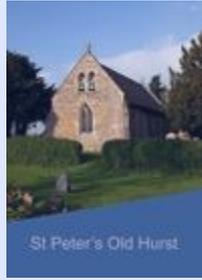
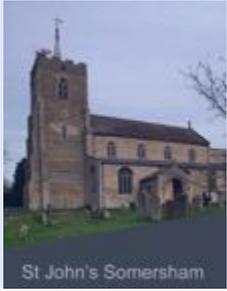


# Weekly sheet 5th Sunday after Easter April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024



Dear Friends,

I'm having one of those weeks... when you are busy worrying about one thing and don't notice the other thing hurtling towards you! In my case an angry BMW driver hooting his horn at me as I turned left onto St Ives Road from Woodhurst. I had just left the APCM meeting and was thinking about finding a new treasurer for Woodhurst Church. Martin has stepped down after doing an excellent job for several years. So, I was pre-occupied and I couldn't tell you if I failed to see the car or whether it appeared at great speed from some distance away.

This week I checked my emails and found that the Visa Application for my sabbatical trip to India had been rejected, seemingly for no reason. I think I know the reason now but I do feel anxious about all the information they need me to provide. I am praying for help from above on my visa application as well as for treasurers. Any help gratefully received!

On a more positive note, I have enjoyed a good training walk all the way around Grafham Water in the sunshine. With love, Sue x

**New Quiz "Birds"** available from Jean or Eddie priced £1. Thanks to Neil Callan for compiling this.

**Next 'Friends' Produce Stall** is on Saturday 4th May from 8.30am - 11pm at the Cross. Donations of cake and produce really welcome.

**Slide Show of Old Photographs of Somersham** in the Church in Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm Alan Draper will be showing and talking about a selection of his collection of over 400 photographs of Somersham.

**Save the Date – Sue and Nigel's 'India Party' All invited. Bring a dish (preferably containing something Indian to eat). Wear an item or an outfit of that culture! At Somersham Church Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7pm. For future dates for your diary and regular events/activities – See next page**

## Services this Week and Next

### **This Sunday 28th April (Easter 5)**

**Somersham** 10.30am Family Service  
**Pidley** 9am Communion followed by APCM  
**Old Hurst** 10.30am All Age Service followed by  
The APCM at Marsh Farm 11.30am.

Wednesday communion will be followed by **Mini-MUM in Somersham** at 10.30am.

### **Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May (Easter 6)**

**Somersham** 10.30am Communion  
**Pidley** 10am Communion  
**Woodhurst** **Thurs** 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am **Ascension Day**  
communion followed by coffee for the benefice.

**Midweek Communion** every Wed at Somersham Church 9.30-10.00, followed by refreshments

## Your prayers are asked for:

**Your prayers are asked for:** Kay, Mamie. Mary Maycock, Thelma, Mary Ayres, Becky, Ernest Nugent. Maureen, Adrian, Joan, Lynn. For Gary Evans and his mum Joan, Barbara Hoy. Graham Noyce

For those who recently died:  
Kim Noyce (Graham's daughter) sadly died this week. Please pray for her partner and for Graham.

**Pat Brazier** whose funeral is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm at Somersham Church. Sue hopes her Mum's friends and church family will be able to come and stay for refreshments. Please pray for Sue and all her family at this time.

**Louis Cherlin** We pray for Pauline and their son, Andrew. **Sheila Griffin** from Woodhurst. We pray for John, Sally and her family.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

### Journeying alongside others

#### Acts 8.26-40

On the road to Gaza, Philip meets an Ethiopian court official who is reading from the prophet Isaiah. The passage begins, 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter'. Prompted by the Spirit, Philip asks the Ethiopian whether he understands what he is reading. The Ethiopian says he needs a guide. Philip uses this as an opportunity to speak about Jesus and the Ethiopian responds by asking to be baptized. Philip turns back towards Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news everywhere he goes.

Stepping out of your front door can be an adventure. Encountering somebody who can help us on our spiritual journey can change our lives. Think of your own journeys and how travelling with others can bring new insights, friendships, solace and we might even meet with Jesus!

These words are particularly poignant to me as I prepare for my next journey during my Sabbatical. I have just received a text from my brother-in-law, Tim, whose task it is to get me over the Pyrenees. 'Blimey, they are all massive stages aren't they! Is it too late to change my mind?' My answer was, of course, yes and yes...

Apart from the physical challenge I wonder which fellow pilgrims I will meet and how I will feel after 5 weeks of this journey through Northern Spain.

### Regular Activities

**Woodhurst Open Church.** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. 10.30-12noon. **Next one Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**MiniMum.** Somersham Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30am. Next Meeting **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Benefice Homegroup** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Next : **14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 7pm, 32, Norwood Road.**

**Remembering Group** for the bereaved. Every **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.** Coffee, Chat, Reflect at The Rectory. **Next: Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm – 3.00pm**

**Creative Minds.** Coffee and mindful activity or crafts. Somersham Church **3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 2.30-4.30pm.** Sue 01487 840676. Next Session **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Welcome Café and Drop in.** At Somersham Church. For coffee, cake, information or a chat, **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** 10.30-11.30am. Not April. Next one **25<sup>th</sup> May.**

### Special Services & Events coming

#### APCM'S

**Pidley Church** Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April 10am (after the service).

**Old Hurst Church** Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am at Nicky's with coffee (Marsh Farm). All welcome.

#### Slide Show 'Old Somersham'

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** in Somersham Church by 'the Friends' of Somersham Church. Followed by refreshments.

#### Save the Date:

**Somersham Flower Festival Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sue and Nigel's India Party** Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Somersham Church. Bring a dish – and wear something Indian! (all welcome)

**Woodhurst Concert 'The Tennessee Twins'** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September in Woodhurst Church.



Our next Messy Church is on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 4-5.30pm.

Little Acorns baby and toddler group. Tuesdays 9.30-11am.



**'Explore!' After-School Club 3.15-4.15pm**  
In Somersham Primary school.  
Explore Bible studies through drama, reflection and art.

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