
Welcome to St Mary's 9th January 2022



SERVICES THIS SUNDAY ARE:

10am in the Church (with masks, please)
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

www.peterborough-stmarys.org.uk



Contacts:

Vicar: Revd Michael Moore

Telephone: 01733 554815

e-mail: revmikemoore@gmail.com

Curate: Revd Keri Morrow

Telephone: 01733 601092

e-mail: revkerimorrow@gmail.com

Our Church Office

(Administrator: Denise Thomas)

Telephone: 01733 834736

e-mail: office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk

OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK ARE:

WEDNESDAY: Said Communion 11am in the Church, **(with masks, please)**

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	Gen. 1: 1-19	Matt. 21: 1-17
Tuesday	Gen. 1.20-2.3	Matt. 21: 18-32
Wednesday	Gen. 2: 4-end	Matt. 21: 33-end
Thursday	Gen. Ch. 3	Matt. 22: 1-14
Friday	Gen. 4: 1-16, 25-26	Matt. 22: 15-33
Saturday	Gen. 6: 1-10	Matt. 22: 34-end

*St Mary Boongate Peterborough is a
Registered Charity No. 1180032*



This week:

Please pray for:

- the Church of England, our archbishops and bishops
- all NHS staff, especially those 'on the frontline'
- staff and pupils at our local schools
- those in our church family who are alone and without internet access
- those suffering from a mental illness or depression
- the integrity of those who report and share the news
- those using the Peterborough Food Bank

Please check our website frequently just in case we need to make any last minute changes!

Dates for your diary:

This week:

- Parent & Toddler Group restarts on Tuesday morning, 11th January
- Mid-week Communion service – 11am Wednesday morning in the Church
- Our PCC will meet on Wednesday evening, 12th January
- Chill & Chat on Friday morning at 10am in the Lower Hall

Notices:

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S

You will understand that, because of all the safety measures we have in place for the protection of everyone in our church community, **we are asking you to observe the following important instructions:**

1. **Please wear a mask at all times when in the church and elsewhere in our building.** You can wear gloves if you wish (useful for the entry keypad into the carpark).
2. Please sanitize your hands as you enter.
3. **Please continue to use the NHS App to check in and check out.**
4. When you sit, please leave two empty seats between you and anyone from outside your family. **If you sit in the front three rows during services which are being filmed for live streaming, you will be visible on screen – and your consent will be assumed.**
5. We will sing hymns during the service – with masks on!
6. Please share the Peace by signing, and restrict any physical contact to family members.
7. Please wait to be directed to go up for communion (which will continue to be the wafer only, not wine from the shared chalice), and follow the one way system as directed.
8. Please continue to show consideration for those who might be vulnerable to infection by keeping your distance and giving them space.
9. If you need to go into the kitchen for a glass of water, please wash, dry and put the glass away afterwards.

Thank you for your co-operation in observing these protocols. We need to protect each other and take real care to prevent the further spread of the virus.

Please check our website frequently just in case we need to make any last minute changes!

Notices:

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

Would you please note that the telephone number for the church office has now changed from 01733 564899 to 01733 834736.

HEATING IN CHURCH

Unfortunately the heating is playing up at the moment, so apologies the church might feel a bit cold this morning! An engineer is due to call on Monday to sort out the problem.

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

'NEWS AROUND ST MARY'S' for JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

The next edition of our parish magazine is now available – and for the first time in almost two years we've had it printed! We will continue to send an electronic version out to everyone on our mailing list, but if you would like a printed copy you will be able to pick one up from church.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study Group are currently meeting remotely, using notes specially put together for us by David Dawson. We have been studying St Mark's Gospel, and David will be emailing out the next instalment of notes on Tuesday of this week. If you would like to be added to the distribution list please let him know: email daviddawson148@btinternet.com

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JOINT SERVICES

1) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - CTiCP service on **Sunday 16th January 7 pm at Park Road Baptist Church**. Churches Together is holding a service to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will be the first opportunity for CTiCP churches to meet together in two years!

2) City Praise service on **Sunday 23rd January at 7 pm at Peterborough Cathedral**. Informal modern worship led by the City Praise Band.

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

THANK YOU – CHRISTINGLE

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Christingle oranges. We made a total of £117.42. Have a safe New Year to one and all. Paul R.

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.

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

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

MILK BOTTLE TOPS & USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Thank you to everyone who is still saving washed milk bottle tops and used postage stamps (cut with about 1 cm edging please). The stamps go to raise funds for training guide dogs for the blind, and the bottle tops towards the Air Ambulance. Both very worthy causes. Thank you, Joan Parker.

LEGACY GIVING AND FREE WILL WRITING OFFER

Peterborough Diocese has been asked to be part of a pilot project, offering free wills to anyone who would like to take up the offer.

Leaving a gift in your will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry in your community. Making a will and keeping it updated is the only way to make sure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family, friends and charities you love.

Last autumn, the Church of England partnered with Farewill, the National Will Writing Firm of the Year 2020, to offer an online will writing service, which you can do from the comfort of your home in less than 30 minutes. Farewill's specialist team are available to help you over the phone or live chat 7 days a week, 9am-7pm. *There are a limited number of wills available on a first-come-first served basis.* There is no obligation for anyone to leave a gift in their will to their church. However, if you decide that you can, your gift - great or small - will make a real difference to your church's life for future generations. To take advantage of this offer you can go to the Farewill website <https://farewill.com/peterborough-diocese>.

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 YouTube channel. We now have 142, 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.

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 some while ago 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.