



# 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.**

You can however access a  
livestream of our Sunday 8am  
and 9.30 services on our website:

[www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/](http://www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/)

There will also be an @11 Service  
page with various links to interact  
with.

In addition, St Mary's Church will  
be open for prayer at various times  
during the week, these will be  
updated on the website and  
Facebook.

Currently the Church will be open:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2pm-5pm  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8am-12noon

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-5pm  
(don't forget the clocks change)  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8am-12noon

## Children's Society Boxes

Thank you to everyone who collected money for the Children's Society this year. Thank you too to those who helped gather the boxes and then redistribute them. I counted and sorted the money into nearly **50** separate cash bags and paid it in this week. All in all **£457.75** was raised that will go towards helping children across our country escape from poverty, abuse, neglect etc. It was good to have two new box holders sign up, if anyone else wants to have a little box in which to place spare loose change over the year then do let me know. *Stephen*

## Services Online...

It was with sadness that I had to announce the postponement of all our worship services this week. I am arranging to provide a regular worship input of some kind to those who are on the internet, I will send links out when I have the technology working which hopefully will be in time for a livestream of our 8 and 9.30 services. For those without internet there is a Church Service on Radio 4 at 8.10am every Sunday, and 'Songs of Praise' is on BBC1 at 1.15pm this Sunday. *Stephen*

## Keep Calm and Carry on Praying

In the meantime there are some good ways to engage in prayer and worship, you could start by reading the bible and let God speak to you through his word. A famous theologian said it is good to pray with our Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other, now is a good a time as any to pray into God's promises and into all that is happening around us that can be unsettling. I will seek to open the church each Sunday morning from 8am-12noon and it maybe that the church is open on other occasions too for quiet prayer. As the weather warms I hope you will take the opportunity to appreciate God's amazing creation waking up after the winter. You could look out of a window, step out into your garden if you have one, or take a walk around the village if you are able. The Archbishops have charged us to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world. As we look out for one another in our community, by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that can counter fear and isolation - will spread across our land.

*Stephen*

## News Sheets Printed

We will be printing some newssheets for those who do not get them online. Please can you let us know if you are aware of anyone who would like to have one delivered. Just reply to this email or contact Stephen. *Stephen*

## News Sheet

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

Or visit

<http://www.smlm.co.uk/blog/>

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## Social Media

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/StMarysLM](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysLM)

Bellringing Facebook

[www.facebook.com/bellringingsmlm](http://www.facebook.com/bellringingsmlm)

Twitter

## Prayers For

- Peace and comfort for everyone as we get used to social isolation during the coronavirus pandemic
- May we all love and care for our neighbours as we would ourselves

## Lent Course Resources

It is also a shame our Lent Course has been cancelled, but you can access some interesting video interviews undertaken by Ruth Valerio here: [spckpublishing.co.uk/saying-yes-resources](http://spckpublishing.co.uk/saying-yes-resources)

## The Churches Together Lunch

Next week's Churches Together Lunch will be cancelled. We will inform you when they can restart. *Sheila*

## APCM – Annual Party for Church Members!

(or Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

This was due to be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March but has had to be postponed till later in the year.

## St Mary's Church fundraising event

It must be 'springtime' as we are now beginning our fundraising events! Our first event of 2020, is a Quiz evening with an 'Italian Themed' hot supper, and dessert. This is a ticket only event, held at the church on Saturday 2nd May at 7pm. Tickets £12.50, can be obtained from Ann 01202623635 or Jackie 01202632298. Order your tickets early, as our last quiz was a sell out, don't be disappointed! Of course this may not go ahead but please let us know if you are interested. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery, we'll supply the rest!

We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your support in fundraising for our historic church. *The Fundraising Team*

## Diary Dates

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

March		
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothering Sunday
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	Clocks go forward 1 hour
April		
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Sun	12	Easter Sunday
Sat	18	Wedding

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