

Notices

Christmas Lunch

We are reviving our successful Christmas Lunch from pre-Covid Christmases. The Lunch will be at The Seven Stars, Tamerton Foliot, next Sunday, 19th December at 12 noon. There are only 32 places available so make sure you have signed up with your order by today, Sunday 12th December. For more information, please contact Pat Brooks at Church or Tel. 774467.

Thank You

Gay Jarman would like to thank everyone for their love and prayers for her daughter Harriet Nelson. Harriet felt greatly sustained and is now back at home and recuperating in Norfolk.

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

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!

Amazon Echo

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

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.

Safeguarding Officer

We need to appoint a new Safeguarding Officer as Sara Grier is standing down at the end of December after a very long time in post. We offer our grateful thanks to Sara for her work. If you think you might be able to take on this role, please speak to Revd David, Susanne or Andy, as Churchwardens, or to Sara, who will be pleased to tell you more about what is involved. Lots of support will be available.

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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.

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.

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.

Christmas Services at St. Mary's

Saturday 18th December 4pm Messy Church

Sunday 19th December 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Together@Ten

6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)

Friday 24th December 4pm Crib Service

6.30pm Carol Service

11.45pm Midnight Mass at *The Church of The Holy Spirit*

Saturday 25th December 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family Communion (CW)

Sunday 26th December **No services**

Sunday 2nd January 10am Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm Worship for Epiphany