



St Mary's Church on the Trees
Weekly News 12th November 2021

Dear Friends

It's been an eventful week for me. Many of you already know that I had an emergency operation for a detached retina last Tuesday at 7 pm. All is well and I am recovering at home, but I must rest and take life gently for at least a couple of weeks while it's healing. I thank God for the skill of the surgeon and the staff at the hospital. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that I received on behalf of you all.

I hope that you are well although I know that Brian has been poorly, but better now, thank goodness. Monica and Colin got off on their cruise and I'm sure we all hope that it will be a tonic for them. I'm hoping that more of our number will have had their boosters without too long in a queue.

I will not be at the Trees for the next two Tuesdays but I know that everyone will help out and things will continue to happen as usual. All being well I will be back on 30th November, which will be our Advent Service. Christmas is creeping up on us!

We will be having a Church on the Trees 5 ft Christmas Tree at St Marys for the Christmas Tree Festival that runs from 8th - 12th December inclusive. It costs £28 for the tree so we will be asking people to buy one of 28 squares at £1 a square. The winning number will win the tree. We have some small plain wooden Christmas Trees to hang on the tree. At Café+Church we hope as many as possible will decorate them and we will ask others we link with at the Community Centre to decorate some too. We are all branches of the same tree.

From next week we will be asking everyone to think about their favourite carols and carrying out a poll to find the top 5. The 5 most popular will be sung at our Carol Service on 21st December. Look out for the information! If you are not able to attend the Trees but would like to vote, just drop me a note and I will include your choice/s.

Thank you to Irene for alerting me to the fact that 28th December is a Boxing Day Bank Holiday so there will be no Cafe+Church on that day.

Don't forget that the Cafe part of Cafe+Church is open from 10 am if you would like to have a chin wag over a cuppa before the service or colour your Christmas tree decoration.

Do take care, look after yourselves
and keep well!

Mary