

Notices

Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately, the Christmas Lunch planned for today has had to be postponed until a date, yet to be set, in the New Year. Watch this space. Thank you, Pat, for all your work co-ordinating things.

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 tomorrow, Monday 20th December, and tickets are still 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!

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.

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!

Church News And Christmas

As there are no services next Sunday, 26th December, there will not be a Church News next week. The readings for Holy Communion (CW) on Christmas Day are included on the other Insert this week, as are those for the 1st Sunday of Christmas.

On behalf of Rev'd David Gill and both Churchwardens, we wish you a Blessed and Happy Christmas and hope you are able to celebrate it with family and friends.

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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

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**

N.B. No 11am Holy Communion (BCP) on Wednesday 29th December

Sunday 2nd January 10am Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm Worship for Epiphany