

Notices

Exploring Prayer

Angie Andrews has set up a new prayer group at The Church of The Holy Spirit which started on 21st May, and meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10am. All are welcome. It will look at exploring prayer and how we talk to God in different ways. The next one is on 18th June.

Plymouth Foodbank

Plymouth Foodbank still requires several essential items and are appealing for donations of the following: Long life fruit juice, long life milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned fruit, tinned meat (especially things like minced beef, curries, stewed steak), large size nappies (size 6 or 7), cereals, shampoo, deodorants (men and women's), tea and coffee. Perhaps you could buy an extra item when you do your shopping. A box will be at the back of St Mary's for collecting any donations. Thank you.

Books For Sale

There is a bookcase situated between the choir vestry and the desk where the Sidespeople hand out the service books. The top 2 shelves contain books available for sale in aid of the Flush Fund. The paperbacks are 50p each and the large or hardback books are £1 each. The bottom shelf contains various Christian books available to borrow. Please have a look and make use of this useful resource.

Changes to Holy Communion

We have been asked by the Diocese to consider the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group's guidance on the administration of Holy Communion. The House of Bishops have updated their Covid-19 policy and have now provided guidance that Holy Communion should be administered in both kinds, unless there is a clear and objective reason why there would be a significant risk in doing so. St Mary's PCC met on 6th June and concluded that the prime concern was that each individual was provided with the opportunity to decide for themselves. The practice now is that people will stand in front of the vicar if they only want the bread or wafer and will stand in front of the chalice assistant if they wish to have it intincted. The vicar will then dip the wafer and give it to the person. The congregation will be informed at each Holy Communion service until the practice is well known. In any scenario, the vicar will take communion after all congregation celebrants have received.

A Thank You From CMS

To the congregation at St Mary's Tamerton Foliot, Thank you! Your gift of **£765.71** [from the Lent Boxes] gives me such hope. By supporting Church Mission Society you are bringing the love and hope of Jesus to people who are hard pressed in Northern Uganda, refugees suffering the effects of war and [also people] in Ukraine and England. We are so very grateful for your Church's generosity.
Alastair Bateman CEO Church Mission Society

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Welcome to



Together @ Ten

Our Next Together@Ten will be on 17th July

Concert Outing

There is another concert outing planned for Saturday 16th July. As before, this will be to Sterts Theatre near Liskeard. The concert is Mousehole Male Voice Choir and Sterts Singers. A small coach has been booked. It will leave St Mary's at 6pm and return after the concert (most probably by about 10.30pm). I have negotiated a discount on the concert tickets but the coach cost has increased considerably I'm afraid. The cost of a ticket and return coach is £25 per adult (£20 for under 18's). But still a great deal for a fantastic night out. Please let Pat Eyres know asap if you would like to book tickets.

pateyres@talk21.com or **07711422396**

Summer Quiz Night

Mick and Val Howell have volunteered to draw up and run a quiz! (Thank you Mick and Val!) It will be in St. Mary's Church Hall on Friday 22nd July. We estimate we can have about 14 tables with teams of 4 - 6 people on each table. Tickets are on sale at £3 each and you are invited to bring your own drink and 'nibbles'. Please get your team together and get your tickets as soon as you can as we plan to open it up to both Churches and the local community too. Don't worry if you are on your own or if you can't get a whole team together as we will link people together to help make up the teams. All proceeds will be in aid of the Flush Fund.

For more information please contact Andy King – **andy@saintmarys.org.uk** or **07708590704**

Team Service

Next Sunday there is a Team Service at 10am at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway, so there will be no morning service at St. Mary's. There will be Evensong at 6.30pm as usual.

Recording of Weekly Church Services

For various reasons it has not been possible to film the weekly services at St Mary's over the last few weeks. However, most people are now able to get to some services and there have been no comments about the services not being posted on Facebook or the website. The recording of services will now cease unless there is a call for them to be reinstated. Please contact Andy King if you wish to see the recordings reintroduced.

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