



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family
We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

**There will be no
Worship Services at
St Mary's Church
until further notice**

Church Continues **Online**

www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

Sunday 3rd May

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 10th May

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 17th May

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
11am St Mary's @11

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

How far does the Good News travel?

Thank you for those who have engaged patiently with the livestreams from my summerhouse/shed on Sundays at 8, 9:30 or 11.

Thank you for the encouragement I've received, not least, an email all the way from Herefordshire, where one lady was recommended to watch by sister from Cheshire. It turns out Cheshire sister had been told about a '*singing vicar in shorts*' by her next-door neighbour. Later in the week I heard from the next-door neighbour who explained that she has links to Lytchett Minster Church and was trying to find their service when she found me and joined in marching round her garden on Palm Sunday! I was particularly pleased to hear that she really felt part of our worship, and I reiterated to her my aim to provide something God-focussed, worshipful, accessible and real.

Stephen

Christian Aid Week

Christian Week starts next **Sunday May 10th**, but this year there is obviously no house to house collection or sponsored walk. However, the need is still there and greater with the Coronavirus. C.A. have other ways of giving, which can be found on their website. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week> You can donate directly over the phone using a card, but when we resume services, I plan to have C.A. envelopes in Church, so people can donate this way. On Sunday May 10th, there will be a live streamed service at 1pm. with Dr Rowan Williams and from Mon 11th - Sat 16th. at 11am live daily reflections from staff and partners overseas. For more information contact **Sheila Newnham**

News about the Refugee family

International Care Network have unfortunately received word recently from the Home Office that all resettlement programs are being suspended until further notice. This means that our family's flight has been cancelled for now. We are, of course, extremely disappointed by this as I am sure you may be as well. We continue to pray that we would be able to welcome this family (or another on the same program) later on in the year when programs are re-initiated. As I said – we want to do what we can to ensure that all your generous donations can be used for a refugee family – whether that is the one we expected or a different one!

Elizabeth

News Sheet

If you would like to get the News sheet by email please contact Debbie (See below)
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Prayer for

- Peace and comfort for those who are bereaved and coming to terms with their loss
- Those sick at home or in hospital, that they may receive healing and strengt

Message from Chris and Kesia

Chris and Kesia praise God for our health and the privilege of these months all together. Here in Japan many shops are shut, and we are requested not to go out unless necessary, but we are able to shop and exercise which is a real blessing. The girls' school is shut until at least June, but they have some work to do at home. There is also time to entertain their big brothers – much appreciated! Jonathan has some self-taught assignments to do. Caleb has much less work as his IGCSEs are cancelled, so we need wisdom to help him plan and prepare for the future with many uncertainties, especially in India. Kesia continues to be grateful for this precious time with the children.

We were due to go away early May with Kesia's parents, so please pray that we can holiday well at home, and that each of us we will be spiritually, emotionally and physically refreshed. May God be with you in each of your circumstances.

The WI - Walking in Lytchett Matravers

This is the year in which Lytchett Matravers WI marks its Centenary! A lot of events which had been planned have understandably had to be put 'on hold'. However – due to the awakening/renewed/rediscovered interest in walking around our lovely village we have agreed to share something that is currently in the pipeline but which will then get a 'proper launch' when we are able to do so!

We are very pleased to announce that the WI is re-launching the booklet of walks which **Shirley Percival** published back in the Eighties. With Shirley's permission this booklet has been revamped by **Jan Watson** with the walks being tested more recently by two other 'intrepid' WI members (also part of our church community). By special permission these walks are now being featured on the smlm website.

The final publication will also include maps and illustrations which we cannot include yet. Do enjoy the walks but please be aware that the proper social distancing advice may be a challenge in places. **Karen**.

www.smlm.co.uk/walks