

Notices

Services Next Sunday

Next Sunday is a 5th Sunday in the month, so there will be service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am at St. Mary's. At 10am there will be a Team Service at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway, which will be Holy Communion (CW). This means there will be no service at St. Mary's at 10am and there will not be an evening service either.

Meeting with Archdeacon Nick Shutt

Some of the PCC members from both St. Mary's and The Church of The Holy Spirit met with Archdeacon Nick Shutt on Monday to debate the future of our Team Ministry. The meeting went well, despite confirmation that we will only be recruiting for one post once Rev'd David retires as Rector at the end of January.

The PCC's will continue to meet to prepare a combined Team Ministry profile with details of both Churches which will help to form the job profile for the recruitment process.

Meeting With Bishop Nick McKinnel

On Thursday 18th November, at 7pm, there will be a meeting chaired by Bishop Nick McKinnel at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. Everyone from both Churches is invited to attend. The meeting will focus on the Diocesan vision for our Team Ministry, as we prepare for the Interregnum.

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

Tamerton Foliot United Charities

Applications are now invited from people who may qualify to receive a grant from the Tamerton Foliot United Charities.

If you received a grant last year, and still live within the designated locality, you will have automatically received an application form this autumn.

If not, and you think you, or someone you know, may qualify, then please take one of the application forms from the back of St Mary's Church or from the Foyer at The Church of The Holy Spirit.

For more information, please contact the TFUC Chairman. Text or call: 07708590704

Email: andy@saintmarys.org.uk or write c/o 4 Drakes Close, Derriford, Plymouth, PL6 5XL.

The closing date for all applications is Sunday 14th November 2021.

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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.

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.

New Projector

Unfortunately, our projector for use at St Mary's (particularly at the Together@Ten services) is no longer usable and so a new one is required. Following a brief appeal last week, we are pleased to announce we are very grateful to an anonymous donor who has offered to pay for a new one. A huge 'Thank you' from all of us.

Refreshments

Now refreshments are being served again at St. Mary's after the 10am services, it has been suggested, in order to be more environmentally friendly, as well as saving the Church some money (and 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!

Coronavirus Updates

Following the last PCC meeting, 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 St. Mary's website, as soon as possible after the service.

The Wednesday 11am Holy Communion (BCP) services have now restarted on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Wednesdays of the month.