



**Apostleship
of the Sea**
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

The Apostleship of the Sea serves seafarers from across the world, regardless of belief, nationality or race.

The Apostleship of the Sea was founded in Glasgow in 1920. At this time Britain had one of the largest merchant fleets in the world, employing many thousands of British seafarers. The Apostleship of the Sea ran large seafarers' hostels in all the major port towns where seafarers could stay while their ships were in port, often for weeks at a time. Hundreds of volunteers from the local parishes were involved in providing hospitality and entertainment for seafarers in these hostels, which were always full.

Then globalisation and the drive for greater profit margins, combined with technological advances, changed the face of international shipping forever. Ships became larger, ports moved down river, and turnaround times for ships in port were reduced dramatically. Crews also became smaller, and were increasingly recruited from developing world countries where wages were lower. Owners registered their ships under so-called flags of convenience to avoid stringent regulatory controls.

Today's seafarer is no longer in port for a few nights, but often only for a few hours. In these changed circumstances they no longer need the reactive welcome of a hostel, but the pro-active outreach of a ship visit to assess practical needs, backed up by a modern drop-in centre inside the docks.

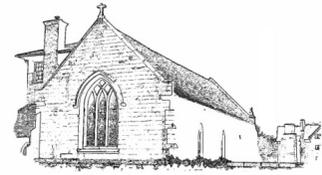
These centres are equipped with email terminals and telephones to facilitate contact with loved ones back home whom they may not have seen for nine or even twelve months. They are a place to relax for an hour or so, to have a drink and have a chat with other seafarers who may be using the centre. They provide a chance to stock up on essential items needed for their next stretch at sea.

Stella Maris - Our Lady, Star of The Sea

'Stella Maris' is the name by which many seafarers also know the Apostleship of the Sea. It is an ancient title for Mary, the Mother of God, traditionally used by seafarers and others associated with the sea. Just as seafarers have traditionally depended on the stars for navigation, so they trust in the protection and guidance of Our Lady.

Stella Maris is the patron of the Apostleship of the Sea

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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 14 July 8.30 am - 10.30 am - There will be a second collection today, 14 July, for the <i>Apostleship of the Sea</i>	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony Mitchell R.I.P. For the People of The Parish
Monday 15 July 9.00 am -	Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the church Dr William (Bill) Tweddell R.I.P.
Tuesday 16 July 9.00 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Wednesday 17 July 9.00 am - 9.30 am - <i>The Discussion Group meet in the Stable.</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time For the intentions of Bob Grant
Thursday 18 July 11.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Mr & Mrs Woodward R.I.P.
Friday 19 July 11.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Mr & Mrs GUILT-HILL R.I.P.
Saturday 20 July 10.00 am - <i>(At Harvington Hall in the Georgian Chapel)</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time Holy Souls
Sunday 21 July 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ernest Godwin R.I.P. For the People of The Parish



Please note we are using a temporary website at the moment with a new and improved one in the pipeline thanks to the continuing efforts of Toby Weymouth. As you see from the address above the website for now may be found using this:
www.stmarysharvington.weebly.com

Anniversaries in July:

Rev Arthur Vaughan (1792), Sir George Throckmorton (1826), Josphel Ilsley (1874), Helen Chare (1899), Katherine Drinkwater (1939), Winifred Mewburn Crook (1980), Clive Grant (1980), Veronica Webster (1992), Eric Thomson (1995), Dorothy Tweddell (2000), Margery Thomas (2001), Elizabeth Medicott (2011), Margery Hillman (2014)

Prayers for the sick: Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Jeannie Morrison, Michael Bird, Lucinda Robinson.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sunday 14 July Stephen Fox, Bridget Robson
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker
Sunday 21 July Michael Jones, Paul Walmsley
Joan McKay, Annick Harvey

READERS:

Sunday 14 July Jane Handley
Jenny Wilcox
Sunday 21 July Bridget Kelly
Terry Mayne

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Friday 19 July Audrey Myerscough & Anne Taylor
Friday 26 July Helen Burn, Stella Painter and Judith Smith

MONEY COUNTERS:

For the 14 July collection Gail & Stephen Brown
For the 21 July collection Mr & Mrs T Greenfield

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 7 July

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £224.50
Loose cash £153.19

ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Boszko

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND (FHL) invite you join in what we hope will be a wonderful afternoon tea in the tranquil setting of the Father John's Garden at Harvington on **Sunday 21 July**. The tea will be a classic English Tea of sandwiches and cakes with a pot of tea.

Cost of the tickets is £15.00. Please apply to Gail and Stephen Brown (01562 753422 gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk) or Anne and Jim Quinn (01299 851021 j.quinn789@btinternet.com)



The **BOOK GROUP** are meeting in the stable on **Monday 15 July** at **9.30am** to discuss *A Short History of Tractors In Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in the conversation (there may be cake!).



The **CRAFT GROUP** will meet in the stable on **Tues 23 July** at **7.00pm**. A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in having a go at a range of crafts and project with the group.



Following on from the very successful **Parish Walk** last Thursday we are grateful to Audrey Myerscough who has volunteered again to lead a walk from the Windlass Café in Stourport to Hartlebury on **Tuesday 30 July** starting at **10.30am**.



A reminder about the **PARISH OUTING to Halfpenny Green Vineyard and Craft Centre at Bobbington** on **Tuesday 20 August**. Payment of £15 per person is now due. If you haven't already done so please make your payment asap.

Planning is underway for the **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON** which will take place on **Sunday 1 September**. Please put this date in your diary in order to attend the Pilgrimage Mass during the afternoon.



The Social Committee invite all parishioners to join each other for a **PARISH LUNCH** in **October** at Hogarth Stone Manor. The charge for a three-course meal is £29.00 or £25 for a choice of two courses. An additional charge of £3.25 will be made if diners want tea/coffee. The menu choices will be made available in the next few weeks when all guests will be asked to pay a deposit of £10.00 at the time of joining the list.