pm**

**We will be selling all our usual: Plants, Trees, Bushes, and Bedding Plants... but ALSO Bulbs and Potted Outdoor Plants etc at LOW LOW prices.**



**“A remarkable life of public service.”**

Those were the words of Theresa May, Prime Minister at the time HRH The Duke of Edinburgh retired from public life in 2017. As I write, 24 hours after the death of Prince Philip was announced, we have heard a great deal about a quite remarkable life.

This was life of a natural leader who willingly stepped back and supported the Queen in a remarkable and unprecedented way for 69 years as consort to the monarch, and for 73 years of marriage.

Always 2 steps behind the Queen, Prince Philip nonetheless put his leadership skills to good use, serving not only the Queen, but the Commonwealth, serving in the Royal Navy, by enabling countless ordinary people to fulfil their potential through his patronage of hundreds of charities, as Chancellor of a number of universities, and, perhaps, most of all, through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

It was indeed *“a remarkable life of public service.”*. One which, in a very real way, mirrored Jesus' example on Maundy Thursday when, after taking the role of the lowliest servant, and washing his disciples' feet, Jesus told his disciples: *If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done for you.”*

As we have remembered and mourned the Duke of Edinburgh in recent weeks, we can certainly be encouraged by his example in our own acts of service. Beyond that, perhaps we can also reflect on the inspiration which Prince Philip found for his own acts of service in the example of Jesus, and seek to follow that example too.

## Celebrating Easter in Acton



COVID restrictions failed to prevent the celebration of Easter in the Cross Country Parishes. In Acton we were blessed with the Easter Garden, complete with a kaleidoscope of butterflies, which was created by Deana Emerton, Claire Lewis-Jones, Will Emerton, Andrew Emerton, James Emerton and Ellie Barnett with help from members of the congregation.

Sunshine enhanced an outdoor service around the Easter Garden on Good Friday, followed by 'Following the Cross', a guided walk organised by Joyce & Philip Percival and on Saturday 2 short, simple services were held around the Easter Garden for those who have had funerals in the parishes during the pandemic. Easter Day saw a joyful return to public worship in all of the churches in the Cross Country Parishes.

The Social Committee organised hugs in mugs which were delivered to members of the congregation who have been isolating and shielding for many months.



A grant from the Brindley & Faddiley Former School Trust enabled every child in Acton School to receive a book telling the story of Easter and a Fairtraide malteser bunny when they broke up for the Easter Holidays. Thank you to Joyce Percival for organising this.

### Website update

The parish website is currently being rebuilt. If you have photographs of the church and church activities (please ask permission if the photographs are of people), please send them to Stephan Davies at: [stephen.davies1@talktalk.net](mailto:stephen.davies1@talktalk.net).

### Would you like a copy of the magazine posted?

If you are not able to access the internet, and would like a copy of the magazine posted to you each month, please contact Rev Anne/the Parish Office (details at the bottom of the first page) and this can be arranged.

**NB For the foreseeable future it will not be possible to pick up a hard copy of the newsletter in church because of COVID restrictions.** If you wish to have a copy posted for now, and review the situation when it becomes possible to pick up a hard copy from church, we would be happy to post a copy to you for the time being.

### Do you have a brief contribution for the Newsletter?

Please send contributions to [acton.news@yahoo.com](mailto:acton.news@yahoo.com) not later than 5 May 2021

Thank you.