

Notices

Meeting With Bishop Nick McKinnel

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting with Bishop Nick last Thursday. It was a really useful meeting and has provided us with some helpful information on the Diocesan vision for our Team Ministry, how we can progress with advertising for a new incumbent, and how we can prepare for the forthcoming Interregnum.

Christmas Lunch

We are reviving our successful Christmas Lunch from pre-Covid Christmases. 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 is available at the back of Church. The maximum number will be 32, so please book asap and by Monday 13th December. For more information, please contact Pat Brooks at Church or Tel. 774467.

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!

Grand Christmas Draw

Jill Parry is organising a Christmas Draw in aid of the Flush Fund. As usual, there will be a variety of lovely prizes, including a Christmas hamper, toys, chocolates, wine etc. The draw will take place on Sunday 20th December and tickets will be on sale from today, Sunday 21st November, in church, or by phone or e-mail to Jill. Payment can be made in cash, by cheque or by BACS payment. Jill's contact details are: Tel: 07742623427 or e-mail: jillparry.church@gmail.com

St. Mary's BACS payment details are:

Account: PCC of Tamerton Foliot

Sort Code: 30-96-68

Account No. 00503131

Please use the reference 'Draw'

Cheques to be made payable to: The PCC of Tamerton Foliot

People have been very generous so far, but we have a long way to go to achieve our goal. Please buy tickets and encourage family & friends to buy too! Thank you!

End of 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to call an end to the 8am Holy Communion Services. They will continue as usual, up to and including, Christmas Day. Sadly, it will not be viable to hold these services as we cannot expect, or afford to pay, a visiting vicar to cover the service with such small numbers.

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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.

Team Ministry 24 Hour Prayer Event

We have nearly filled all 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 time for the remaining few slots 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 are 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.

Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated Shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Appeal. We sent off 28 boxes from St. Mary's, 19 boxes from the Church of The Holy Spirit, and 3 boxes were donated online, totalling 50 boxes, as well as a £10 donation for the Appeal.