

Notices

More Coronavirus Updates

Following the PCC meeting on Monday it has been decided to remove all the seating restrictions at St. Mary's. Masks are no longer required but can be worn if desired by individuals. We hope people will feel confident with this decision but we leave it to you, as individuals, to use your own discretion about where you sit and to take personal responsibility for ensuring you are as Covid – safe as possible for yourself and for those around you. Whilst the weather remains favourable, both doors of the Church will remain open during services to allow as much ventilation as possible.

The first part of the Sunday morning services will continue to be posted on the St Mary's Facebook page and Website, as soon as possible after the service.

The Wednesday evening services have finished but the 11am Holy Communion (BCP) services have now restarted on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Dates coming up (subject to any new regulations):

October:

Sunday 3rd Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving Service

End of Lockdown Thanksgiving Update

Our plans for marking the end of the lockdown restrictions had to be postponed but we will be holding a special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 3rd October. We will also be holding a Cream Tea in the Church Hall from 3pm on that day so everyone can have a chance to see the kitchen which was refurbished last August. There will then be an early evening Praise Service at 4.30pm. Please contact Sara Grier if you are able to offer any help with anything for the event.

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

Refreshments

Refreshments are now being served at St. Mary's after the 10am services once again. Thank you to Pat Brooks and all the volunteers who are helping to make this happen. We hope you feel able to stay and have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

It has been suggested, in order to be more environmentally friendly, as well as saving the Church some money (as well as some washing up), that people may like to bring their own reusable coffee cups or drinking vessels. We therefore invite you to do so. You will, probably, also have a larger cuppa by doing so!

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Welcome to



Together @ Ten



Reading: **Mark 9: 33 – 37**

³³ They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me.”

Normal Service Is Resumed (Nearly)

We have now restarted our pre-covid pattern of services at St Mary's, with some exceptions due to various events.

The congregation are now permitted to sing at services.

The Choir are now permitted to sit nearer each other and are allowed to all sing together, without masks. They are now robing for services again.

Both the Church doors will be open to supply fresh air and ventilation as long as the weather remains favourable.

There will be no change to how the Holy Communion is administered to the congregation, i.e. in one kind.

We will continue to share the peace without handshakes etc.

There will not be a collection taken during the service but the plate will be on the table at the back of Church as usual and will be presented to the altar during the offertory hymn. This means envelopes and any money should be placed on the plate before the service, please.

The sidesperson rota and the reader rota have restarted for all services, and also the intercessions rota, but not the Chalice Assistant rota.

Readings and Prayers are now being read from the lectern, and not the pulpit.

Unwanted Glasses

The Lions Club of Plymouth are still collecting unwanted glasses for people in countries that need them. Please place any unwanted pairs in the box at the back of Church. Cases are not essential. Thank you.