

Thursday 1 April 2021

St Mary's has been closed both for public worship and private prayer by decision of the PCC since early January, but in light of the "stay at home" order being lifted (29 March) and shielding officially coming to an end (31 March):

**we are re-opening the building
for private prayer as from 1 April.**

The church building should be open between about 8.30am and 5pm most days and - as under normal circumstances - you are very welcome to visit; to sit quietly, say a prayer, light a candle and enjoy the atmosphere of East Preston's oldest working building.

Hand sanitiser is available, face coverings should be worn and (if there are others in the building) social distancing should be maintained.

The government is planning to make an announcement on 12 April and hopes to further open up sectors such as libraries, shops, gyms and community centres. Assuming this goes ahead

**public worship will resume here in St Mary's
from Sunday 18 April 2021**

and will be as follows:

Sunday 8am: Mass

10am: Mass (which will be livestreamed on the Facebook page)

Tuesday 7pm: Mass

Thursday 10am: Mass

Morning Prayer: Weekdays at 8.45am

Restrictions will still apply during worship: we are discouraged from mingling and socialising in the building; face coverings must still be worn; singing is not permitted; communion will be in one kind only; social distancing must still be maintained.

Fr Andrew Perry