

Notices

New PCC Members Wanted

We are still hoping for new volunteers to join the PCC. We have space for one more person to stand for three years, and one to stand for one year. Could this be you?

Latest Coronavirus Update

Following the latest instructions from the Government, St. Mary's can remain open for services within the Covid-19 restrictions. The Church will be open for Holy Communion (CW) on Sundays at 10am and on Wednesday evenings for 'said' Evening Prayer (BCP) at 6.30pm. The weekly short Morning Prayer services using the Sunday Holy Communion readings, and with a short address, will continue to be posted on our website and Facebook pages.

Tamerton Foliot May Carnival

It is still not clear at the moment whether the Tamerton Foliot May Carnival will go ahead in May or if it will be postponed until later in the year.

The original plan was for our usual Carnival Concert to take place in Church at 6pm on Wednesday 12th May. The May Carnival was scheduled for Saturday 15th May and the plan was to have St Mary's open, with stewards, and for people to be able to drop in for afternoon tea in aid of Christian Aid as Christian Aid Week ends on that day. The Carnival Service would then be held at 10am on Sunday 16th May.

Hopefully we will be able to confirm things very soon.

Normal Services Resuming!

Having in mind the latest guidelines of the Government's 'Roadmap' to come out of 'Lockdown', the PCC are planning on a return to our pre-covid pattern of services at the end of June. Subject to any 'slippage' in the Government's plans, our first services will hopefully be held on Sunday 27th June. We would like to hold a special celebration service on that day and the PCC are thinking about what we can do for this. It will also be a chance for people to see the work that has been done in the Church Hall. From July the plan, initially, is to return to our previous pattern of services; but to see how things go and to consider if any changes need to be made.

The full service rotas for chalice assistants, readers and sidespersons will also recommence from July, providing the rules at the time allow.

So some light at the end of the tunnel at long last!

Prayer Requests

If anyone would like prayer for any reason, please do get in touch. We can add your name to the prayer list on the weekly Church News, or we can pass your request on to other members of the Church who are praying regularly via a couple of WhatsApp groups. Give as much or as little information as you feel able to share. Alternatively, please contact Rev'd David Gill on 01752 771033 or by email to dbmgill@tiscali.co.uk

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Flushathon!

Congratulations! to all those who completed their sponsored walk in March. Well done to you all! Thank you for helping to raise funds to provide toilet facilities within the church. Even with just a few sponsors, it's surprising how the money mounts up. The total is about **£3,800.00** at the moment.

Jill Parry is keen to know how much we have raised so please let her know how much you have raised and return your money and sponsor forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions, Jill can be contacted on 07742623427 or by e-mail: jillparry.church@gmail.com if you need any more information.

Even if you couldn't do the walk yourself, you can still pledge some money to the appeal and there is a sponsor form at the back of Church where you can pledge an amount to the Flush Fund to acknowledge the efforts of those who did the walking. Money can be donated via cash or cheque (payable to "The PCC of Tamerton Foliot"), preferably in a sealed enveloped marked 'Flushathon' and handed in at Church, or via BACS transfer (Account Name: PCC of Tamerton Foliot; Sort Code: 30-96-68 and Account number: 00503131) with the reference 'Flushathon' or 'FF'.

Thank you.

Prayers for the Coronavirus Outbreak

The Diocese have provided some prayers for the COVID-19 outbreak. They have also provided a prayer as an act of Spiritual Communion. These have been emailed to everyone previously and are available via our St Mary's website. Separate copies are available if anyone would like them. Please ask. Not everyone has access to online resources. So, Church House Publishing (CHP) have produced a downloadable/printable selection of Prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak. The booklet includes prayers for children, as well as a simple form of morning and night prayer designed for individuals and families to use at home. The files can be freely downloaded, emailed or printed by anyone via the Church of England website, with versions suited to sharing digitally or for printing at home. If you would like a copy, and cannot access it online, please ask and we will ensure you get a copy. Otherwise, a copy can be found here:

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%20%20April_0.pdf

There is also a link to the booklet from our website at www.saintmarys.org.uk

Keeping Up To Date

The Church News is still being distributed to as many Church members as possible each week in person or via email. It is also available each week, as usual, via the St Mary's website at www.saintmarys.org.uk

Updates about any further changes to the restrictions on Church attendance will continue to be posted on our website and Facebook pages and will be communicated to you as and when we receive revised guidance.