



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 31st May

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 7th June

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 14th June

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am St Mary's @11

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

Plant Sales

Our cream teas maybe on 'hold', but the fundraising team were wanting to get involved in **fundraising for St. Mary's...**so the team moved to the community as a base! It was so nice to meet so many people from the local community, some of whom had not supported St. Mary's before! So the (quote!) '**lovely ladies**' who were so welcoming, are now thinking about the next 'event'! With social distancing showing no sign of finishing, it seems the 'event' will take place within the community again, so, as they say, watch this space! Thank you for your support - **Fundraising Team**

Ruth Valerio's Reboot Campaign

If you are a recipient of any **Tearfund** news you may already know about this but for those who aren't this may be of interest.

"In turbulent times, it's important we **stay focused on the bigger picture**. The coronavirus crisis has reminded us of the fragility of life, exposed inequality and revealed the damage we've done to creation. But it's also brought communities together, and given us the chance to reimagine what life could be like.

A recent survey found that just nine per cent of people in the UK want to return to life as 'normal' – and, like many others, I've been thinking about what a 'new normal' could look like.

Now, we have a chance to put these thoughts into action. Will you join our Reboot Campaign, and add your voice in calling for a fairer, more sustainable world?

We have a **once-in-a-generation opportunity to reshape the future**. We can reboot the economy so that it works for everyone and **protects the environment**.

As Christians, we can play a vital role by living differently and calling for change. So will you join us in calling on the UK government to respond to the crisis and rebuild in a way that prioritises the poorest, tackles the climate emergency and creates a better world for everyone? We have a short window of time to grasp this opportunity to influence our leaders.

Add your voice by sending a 'reboot message' to the Prime Minister using the link below. You'll find easy instructions to send an email or (even better) write a letter.

[Send a reboot message](#)

Ruth Valerio

Director of Global Advocacy and Influencing

News Sheet

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

- To God for blessing us with lovely weather, birdsong and flowers blooming amidst lockdown
- To all those helpers around the village who have shopped, called and fetched prescriptions for others

Pray for

- All returning to school on Monday. May God help all involved to make it a safe and happy place for the children and staff
- For those who are unwell. May they be completely healed in Jesus' name.

Fabric Update

You might well be forgiven for thinking that with the church closed everything to do with the building has come to a halt. ***You would be wrong!*** Slowly but surely we are creeping towards submitting an application to the Diocese for permission to ***replace all the old electrical circuits and lighting*** and add some security lights in the car park. This was started over a year ago but is almost there now.

We are also in the process of applying for permission to replace the ***wooden ladder in the belfry*** with a steel one with safety hoops. And also in the tower we are in the process of an application to add certain bits of electronics to enhance the simulator which is used when beginners start ringing.

The Diocese have introduced a new on line system which starts useful dialogue at the start of the process although as yet I haven't noticed any reduction in the amount of paperwork to be submitted!! ***Bill Carter***

The Big Music Sunday Service

6.00pm BST Music Sunday 14th June 2020

This is an opportunity offered by the ***Royal School of Church Music***. There is usually an annual celebration of church music but this year it will be happening online for obvious reasons. All are invited to join in celebrating the role of music and musicians in church life. This year instead of coming together in our churches and communities for special services and events, we invite you, your fellow congregants, friends and families to join RSCM in this very special service. The ***Very Revd Dr John Hall, RSCM Chair of Council*** (and recently retired Dean of Westminster) will lead the service during which you will hear choirs from home and abroad, and be able to join in with hymns, songs and responses. Some of us from the ***Churches in Harmony choir*** are hoping to be involved and I have downloaded the Service and music, so if anyone would like copies please let me know – my email is pam-b@hotmail.co.uk. Also for more information and rehearsal tracks please visit RSCM at www.rscm.org.uk/music-sunday/.

Pam Baker