

Notices

Meeting With Bishop Nick McKinnel

This 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.

Christmas Lunch

We are reviving our successful Christmas Lunch from Christmases before Covid. The Lunch will be at The Seven Stars, Tamerton Foliot, on Sunday 19th December at 12 noon.

Menu Choices are a Turkey Baguette with all the festive trimmings or Beef/Lamb/Chicken Roast. A form for choices will be available by next week. Maximum number will be 32, so please book by Monday 13th asap. For more information, please contact Pat Brooks at Church or Tel. 774467.

Tamerton Foliot United Charities

Applications are still invited from people who may qualify to receive a grant from the Tamerton Foliot United Charities, but the forms need to be returned by today.

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 today, 14th November 2021.

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.

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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.

Refreshments

Refreshments are now being served 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), we are inviting you to bring your own reusable coffee cups or drinking vessels. You will, probably, also have a larger cuppa by doing so!

Team Ministry 24 Hour Prayer Event

We have filled half of the hour long prayer slots for our Team Ministry 24 hour prayer event, with a couple of extras who have doubled up/ There is still another 12 slots that need to be filled. We would like as many people from both Churches to sign up for an hour between 9am on Saturday 27th November and 9am on Sunday 28th November. You can sign up for more than 1 slot if you want. You can pray on your own at home, or meet up with a friend to pray together. You may like to pray in one of the Churches or you may like to do a prayer walk. Here is a link to a Google Sheets spreadsheet.

www.tinyurl.com/24hrprayereventTF-HS

Click on the link and when you have opened the sheet you just have to add your name to one or more of the time slots. Then just tab' out of the cell and exit the sheet – no need to save it. It doesn't matter if someone has already signed up for the time you would like as we can have as many people praying at one time as we like, (the more the better), but hopefully we will fill at least one complete row on the spreadsheet, which would mean that someone, somewhere, would be praying for the full 24 hours.

Alternatively, sheets will be available at the back of St Mary's and in the Foyer at Holy Spirit, with the time slots for you to add your name to.

For further information or answers to any questions you may have, please email andy@saintmarys.org.uk

Please feel free to forward the link to as many people who you think would be able to join us in this amazing opportunity. Thank you.