



# 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/)

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

## ZOOM Coffee

10:30 St Mary's Coffee

Click on **ZOOM** above or

Meeting ID: 815 0781 8982

Password: 832638

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family

We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

## Next Steps...

Thank you for your feedback about our next steps including ideas around re-entering our Church building. Our Standing committee met this week and we are keen to reopen the church early in July - initially for quiet prayer and small funerals (as are now allowed by the Government). We had a good discussion about the various issues involved and, whilst we would love to open at the earliest opportunity, we recognise there are a number of steps to take to ensure safety for everyone, which is our prime concern. There are three criteria we want to ensure are covered in our planning:

- We need to ensure that our church can be made into a safe environment and that we are not encouraging vulnerable people to take risks.
- We need to negotiate the complexity of all the regulations and risk assessments involved, recognising that they seem to change with little notice and so will need constantly reviewing.
- We need to find out if people do want to come to pray and, if so, to create a team of non-vulnerable people to host each quiet prayer time, making the environment safe before, during and after.

So, to help us in our planning, please can you think about your responses to the following questions and then let Ann Manning know, her email address is:

[ann\\_manning10@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann_manning10@hotmail.co.uk) or give her a ring on 01202 623635

Q1. If the church was open for prayer on a Wednesday or Saturday would you be interested in utilising this opportunity to pray in Church?

Q2. Are you in a position to help facilitate opening the church for a prayer session?

Q3. Would anybody be willing and able to give the church a good 'normal' clean before we started?

Each 'Quiet prayer' session would probably be for a couple of hours on a Wednesday & Saturday. This would allow a 72 hours quarantine period between each opening and would therefore not require us to 'deep clean' after each opening. We look forward to hearing from you.

**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

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### Bellringing Facebook

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### Twitter

<https://twitter.com/StMarysLM>

## Pray for

- Strength and support for those who are out of work, furloughed or contemplating a return to work
- A continued protection against the coronavirus. That we don't let our guard down and keep following the guidelines.

## Book Stand

We are very grateful to Bob Newman for renovating the old book stand which has been hanging around the back of church, unused, for a number of years. We look forward to having it in use as soon as possible.

**Bill**



## Diocesan Eco Church meeting

On 10<sup>th</sup> June around 50 'Eco Champions' from across the Diocese met together via Zoom to hear the latest update from the Bishop. 2020 was intended to see a national and diocesan focus on "***caring for creation***" – starting in Lent with Ruth Valerio's '***Saying Yes to Life***' and carrying on through the seasons and the Lambeth Conference up to 'Creationtide' in the autumn and leading up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November. (Both these conferences are of course now postponed until 2021).

Clearly that has all changed but 'Lockdown' has also given us a wonderful opportunity to highlight environmental matters – notably how CO2 emissions can fall dramatically as a direct result of changes in human behaviour! There is now also a huge potential for environmental campaigners to influence post pandemic recovery strategies towards a 'green' agenda. As well as hearing about Parish related Eco developments, the Bishop and others (including Hilary) talked about what we could do now and different ways to make our voices heard.

If anyone would like links to any of the material from the meeting do please contact me.

**Karen**