



# St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

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

Church Continues *Online*

[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

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

## Prayer

If you are anything like me, having time to pray and then actually spending time praying are two different things. I would like to offer some prayer resources that may be helpful during this time of lockdown but also help to develop prayer patterns that may sustain you in the long term too. If anyone else has other ideas do let me know and I'll pass them on. Our Website now has a page dedicated to different ways of praying:

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

This is based on a **Prayer Leaflet** I produced last year, if anyone would like a printed copy please let me know and I will drop one round, or post it to you.

There are some great prayer resources online, such as the Church of England's page for Morning and Evening Prayer:

[www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer)

The CofE have an app on Android or Apple called '**Daily Prayer**' which I use regularly to partake in the above services.

## Online Services will continue

I shall continue to provide livestreamed services each Sunday morning to the best of my ability. I hope to get different voices to help lead prayers and readings, which can be provided to me in audio or video form.

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

## Online Easter Garden

Thank you to **Ann Manning** and others who contributed to our online Easter Gardens. You can see how things developed and the final results on our website: [www.smlm.co.uk/garden](http://www.smlm.co.uk/garden)

## Stephen

## Liz Lane

'Liz Lane's funeral will be next Thursday (April 23rd) at 4pm, obviously no-one but Aubrey and close family will be there with me but for those who want to take a moment to pray and perhaps light a candle in Liz's memory, you might like to use liturgy developed especially for this on the C of E website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Funerals%20liturgy%20at%20home%20public.pdf>

*There is even a virtual candle lighting page:*

[churchofengland.org/funeral-candle](http://churchofengland.org/funeral-candle)

*In the fullness of time there will be an appropriate service at St Mary's of thanksgiving for the life of this special lady.*

*Do remember Aubrey and the family in your thoughts and prayers.'*

## 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

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### Bellringing Facebook

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### Twitter

<https://twitter.com/StMarysLM>

## Prayer for

- those who are in isolation, that they may feel the love and protection of God
- Those who are ill. May they experience the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for all the time and dedication given by those supporting people in isolation.

## Prayers for Chris and Kesia in Japan

Please pray for Chris and Kesia in Japan dealing with the challenges of COVID 19 there.

- The boys are in Japan at the moment with no idea when they can go back to school in India
- Carys is supposed to be applying for the International School but that has been put on hold
- Lessons at home now have to be in English and Japanese
- Chris is very busy as the lead for OMF Japan on managing COVID 19 in their work
- The church they attend is having to move venue and there are a number of tensions

## Digital Church

As someone who had to be dragged 'kicking and screaming' into the computer age – I wholly appreciate the huge learning curve that has taken place in order to keep us all connected to church during lockdown. Who would have thought a few weeks ago that we would now be enjoying 'livestream' services right into our living rooms - or wherever else you choose to watch our '**Vicar in the Shed**'. I know that I will be speaking for many when I say that sincere and appreciative thanks must go to **Stephen** and all those who have made this possible - to everyone who has contributed in whatever way to the services - as well as to the film makers and studio crew! The creativity and variety has shown no bounds and the dedication to the cause in keeping us all connected has been admirable. Thank you, '**Team St Mary's**'.

Then there is **Facebook**. A bit like Marmite –some love it, others hate it – but it really has come into its own just lately. Those who are followers have been treated to short but encouraging musings from under the yew tree, a chestnut tree and even on Rectory Corner! "**Thank you, Stephen**".

By the way if you have not seen it yet do watch the April 5<sup>th</sup> edition of @11 – the telling of the Palm Sunday story with a wonderful cast of furry friends! <http://www.smlm.co.uk/at11-april-5th-2020/> Aimed at the children really but hugely entertaining for us 'childlike' adults too!

**Thanks to one of our congregation for these "musings"!**

[St Mary's Calendar](#)