

## Notices

### 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.

The Menu and a pre-order form are at the back of Church but places are filling up quickly as there are only 32 places available. Please add your order asap by Sunday 12th 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 Monday 20th December and tickets are on sale now, 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](mailto: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 Communions (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.

### 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.

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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.

### Christingle Service

This afternoon at 4pm we will be holding our Christingle Service at St. Mary's. There will be no service at 6.30pm. Thank you to everyone who helped to make up the Christingles yesterday.

### Christmas Cards

This Christmas John Green is again organising the scheme whereby those who wish to do so can put a single greetings card to all their friends at St Mary's on the notice board in Church whilst pledging to the Shelterbox charity the money that they would have spent (or more!) on numerous individual cards. The notice board near the font is available for you to pin your cards to and pledge slips, Gift Aid forms, and information about Shelterbox are there too.

### A Message From Chris Forster Transforming Plymouth

Once again we are holding a Dementia Friendly Carol Service and this is planned to be in person at St Paul's Church, Stonehouse, on Wednesday 8th December at 2.30pm. This will be the 5th year that we have held this in the city and they have all proved so valuable to all that attend. Visit the following links for more details.

[https://www.facebook.com/TransformingPlymouthTogether/posts/4547077038714168?notif\\_id=1636630934886902&notif\\_t=page\\_share&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/TransformingPlymouthTogether/posts/4547077038714168?notif_id=1636630934886902&notif_t=page_share&ref=notif) and

<https://transformingplymouthtogether.org.uk/whats-new>

### Amazon Echo

If anyone has an Amazon Echo they can now access prayers, church and Bible information by saying "Open the Church of England".