



Since public worship is exempt from the new restrictions, we can still offer a choice for Sunday mornings:

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

11am online, watched from the safety of your home

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Administrator: Denise Thomas

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 Denise (Administrator) 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	2 Kings 17: 24-end	Phil. 1: 1-11
Tuesday	2 Kings 18: 1-12	Phil. 1: 12-end
Wednesday	2 Kings 18: 13-end	Phil. 2: 1-13
Thursday	2 Kings 19: 1-19	Phil. 2: 14-end
Friday	2 Kings 19: 20-36	Phil. 3.1-4.1
Saturday	2 Kings Ch. 20	Phil. 4: 2-end

This week:

Please pray for:

- the Church of England and our archbishops and bishops
 - the American Presidential elections
 - those who find the COVID restrictions hard to live with
 - those across the world affected by extreme weather conditions
 - those who will face difficult news this week
 - those who work in the NHS
 - the work of the United Nations
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Notices:

!! IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR WHEN LEAVING THE CHURCH !!

Please remember to **TURN LEFT** when leaving the church so that you join the one-way system and enter the traffic safely. If you turn right you are seriously in danger of meeting vehicles turning off the roundabout at speed head on!

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 Denise (Administrator) 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 742052 (answerphone available) or email office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk 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.

A gentle reminder to disperse as quickly as we can after our Church service on Sunday, many thanks.

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!)

PLEASE HELP SECURE OUR STREAMED SERVICES!

A big thank you to everyone who answered our plea to increase the number subscribing to our church You Tube channel. We now have over 100, so hope the times for premiering our services are now safe from change – but just to be on the safe side, if you haven't yet done so, please press the red 'Subscribe' button under the video screen after watching today's services. Thank you.

ST MARY'S PRAYER LINK

Our Prayer Link is used for urgent prayer requests. If you have an urgent request, please phone (tel. 554815) or email me on suziemoore21@gmail.com and I will pass it on to members of our Pastoral and Prayer teams, who will pray for the situation. If you do leave me a message and I don't reply, please phone Sheila (891474) or Marion (263321). Thanks, Sue.

FOOD BANK

There is a growing need for food parcels. Please bring donations to church and leave them in the wheelbarrow. Thank you for your generosity.

Love Sheila'

SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Huge thanks to everyone who has donated to our Summer Fundraiser, and to all who have helped, supported and encouraged. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £3000, and were delighted to present a cheque last Sunday to Alan Gage for the Peterborough foodbank for £1500, plus a donation given specifically to the foodbank in memory of Rudy Waterman so, Alan left happily with £1,683.

Based on the calculations they use from the Trussell Trust, where an average cost for 1 kilo of food is £1.65, and an average meal weighs 440 grams, this means our donation of £1,683 equals 1020 Kg (just over a tonne), and will enable approximately 2,300 meals.

Thank you to Sheila who is a great ambassador for the foodbank, keeping us up to date with news and with what is most needed, and delivering produce to the foodbank warehouse. The Peterborough foodbank would like more volunteers - If you would like to volunteer, please go to: <https://peterborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>

You can see from the figures above that your generosity will make a huge difference to those who are struggling in Peterborough so, thank you so much for your generosity. Sue

SUMMER FUNDRAISER – A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special 'thank you' to Sue for all her efforts, encouragement and hard work in co-ordinating the Summer Fundraiser this year. Well done, Sue, from all of us at St Mary's. Due to your efforts the Peterborough Foodbank will be able to support more families during these uncertain times.

SHARING YOUR NEWS

If you have something you would like Michael to mention in the Sunday morning service, please let him 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. Please do send in your news items – it would be lovely to keep up to date with you all. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly 'Bible Study' at a distance sessions have now resumed, focusing on St John's Gospel. Please contact David Dawson on daviddawson148@btinternet.com for study sheets.

'NEWS AROUND ST MARY'S'

We are now putting together the November/December edition of our magazine, and would really appreciate your help, please. The way things are going it doesn't look as though we'll be able to sing Christmas Carols in church this year, so we would love you to tell us which one carol you will particularly miss, and why it means so much to you. 200 words maximum, please. Contributions to magazine@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk before 28th October. Thank you.

TRAIDCRAFT

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 which started on Saturday 26th September up 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>

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

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

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.

NEW WAY OF REGULAR GIVING

You will know from the letter sent to you earlier this year that our regular giving scheme is changing soon from standing order to direct debit. If you have not yet decided whether to complete and return the form to change over to the new scheme, please consider doing so very soon. If you have misplaced the form, then please contact Marion Betts on 263321 and she will let you have another one. Thank you.

YOUR CHURCH

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