
Welcome to St Mary's 2nd May 2021



Now that we are cautiously emerging from Lockdown, we can once again 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



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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 10am Thursday** 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	Deut. 16: 1-20	1 Pet. 1: 1-12
Tuesday	Deut. 17: 8-end	1 Pet. 1: 13-end
Wednesday	Deut. 18: 9-end	1 Pet. 2: 1-10
Thursday	Deut. Ch. 19	1 Pet. 2: 11-end
Friday	Deut. 21.22-22.8	1 Pet. 3: 1-12
Saturday	Deut. 24: 5-end	1 Pet. 3: 13-end

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This week:

Please pray for:

- world leaders and their advisers
- our local schools and their pupils
- candidates in the forthcoming elections
- the Peterborough Food Bank and those who use it
- the people of India, suffering so badly with the virus
- those across the world adversely affected by the climate crisis
- the work of relief agencies, particularly Christian Aid and their partners

Notices:

RE-OPENING ST MARY'S FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are delighted that starting from Easter Sunday 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, **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 **Thursday** (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.

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Unfortunately we won't be able to hold our customary house-to-house collection for Christian Aid Week, which this year is the week following Sunday 9th May. We are planning to set up a Just Giving page for donations, so please watch out for further information.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – SUNDAY 30th May

We'll be holding our Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 30th May, later than usual to allow for further improvements in the Covid situation, and a huge step forward from last year when we didn't manage to hold one at all! We'll be electing our churchwardens, PCC and representatives for Deanery Synod, and hearing reports on church happenings and our finances. Further information to follow, but please put the date in your diary.

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for our online service at 7pm on Friday 7th May. Have your cake and a drink ready, sit back and relax as we continue to reflect on 'The Psalms and our emotions'. You will also be able to sing along with some of your favourite worship songs. Friday Night Worship is accessed through the usual St Mary's platforms ... via the website, our Facebook page or our You Tube channel. We do hope that you can join us.

KINGDOM COME WEEK (13th to 23rd May)

As part of **Thy Kingdom Come Week** Keri has some family prayer maps if anyone is interested. They are interactive A3 maps that children can write on during the week of prayer. They are going to be used in youth club next month, but she would like to offer them out to interested families who may want to get their young people praying as a family. The prayer map can be put on the wall and added to each day. If anyone is interested then let Keri know and she can post one out.

FOOD BANK

Needed: Tinned Vegetables.

Now that we are back in church please leave your donations in the wheelbarrow. Tinned vegetables are needed. Thank you for your donations. Love Sheila

SUPPORTING ST MARY'S AND GIVING A LITTLE EXTRA

St Mary's has faced some financial challenges during the pandemic when our building has been closed. Fortunately we can offer ways for you to give to St Mary's if you are able to do so, including text and online giving. Just [click here](#) for more information, including a gift aid option to boost your donation. Thank you! We are very grateful for your donations, prayer and support, especially in these challenging and uncertain times.

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 132, 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.

GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR VACCINATION

If you've had one or both of your Covid vaccinations, you might be interested to know that Christian Aid has recently set up a thanksgiving appeal for people to give a gift in gratitude. Your donation will help protect vulnerable people in some of the world's poorest communities from the virus. You can find out more by clicking this link: www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/givethanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine. 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 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

TRAI DCRAFT

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 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 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.

NEW WAY OF REGULAR GIVING

You will know from the letter sent to you last 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.