
Welcome to St Mary's 3rd October 2021



Journeying together with God

OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY:

10am in church (with masks, please)

11am online, watched from the safety of your home

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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES:

10am SERVICE in church, followed by a recorded service online at 11am

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	1 Macc. 3: 1-26 or 2 Chron. 17: 1-12	Mark 15: 1-15
Tuesday	1 Macc. 3: 27-41 or 2 Chron. 18: 1-27	Mark 15: 16-32
Wednesday	1 Macc. 3: 42-end or 2 Chron. 18.28-19.end	Mark 15: 33-41
Thursday	1 Macc. 4: 1-25 or 2 Chron. 20: 1-23	Mark 15: 42-end
Friday	1 Macc. 4: 26-35 or 2 Chron. 22.10-23.end	Mark 16: 1-8
Saturday	1 Macc. 4: 36-end or 2 Chron. 24: 1-22	Mark 16: 9-end

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This week:

Please pray for:

- The churches in the Peterborough Deanery
 - Our Government and their advisors
 - Elderly people living alone
 - Those suffering the long-term effects of COVID-19
 - The Peterborough Food Bank and those helped by it
 - Those suffering from a mental illness or depression
 - Refugees and displaced people across the world
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Notices:

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S

We are changing the arrangements for our Sunday morning service, in line with our Bishop's advice and recent government guidance. There is no further need to pre-book a place but please do continue to use the NHS app if you have it.

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. On arrival you will be asked to sanitize your hands, have your temperature checked and asked for your name and contact details.
3. Please continue to use the NHS App to check in and check out.
4. You may sit where you wish in church, but please leave two empty seats between you and anyone from outside your family.
5. We will sing a hymn at the start of the service and another at the end – with masks on!
6. Please continue to 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 the wine), and follow the one way system as directed.
8. Please remember to keep your distance from other people and give them space. Please continue to show consideration for those who might be vulnerable to infection.
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.

And we can now invite you to stay for refreshments after the service!

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.

THURSDAY PRAYERS

Our Thursday Prayers started again on Thursday 2nd September, and has resumed its pattern of meeting on the first and third Thursday morning of each month for an hour of silent meditation and prayer. For the time being we will continue to join together in 'remote fellowship' from our own homes, which offers flexibility to those unable to get into St Mary's during the day. If you would like the prayer sheets emailed to you so that you can join your prayers to ours, please email Hilary Dawson on pccsecretary@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk.

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.

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR HAITI

Thank you all so much for your very generous support for our Red Bucket appeal, which raised over £650 for Christian Aid's Emergency Appeal for Haiti. An amazing response, which will make a real difference to communities made homeless by the combined effects of the last month's earthquake and tropical storm. Thank you!

FURNITURE NEEDED FOR BOTH AFGHAN AND SYRIAN REFUGEES

Peterborough Council-led Afghani Refugee Task and Finish group are looking to provide furnished homes and re-settlement needs for initially 5 families with perhaps 25-30 people. They hope to be able to find more homes and increase this. At present they need help for furniture and are working with Carezone.

Carezone urgently need large items of good quality furniture (please see list below) and are accepting donations directly to the Carezone warehouse on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays - 10am-1pm.

- **Beds**
- **Wardrobes**
- **Chests of drawers**
- **Sofas**
- **Dining suites**
- **Duvets & bedding**
- **Kitchen equipment**

In terms of numbers of items, it's difficult to be precise at this time.

Contact details are Care Zone, telephone 01733 575083, email info@carezone.org.uk, website [Care Zone](http://www.carezone.org.uk)

Please can you help? Thank you, Marion

ACORN OUTREACH INITIATIVE

Following Andrew's talk on Sunday 1st September we are keen to receive feedback on any encounters and stories. Please do share them with either Andrew, Keri, Sue or Michael. If you missed the talk you can either catch up online or ask any of the above.

SUMMER FUNDRAISER 2021

Our Summer Fundraiser is now nearing its conclusion, with the aim of raising as much money as we can in support of Peterborough

Samaritans (<https://www.samaritans.org/branches/peterborough/>). 50% of donations will be used by St Mary's to improve the technology we need to stream St Mary's services online.

So far, our **bellringers** have rung a quarter peal; **Angela** is selling delicious homemade jam and **Joyce** is selling her tempting cakes and desserts. **Andrew and Joseph** have baked their

scrumptious bread. Meanwhile some of our other friends are being very active if you would like to support them:

Helen & Andrew Brown have rowed the equivalent of 40 miles on their rowing machine to mark their 40th wedding anniversary. You can donate at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helen-and-andrews-ruby-row

Elizabeth & Stuart Pedley have completed their walk the length of St Oswald's Way (97 miles) but did it locally so hope you were able to give them a cheer if you saw them on the road:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/elizabeth-stuart-pedley?utm_term=jQ6zDMJzW

David Pipe has completed his cycle ride of 300 miles to raise valuable funds

(<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/janette-jones-pipe>) and on Friday 27th August **Sue &**

Michael walked 20 miles **in one day** – to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sueandmichaelmoore>

Please do support them and help us to reach the £1,500 target. Your donation will be used by Peterborough Samaritans to make a big difference to someone's life. If you would like to raise money between now and the Harvest Festival on 10th October, please contact Abbi Smith via the Church Office (office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk) or ring 01733 564899 to log the date of your event so that no clashes take place.

CANDLES FOR SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Vicky and Keith have made beautiful scented candles for the Summer Fundraiser. Not sure of price yet; will advise this as soon as possible, or have a word with Vicky or Keith.



GARDENING MORNING – SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER FROM 9AM TO 12NOON

To make a start on removing the weeds from the front rose garden. Volunteers welcome! Please wear suitable clothing and bring gardening gloves. Refreshments will be available for helpers. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE – PETERBOROUGH DEANERY PRAYER DAY Saturday 30th October

This will be hosted at St Mary's from 10am until 2pm, with Workshops, Fellowship and Worship. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch. To book a place please contact Denise in the Church Office: email office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk or by telephoning 01733 564899.

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

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.

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

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 143, 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.

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.