



Things are a little different at the moment because of the coronavirus pandemic.

We've stopped all our public worship and moved online while our church building is closed. We hope that you will join us as we explore 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: 9am **MORNING PRAYER** Join together with Michael & Keri as alternately they say Morning Prayer on our behalf. 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	Jer. 4: 19-end	John 5: 1-18
Tuesday	Jer. 5: 1-19	John 5: 19-29
Wednesday	Jonah 1: 1-9	Acts 2: 37-end
Thursday	Jer. 6: 9-21	John 6: 1-15
Friday	Jer. 6: 22-end	John 6: 16-27
Saturday	Jer. 7: 1-20	John 6: 27-40

This week:

Please pray for:

- our government, faced with difficult decisions
- those suffering from cancer
- those struggling to cope with the effects of Lockdown
- our children, and all those facing the challenge of educating them
- those who have sold or delivered the food and other items you bought this week
- the work of Christian Aid and its partner organisations
- those across the world living in refugee camps

Notices:

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be really helpful if you could let Denise know when you would like your item removed so that we don't keep running out-of-date news!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.

IMPROVING OUR AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM IN CHURCH

Our plans to improve our audio-visual system by upgrading our sound system and installing a second screen and permanent projector are now a step nearer happening. The four week consultation period finishes today, and – assuming no formal objections were made to the Diocesan lawyers – we should find out soon whether we've got official permission to get the work done. Please watch this space for further news!

SUPPORTING ST MARY'S AND GIVING A LITTLE EXTRA

During the pandemic and now in lockdown St Mary's has added financial challenges. We are fortunate to have a facility where we can continue to support St Mary's or give an additional amount. If you are able to donate the Text & Online Giving link is available: [Click Here](#) and provides a Gift Aid option to help boost your giving, if applicable. We are very grateful for your prayer and support, especially in these challenging and uncertain times. Thank you.

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 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 pscsecretary@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

FOOD BANK

The need for food parcels doesn't go away.

While we are unable to attend church please use the donation boxes in supermarkets. Your contributions are appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. Love, Sheila

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 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 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.