



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

---

[www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk](http://www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk)



---

**Contacts:**

**Vicar: Revd Michael Moore**

Telephone: 01733 554815

e-mail: [revmikemoore@gmail.com](mailto:revmikemoore@gmail.com)

**Curate: Revd Keri Morrow**

Telephone: 01733 601092

e-mail: [revkerimorrow@gmail.com](mailto:revkerimorrow@gmail.com)

**Our church office** (*contact by email only at the moment, please*)

e-mail: [office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk](mailto:office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk)

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	Amos Ch. 1	1 Cor. 1: 1-17
Tuesday	Amos Ch. 2	1 Cor. 1: 18-end
Wednesday	Amos Ch. 3	1 Cor. Ch. 2
Thursday	Amos Ch. 4	1 Cor. Ch. 3
Friday	Amos 5: 1-17	1 Cor. Ch. 4
Saturday	Amos 5: 18-end	1 Cor. Ch. 5

---

## This week:

Please pray for:

- our government, faced with difficult decisions
  - local children, and all those facing the challenges of educating them
  - those in our church family who are alone and without internet access
  - those working under pressure in our hospitals
  - the integrity of those who report and share the news
  - healing and reconciliation across the peoples of the USA
  - those using the Peterborough Food Bank
- 

## Notices:

### RE-OPENING ST MARY'S FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

**We are delighted that we can still 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](mailto: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. Government restrictions mean that you must not mingle with anyone outside your household or 'bubble' after the service, including in the forecourt or car park
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 all 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!)

### 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](mailto: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.

## 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.**

## IMPROVING OUR AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM IN CHURCH

You've possibly not been to a service in St Mary's for at least ten months but you'll probably recall the weird crackly noises which frequently disrupted events. Members of our choir will certainly remember how difficult it was to hear what was being said at the lectern. Our sound system is now over 30 years old and no longer fit for purpose. PCC decided some time ago to replace it.

If you've been attending services during these last few months you'll have encountered another problem, that if you sit on the New Road side of the church you can't see what's on the screen – which is a real difficulty when you haven't got a service book. PCC (who are meeting regularly via Zoom) have agreed to install a second screen and permanent projector.

The firm who installed our existing screen and projector four years ago have given us a quote for a new sound system, second screen and projector, together with two small fixed cameras and wired wi-fi to make it easier to film services. All of this will cost £19,400, and we can do the work in stages when we can afford it. We might be able to get a grant to help with some of the cost.

We will need permission from the Diocese as these improvements will make permanent changes to the building. We are part way through the process to get it and have just heard that the Diocese is happy with our proposals. The next stage is a consultation period to see if anyone makes any formal objections to the modifications we want to make.

Details of our plans will shortly be put on display at the back of the church (a legal requirement). For convenience we've summarised them in the January/February edition of our magazine which is emailed to all members of St Mary's Church. Or please contact Michael for more information.

## 'NEWS AROUND ST MARY'S'

The January/February edition of our St Mary's parish magazine has been sent directly to everyone on our church email list. We hope you enjoy reading it.

## PCC MEETING

Our PCC will be meeting on Wednesday evening, getting together safely over Zoom. Amongst other matters they will be considering our financial situation and how to pay for the improvements we want to make to our audio-visual facilities. They will also be thinking ahead to life after the pandemic and how St Mary's might look then. If there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of PCC, please contact Chi or Mary.

## PLEASE HELP SECURE OUR STREAMED SERVICES!

A big thank you to everyone who answered our plea to increase the number subscribing to our church YouTube channel. We now have 125, 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.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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.

We've got a **St Mary's 'Whats App' group** if you would like to keep in touch that way. Andrew Christie will add you to the group if you contact him on [bells@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk](mailto:bells@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk)

## FOOD BANK

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

### **POSTAGE STAMPS TO SUPPORT GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

Please don't forget to cut the stamps off your envelopes leaving a small margin, and save them to bring into church when you are next able to come. Please put them in the plastic box on the table from where they will be collected for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you, Joan

### **TRADCRAFT**

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**

### **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 SMILE**

We are now registered with Amazon Smile. A lot of other St Mary's Churches and PCCs are as well, so please be very careful to identify us as the recipient of the donation. From the options, pick the 'All' category and search 'St Mary's Peterborough'. We are the only result returned so it cuts down on the chances of picking the wrong St Mary's by mistake!

Information on how you can register and Q&A can be found at [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk).

### **NEW WAY OF REGULAR GIVING**

You will know from the letter sent to you earlier this year that our regular giving scheme has now changed 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 now. 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.