



Now that coronavirus infection rates have thankfully dropped, we are able to offer you a choice for Sunday mornings:

10am in church (prior booking essential and with restrictions)

11am online, watched from the safety of your home

www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk



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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES:

10am SERVICE in church, followed by a streamed service online at 11am. If you intend to join the service in church please let Keri know by Tuesday and follow the simple but important instructions listed below.

6pm COMPLINE, streamed on both our website and our Facebook page.

WEEKDAYS: Please join in spirit with Michael & Keri as alternately they say Morning Prayer at 9am each day. The order of service each day is available from the Church of England website or the Daily Prayer App. The Bible readings for Morning Prayer this week are:

Monday	1 Kings 1: 5-31	Acts 13: 13-43
Tuesday	1 Kings 1.32-2.4, 10-12	Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday	1 Kings Ch. 3	Acts 14: 8-end
Thursday	1 Kings 4.29-5.12	Acts 15: 1-21
Friday	1 Kings 6: 1, 11-28	Acts 15: 22-35
Saturday	1 Kings 8: 1-30	Acts 15.36-16.5

This week:

Please pray for:

- Keri, as she takes our service today
 - young people at school, college or university
 - the shops and businesses in our parish
 - the bereaved
 - those whose lives have been changed by devastating accidents
 - those exploited by people smugglers and traffickers
 - those working in medical research
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Notices:

RE-OPENING ST MARY'S FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are delighted that we can once again invite you into church to join us for our 10am service, if you wish to do so.

You will understand that, because of all the safety measures we have in place for your own protection, this is a very different experience than before. **We ask you to observe the following important instructions:**

Please let Keri know that you intend to be at the service so that a seat can be put out for you. You will need to contact her by telephone on 01733 601092 or email revkerimorrow@gmail.com by **Tuesday** (and do this every time, please). Numbers will be limited because of social distancing requirements.

1. **Please wear a mask** and gloves – gloves are particularly advisable for anyone using the carpark because of the entry keypad.
2. On arrival you will have your temperature checked; be asked for your name and contact details; asked to sanitize your hands, and shown to your seat. All of this takes time, so please make sure you arrive well before 10am.
3. The service will be shorter than before, and there will be no singing. All the information will be on the screen as we cannot give out books or papers.
4. Please wait to be directed to go up for communion (which will be the wafer only, not the wine), and follow the one way system as directed.
5. At the end of the service please wait until you are told to leave, and follow the directions. Please wait until you are well clear of the building before chatting to other people (socially distanced, of course!)
6. The toilets are for use only in emergencies; there will be hand wash, but the seats will not be cleaned between users which is why we want to restrict access as far as possible.

Yes, this does sound very regimented, but we need to protect each other and take real care to prevent the spread of the virus.

The recorded service will be available online each Sunday at 11am.

(If you've been to the service in church, you can watch again and have a sing if you want to!)

ST MARY'S PRAYER LINK

Our Prayer Link is used for urgent prayer requests. If you have an urgent request between 12th and 26th September, please contact Sheila at: sheilaann.sutherland@googlemail.com or Tel: 891474. Thank you.

SUMMER FUNDRAISER 2020

As you know, every year at St Mary's we hold a Summer Fundraising campaign to raise money for a local charity. Half of the money raised goes to a chosen charity which, this year, is the *Peterborough Foodbank*, and half to St Mary's to help fund improvements to benefit the individuals, groups and communities that use our church and centre.

We are usually busy at this time holding lots of different events, activities and sponsorships in order to raise money. Obviously it is different this year because of the Covid-19 restrictions, but you are all so creative that we are confident you'll come up with good ideas! *If you are able to do something to raise funds, however big or small, please do, and please let us know.* Please give if you can as in the coming months, there will be a huge need for Foodbanks here in Peterborough. Please have a look at their website to find out more about the fantastic job they do: :

<https://peterborough.foodbank.org.uk/>

HOW TO DONATE – You can give by text or online

A. Text Giving You can donate any whole pound amount between £1 and £20 via Donr's Text Giving service in one transaction. You can only donate up to £30 per mobile number per day.

Please include the amount you wish to give (up to £20) i.e. Text **SUMMER10** to **70490** to donate **£10** or Text SUMMER5 to 70490 to donate £5 Texts cost the amount donated plus one standard rate message

B. Giving online A safe and secure online donation portal is available if you wish to give online, via credit card. The online giving does not require the keyword or short code but the money will go to our Summer Fundraising campaign.

You can go to the St Mary's church web site for a reminder of how to give and to give online:

<https://www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk/charities/text-giving/>

NB: Both these forms of giving allow you to add Gift Aid to your donation also by completing a simple acknowledgment after making your donation.

C. Giving by Cheque Alternatively, if you wish to donate by cheque, this is also warmly welcome. Please make cheques payable to *St Mary's PCC* and send them to: St Mary's Church, New Road Peterborough PE1 1TT

As we envisage individuals and families will be doing different things - and we cannot have a separate code for each activity - all donations for the Summer Fundraiser will go through to the codes above. (If you would like a particular person to know you have donated specifically to them, please contact them to let them know).

ANGELA'S JAM EMPORIUM & ANDREW'S BAKERY

Angela will be making some jams from hedgerow fruit (Sloe, Blackberry, Damson and Elderberry) and all mixed with apples from her garden. With the current batch all sold out Andrew is taking advance orders for mid to late September and the pop up bakery will be making fresh batches of Palms bread, which includes sesame, pumpkin, poppy, sunflower and caraway seeds.

All proceeds going to the Summer Fundraiser and suggested donation of £1.50 a jar and £4 a loaf. Advance orders are now being taken. A free safe-distance drive-by delivery service is provided with all orders. Please just email Andrew Christie on bells@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk or text/phone [07954405924](tel:07954405924) through your order.

DIANA'S SLOE GIN MINIATURES

As part of the Church Summer Fund Raiser Diana is selling her 2019 Sloe Gin in miniature bottles (any empty miniature bottles would be greatly appreciated), suggested minimum donation £3, 'given' as per the Church Newsheet, and then email me (diana_cherryfields@yahoo.co.uk - note it is an underscore and not hyphen) or ring me on 07940894897 (leave a message if it is not on because I am working or busy) to say done, so I can arrange delivery please? Note: you don't have to like gin to like sloe gin (well I don't anyway!) You can always check with those people who have had some from me. I will be making some this year (sloes permitting!), to be ready around Christmas, to make up for what I sell!

A THANK YOU FROM MICHAEL

Thank you everyone for your support in my recent Epic cycle ride to Land's End. It was tough going during those 374 miles, but you spurred me on with your encouragement.

Thank you, and Happy Fundraising! Keep an eye on our church web site

<https://www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk/charities/> and facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchPeterborough/> to see how things are progressing.

SHARING YOUR NEWS

If you have something you would like Keri to mention in the Sunday morning service, please let her know **by 1pm on the previous Thursday**. Thank you.

Or if you've got an item for this weekly News Sheet, please email it to Denise in the usual way office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk before 10am on Friday morning. Thank you.

INVITATION TO VICKY AND KEITH'S COFFEE MORNING VIDEO CHAT

If anyone wants a video chat, make yourself a coffee and join Vicky and Keith for an Online Coffee Meeting Every Week Day at 10am. Click here and follow instructions to join the meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/484856018> (Allow Audio and Video if asked)

BIBLE STUDY

Our 'Bible Study at a distance' is now offering study sheets on John's Gospel, which we will be working through week-by-week. Please contact David Dawson if you would like copies.

daviddawson148@btinternet.com

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Now that we are beginning to re-open St Mary's, it is important to keep in touch with the latest news! **Please see our website or Facebook page for details.**

Hilary is sending out **regular email updates** to all our church members, to keep everyone abreast of happenings. If you haven't received one it's because we don't have your email address, so please contact Hilary on pccsecretary@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk and she'll add you to the distribution list.

It's important to keep in contact! We've got a **St Mary's 'Whats App' group** if you would like to keep in touch that way too. Andrew Christie will add you to the group if you contact him on bells@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk

TRADCRAFT

A reminder that Helen Brown is able both to order from Traidcraft and to deliver to vulnerable church members. Please contact her on hjb10561@gmail.com for her current stock list.

NB. Traidcraft are now selling fairtrade reusable face masks at £4 each

CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISER QUIZ (BY ZOOM)

If you enjoy quizzes and are concerned about the plight of the worlds' poor, this is for you! The Peterborough Christian Aid Committee invite you to participate in a weekly chance to try out your brain cells. 40 minutes on Saturdays at 5.30pm for 6 weeks from Saturday 26 September until Halloween! To join in the fun please email John Harper revjohnharper@talktalk.net If you enjoy, then please do consider a donation to Christian Aid's work this autumn using our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mentalworkout>

EASYFUNDRAISING

St Mary's is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites (including booking.com, Tui, eBay, John Lewis, M&S and Sainsburys) will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop online with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and follow the instructions to sign up, naming 'St Mary's Church Peterborough' as your chosen cause. If you prefer, download the easyfundraising Apps for your tablet or smartphone. Then remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online – and watch the donations to St Mary's mount up as you shop!

The more fundraisers we have, the more money we'll raise, so please sign up to support our church. At the moment they are offering a chance for St Mary's to win an extra £500 in their #easyfundraising Refer to Win competition. If you sign up now, with 'St Mary's Church Peterborough' as your cause, they will enter us in a raffle. So please help us to win. Just click on: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryspeterborough/?invite=3jwmtp&referral-campaign=s2s>

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Thank you for gifts of money to help us carry out God's work and to pay our running costs