
Welcome to St Mary's 1st May 2022



SERVICES THIS SUNDAY ARE:

10am in the Church

from 10am online, watch our Live streamed service from the safety of your home

6pm Compline, streamed on both our website and our Facebook page

7pm Inclusive Service in the lower hall

www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk



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OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK ARE:

WEDNESDAY: Said Communion 11am in the Church

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	Isa. 30: 1-5	John 12: 20-26
Tuesday	Exod. 20: 1-21	Luke 1: 26-38
Wednesday	Exod. Ch. 24	Luke 1: 39-56
Thursday	Exod. 25: 1-22	Luke 1: 57-end
Friday	Exod. 28: 1-4a, 29-38	Luke 2: 1-20
Saturday	Exod. 29: 1-9	Luke 2: 21-40

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This week:

Please pray for:

- world leaders and their advisers
 - those across the world adversely affected by the climate crisis
 - the work of Christian Aid and their partner agencies
 - our City Council, and those standing for election
 - those who report and edit our news
 - the bereaved
 - those living in war-torn countries, especially Ukraine
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Please check our website frequently just in case we need to make any last minute changes!

Dates for your diary:

This week:

- **TONIGHT:** Inclusive Church 7pm to 9pm Lower Hall
- Parents' & Toddlers' Group Tue 3rd May 9:30am-11:30am Lower Hall
- Mid-week Communion Service Wed 4th May 11am-11:30am Church
- Chill & Chat Group Fri 6th May 10am to 12Noon Lower Hall
- Friday Night Worship Fri 6th May 7pm-9pm Lower Hall
- St Mary's Youth Club Sat 7th May 10am-11:30am Lower Hall

Notices:

UPDATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S

It is up to you if you wish to wear a mask or gloves. Please sanitize your hands when entering the church building and when leaving.

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

ELECTORAL ROLL

We are currently revising our list of church members, our Electoral Roll, before our Annual Church Meeting, and have a legal deadline of Saturday 7th May to get this done. Our Electoral Roll Officer, Janette Jones-Pipe, would like to hear from you if you've changed any of your contact details over the past year. And she would especially like to hear from any new members who would like to be added to our Roll (assuming they meet the criteria, which she will explain). Her email address is ERO@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING ON 22nd MAY

On Sunday 22nd May you'll get an opportunity to find out more about what's been happening at St Mary's over the past year, and what our plans are for the future. You can learn about our finances, and what we do with the money you so kindly donate. We will also be electing our churchwardens and Church Council (PCC) members for next year, who act as our Trustees.

Everyone is invited to our Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 22nd May, and we hope you will want to stay after our morning service to take part. However, if you would like to stand for election or to vote, you will need to be on our Electoral Roll. Please ask for more information if you are interested.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH PETERBOROUGH MEETS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM 7PM TO 9PM IN ST MARY'S LOWER HALL

We come together to be challenged and encouraged by God's word and to receive strength and support from God and from one another. We don't all believe exactly the same things. And yet in the midst of our diversity, we build community, grounded in God's radically inclusive love for all people. We can't have all the answers ourselves, but ICP is a good place to share the questioning together, to search for deeper insights, and to celebrate our common journey.

<http://inclusivepeterborough.uk/inclusive-church/>

All Welcome. Contact Vicky Brett on 07957 855790 or inclusive.peterborough@gmail.com

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR 6PM SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

As from the start of May we are introducing new arrangements for Sunday evenings – although they are less 'new' than a return to our pre-pandemic patterns. We are very grateful to Elizabeth and Stuart Pedley for giving us online Compline services each Sunday for the past two years, and they will still be doing this on the first Sunday of each month, at 6pm. On the second Sunday of each month we will have Evensong at 6pm, live in church, and on the third Sunday we will have Compline at 6pm, also live in church.

And on the fourth Sunday there's the opportunity to attend the popular 6pm City Praise Service in the Cathedral.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022: 15th to 21st MAY

Christian Aid Week this year focuses on families in rural Zimbabwe who are at risk from the deepening climate crisis, and as you know we at St Mary's have been busy planning several different ways of raising money to help them:

- 1) **a House-to-House collection round parts of our parish:** Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to be part of our Collecting Team, but further volunteers would help us to contact more people. Please speak to Andrew Christie or Rob Robinson if you could help with delivering or collecting envelopes, and they can talk you through what's entailed.
- 2) **'The Emery 83 Challenge':** Anne and Geoff are hoping you will sponsor them to act their age! Geoff is celebrating being age 83 by walking 83 miles during the month of May, whilst Anne is both cycling 83 miles on her e-bike during May and swimming 83 lengths of Stamford pool across 5 days in May! Wow! Please support them by contributing to their part of our JustGiving page.
- 3) Our **JustGiving** page can be reached on www.justgiving.com/team/christianaid-stmarys-peterborough or via this QR code if you prefer:



We've set it up as a church page (so that Christian Aid know the money comes from St Mary's Church), with a separate Team page for Anne & Geoff. If you would like to support them, please click on their page, but it all goes towards our St Mary's total, so it doesn't really matter!

4) As Andrew mentioned, we will have **extra Christian Aid envelopes** available in church during Christian Aid Week for you to use yourself, or share with friends and family. This is a good way of spreading the message!

5) For people who prefer electronic and cashless, we've set up a **St Mary's CA e-envelope** which can be emailed or shared on social media. Look out for a copy dropping in your inbox soon – or please email Hilary Dawson on pccsecretary@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk to ask for the link and QR code.

6) We are delighted that **Lucy Brown** is giving another of her wonderful **Concerts, on Saturday 14th May at 7pm**, and has kindly agreed to give half the proceeds to Christian Aid. Please come to support her! Look out for more details on the attached leaflet and how to buy tickets - or contact Helen Brown on hjb10561@gmail.com

7) You are invited to **Evensong at the Cathedral on Thursday 19th May at 5.30pm** when there will be a special service for Christian Aid Week, with readings and prayers by members of local churches, and refreshments afterwards. Please do join us.

Yes, this is a lengthy article – but isn't it good that so much is happening at Mary's in support of Christian Aid's work. Thank you!

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for our service in church at 7pm on Friday 6th May 2022. This year the theme is '**I AM**'. We do hope that you can join us

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Group has now re- started. For the time being at least it will continue without a face to face or "Zoom" meeting. Each week I send out notes on a passage, with a few points to think about. If you have been included on the circulation list before I will continue to send you the notes unless you tell me to stop. If you would like to be added to the circulation, please let me know. I am planning to begin with Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Thanks, David Dawson

THURSDAY PRAYERS

A group of us have been meeting regularly (for almost fifteen years) on the **first and third Thursday morning of each month** to pray together, mostly in silence. During the pandemic we've moved to become a remote group, which offers flexibility of timing to those who would like to join their prayers to ours, but can't manage to get to church on Thursday mornings. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for the prayers please email:

hilarydawson148@btinternet.com

NEWS AROUND ST MARY'S: MAY/JUNE EDITION

The new edition of our parish magazine will be emailed to you early next week, and we hope you enjoy reading it. Printed copies will be available in church next Sunday if you prefer a paper version. They are free, so please take one and pass it on to a friend when you have read it. Thank you.

FOOD BANK

Needed: Instant Mash, Pasta Sauces, Long life milk and fruit juice

Now that we are back in church please leave your donations in the wheelbarrow. **Instant Mash, Pasta Sauces, Long life milk and fruit juice** are especially needed but all donations gratefully received. Love Sheila

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Denise is sending out **weekly 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 Michael, or Denise on office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk and they will 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

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.

YOUR CHURCH

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