

St Mary's News

Sunday 9 May 2021

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Today

6th Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion in church
and via Zoom

Readings:

Acts 10: 44-end

John 15: 9-17



The Collect for the 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next week

7th Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion in
church and via Zoom

Readings:

Acts 10: 44-end

John 15: 9-17



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in
Court Lane and Cemetery Lane.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Dr Margaret Robinson

Bishop Colin

George Hurdle

Gladys Tuxford

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Anthony David Gibbs (10th)

John Simison (12th)

Les Fuller (13th)

Mandy Allott (14th)

Eileen Prosser (15th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

No Morning Prayer
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer (F)
5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am-12.30pm Church open
for private prayer and Food
Bank
6pm Compline (F)

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer (F)
No Evening Prayer (F)

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

F = services via Facebook Live

Are you a UK taxpayer?

For every pound you Gift Aid to St Mary's, the government will add 25p. It can also be claimed retrospectively. Gift Aid envelopes are available for one-off cash donations. You can also gift aid donations to charity appeals.

Zoom in the New 'Normal'

As music, bells and (not least!) people gradually return to church we are beginning to feel more like 'normal'. However, we are keeping Zoom going, not only for those who are still unable to join us, but as a means of wider mission to the world. But this does bring some challenges – last week the connection dropped out not once but three times which meant that the recording of the service was no good for YouTube but it also meant that some people were unable to log on. So, I am sorry that it doesn't always work, but we persevere.

The other technical challenges of Zoom are that we are currently 'rooted' to the nave altar and that it is necessary for speakers (readers and intercessors) to stand near the Zoom mic on the altar in order for people at home to hear. I understand that this is not ideal for everyone for several reasons, and I would certainly prefer us to be able to use the full building again. To that end we are seeking quotes from companies with a view to having better cameras and microphones installed so that we can worship 'normally' but also Zoom fully. In the meantime we continue to do our best and thank you for your patience and understanding!

St Augustine's open event for independent students

On Tuesday 18th May, St Augustine's College of Theology is holding a FREE '**Zoom open event**' for anyone interested in learning more about their faith by way of theological study. The Open Event will give information about the College's 'Theology for Disciples' programme which offers certificate and diploma courses, as well as the possibility of continuing to BA and MA levels.

'Theology for Disciples' is designed to support clergy in building congregations that are informed, thoughtful, and imaginative in mission.

For anyone who is interested but uncertain about the commitment involved, the College's 'taster' scheme allows students to take an initial module in Biblical Studies at a discounted price of £150. This is an opportunity to test one's interest without any obligation to continue beyond the first module. That said, most taster students do continue their studies.

The open event is scheduled for between 4pm and 5pm on the 18th. All that's needed to book a place for the hour is the following Eventbrite link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-event-for-prospective-students-tickets-151820440023?keep_tld=1

Latest Covid-19 guidance for parishes

It has been widely reported in recent days that the legal limit of 30 people attending a funeral in England is expected to be lifted from 17 May.

This would be a month earlier than planned. The National Church will give further guidance when the government provides confirmation.

The [Church of England's Covid-19 page](#) is regularly updated with guidance and advice.

Children's Society Box Collection

Offering of Children's Society boxes will take place at the 10am Service on Sunday 20 June. If you do not have a Children's Society Box and would like one for collecting your loose change, please ring Kirsty on 850404.

Needed: Volunteers to Tend the Brasses

We would be very grateful for several more volunteers to join the rota to polish the brasses in church. If you might be interested, or would like more information, please contact Linda Moore.

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881.



Reflection

WE ARE LOVED

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” *John 15: 12*

Have you ever stopped to think how much we are loved by God? We are loved so much that God in the form of Jesus left paradise, left Heaven, and came to earth. We are loved so much that he lived as a man, he suffered rejection, humiliation and even death that we could choose to follow him. The God who spoke life into the universe and breathed life into humanity, loves us too and loves us to be in a relationship with him.

- What is your relationship with God like?
- When was the last time you really sat in his presence and just soaked up what it means to be a loved child of God?

Who's who at St Mary's?

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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

Reverend Paul White; Michael Payne & John Speed; Martin Massy; Val Newell & Barry Wheeler (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Mike Harvey; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Janice Massy; Steve Newell; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt.

PCC Secretary:

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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.