



Once again we've had to revise our pattern of services to comply with new COVID restrictions. Our building is closed, and all our public worship has moved back on line.

We hope that you will join us in our new ways of worship together, united through prayer though physically separate.

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**PLEASE JOIN OUR SERVICES FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR OWN HOME**  
Until further notice these will be:

**SUNDAYS:** Our **11am SERVICE** and **6pm COMPLINE**, streamed on both our website and our Facebook page every Sunday.

**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	Dan. 8: 1-14	Rev. Ch. 10
Tuesday	Dan. 8: 15-end	Rev. 11: 1-14
Wednesday	Dan. 9: 1-19	Rev. 11: 15-end
Thursday	Dan. 9: 20-end	Rev. Ch. 12
Friday	Dan. 10.1-11.1	Rev. 13: 1-10
Saturday	Dan. Ch. 12	Rev. 13: 11-end

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## This week:

Please pray for:

- Michael & Keri and their fellow clergy in the Peterborough Deanery
  - those finding Lockdown 2 a difficult struggle
  - all NHS staff, especially those 'on the frontline'
  - care homes and carers helping people in their own homes
  - prisoners and those recently released
  - those working to develop an effective COVID-19 vaccine
  - stability in countries torn apart by war, terrorism and unrest
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## Notices:

### ST MARY'S PRAYER LINK

Our Prayer Link is used for urgent prayer requests. If you have an urgent request between 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November, please contact Sheila at: [sheilaann.sutherland@googlemail.com](mailto:sheilaann.sutherland@googlemail.com) or Tel: 891474.

### 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 108, 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.

### PRAYER FOR THE NATION

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown. The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6pm each day. They have written some short prayers which you might like to use, and which were emailed out with last week's Update (if you would like a copy, please contact Hilary on [pccsecretary@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk](mailto:pccsecretary@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk)). More prayers are available from the Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org). Select 'A call to prayer for the nation' from the left-hand menu.

### MONTH OF PRAYER

The Church of England has called us to a month of prayer, and St. Mary's has made some exciting plans to get involved in this. From 29th November we are going to begin praying for a street in our parish each day. A prayer list will come out with the notices every Friday and you will have all the information that you will need to pray. As a nation we are in a needy and dark time, and the Church has an exciting opportunity to reach people through prayer. We can even tell our neighbours that their street is being prayed for by the Church on a particular day.

In addition to this Andrew and Keri will be announcing a prayer walk opportunity that you will be able to sign up to soon, so watch this space!

### FOOD BANK

Thank you for leaving donations in the wheelbarrow. I will take them to the warehouse and when we can come back to church we'll start collecting again. Your donations do make a difference.

Thank you.  
Love Sheila'

### 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](mailto: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.

And it would be really helpful if you could let Denise know when you would like your item removed so that we don't keep running out-of-date news! 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](mailto:daviddawson148@btinternet.com) for study sheets.

## 'NEWS AROUND ST MARY'S'

The November/December edition of our magazine will be emailed to everyone on our church mailing list at the beginning of this week. We hope you enjoy reading it. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way. Normally at this time of year we invite all our Regular Readers to renew their annual subscriptions. The money is used to pay our printing costs, and enables us to deliver free magazines to local schools, GP surgeries and hairdressers. COVID restrictions mean that sadly we cannot currently do this. We will not be asking for subscriptions as we have no printing costs to pay. We will continue to email the magazine free to everyone for as long as necessary – and hope that you will bear with us and print off your own copies at home.

## TRAIDCRAFT

A reminder that Helen Brown is able both to order from Traidcraft and to deliver to church members, or arrange safe collection. Please contact her on [hjb10561@gmail.com](mailto:hjb10561@gmail.com) for her current stock list.

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bells@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk)

## TUBS OF SWEETS FOR THE PRISON

Thank you all for your generosity.

The 34 tubs will be delivered to the Prison during the coming week.



## **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](http://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.

Amazon has now left Easyfundraising to launch its own scheme, **Amazon Smile**. St Mary's will shortly be signing up to this, so you'll still be able to raise money for our church when you buy from Amazon. Watch this space!

## **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.