



# St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

## During October

**8am, 9:30am and @11**

in church AND online

*Depending on COVID updates any of these could be changed but we would notify you through our Newsheet mailings*

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

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

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

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

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

*Led by Rev Lucy Holt*

**9:30am** Service of Worship

*Led by Jayne Catley*

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

**ONLY** in church not online

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

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

**3pm** All Soul's Service

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**10:50-11:10** Remembrance at the War Memorial

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

## ZOOM Coffee

10:45 St Mary's Coffee

Click on **ZOOM** above or

Meeting ID: 509 117 4507

Password: 633010

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family

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

## APCM

We were finally able to hold our APCM last Sunday (postponed from 29 March) with fifteen members present. Mat Riddell has stood down as Warden after six years and been replaced by Ann Manning. Jayne Catley and Andy Dawson have completed their three-year terms of office and (as Heather Argent had resigned from the PCC earlier this year) the three vacancies were filled by Karen Hesketh, David Mould and Kat Riddell. Andy, who is a qualified electrician, remains our Health and Safety Officer.

Roger encouraged us by saying that, despite the Parish Share for 2020 having been substantially increased and our income having been decreased due to Covid-19 restrictions which have affected our fundraising, our payments are currently thankfully up to date. We have had donations in excess of £500 from people elsewhere in the UK watching Stephen's livestream services. He added that he'd been investigating ways of receiving contactless donations for some time now, and was in the process of obtaining a SumUp system for use primarily at non-standard church services and fundraising events. We would also have it available at church services just in case, and it will allow fundraising to also be undertaken electronically in due course.

At the meeting we adopted a resolution "to allow the option of holding the APCM in an alternative format, such as online, in future years if a need is identified and agreed by the PCC beforehand". Hopefully we **will** be able to hold our APCM in the usual format again next year though! **Riette**

## Harvest Festival

As we celebrate our **Harvest Festival** this weekend we are mindful that there is a growing need for basic everyday items to help those who are struggling locally. Bishop Tom Wright, in his book 'God and the Pandemic' reminds us that, as Christians, we are called to be people of prayer and action at the places where people are struggling and in pain. At our Harvest collection we can only really collect sealed items for the foodbank this year, I hope you can find imaginative ways of sharing other produce that you have. We will collect your boxes, packets, tins and jars at the services in **Church on 4th October**, or you can take them straight to Lisa who coordinates the village Foodbank, she has set up a box for donations outside her house 39 Cecil Place.

See the main body of the email for a current list of items needed.

**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

<https://twitter.com/StMarysLM>

## Pray for

- Those feeling isolated and low at the moment, especially as the nights draw in and the summer sun turns into autumnal overcast skies
- For all whose wedding plans have had to change and the attendees reduced to 15
- May everyone understand if they are no longer invited and may the happy couple remain so and not have to face any difficult conversations with friends or family

## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

There will be a service to commemorate the faithful departed or 'All Souls' Service at St Mary's Church on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 3.00pm. There will be a chance to light a candle in memory of someone and names will be read out during the service. All are welcome to attend, as we gather to remember loved ones who have died, but please contact Stephen the vicar if you wish to attend as we will be limited to 30 people and will need to allocate the seats in line with current regulations. If you would like a particular person to be remembered and their name to be read out during the service, please contact Pam Baker (01202 623299) [pam-b@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pam-b@hotmail.co.uk) with the name of the person or people you would like remembered.

## Ride and Stride

£115 plus some gift aid envelopes was raised through donations in the church and £215 + £51.25 Gift Aid through the Just Giving page so well over £330 If anyone would still like to donate money [click here](#). [Click here](#) for more information about some of our riders.

## Church Calendar

<https://www.smlm.co.uk/events/calendar/>

October		
Oct 4	Harvest Sunday <i>Bring a tin/packet for the Foodbank</i>	St Mary's
November		
Nov 1	All Souls Service	3pm at St Mary's
Nov 7	Alpha Holy Spirit Morning	9.30am on Zoom
Nov 8	Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial <i>No 930 service but a 10.45-11.15am Act of Remembrance</i>	
Nov 10	PCC	7.30pm at St Mary's
Nov 29	Advent Sunday	
December		
Dec 6	Christingle Sunday	
Dec 13	Community Carols	
Dec 20	Carol Service Sunday	
Dec 24	Nativity service and Midnight Communion	
Dec 25	Christmas Day Communion	