

Notices

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.

Changes to 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.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)

There is no Cameo this week as they are taking a Summer break. They will start again on 7th September. Everybody is welcome. If you are interested, please ring Mo Glover on 206074.

Team Services

There are Team Services at St. Mary's at 10am, both this Sunday and next. This means there will be no service at The Church of The Holy Spirit on those days. Please note there is no evening service at St. Mary's next Sunday as it is the 5th Sunday of the month.

Hymns For August

The hymns during August at St. Mary's will be 'Congregational Choices'. There is a list at the back of Church for you to add your own choices and to note at which services you would like them to be sung.

Summer Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night on Friday evening. It was a great event. Thanks to Mick and Val Howell for organising the event. You helped raise **£279.55** for the St. Mary's Flush Fund.

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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. New books are constantly arriving so the choice available is always changing.

Tea and Cake

A new group has started up at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. It is open for anyone to come along for a cup of tea, a slice of cake and a chat, especially if you have been feeling a bit isolated due to Covid recently. The group meets from 2pm – 4pm on the first Thursday of the month. The next one is on Thursday 4th August. All welcome.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Historic Plymouth

Copies of Stephen Trahair's books are still available. They are priced at £10 per copy, of which £5 will go towards the Flush Fund. They would make ideal Christmas presents! See Stephen at Church next Sunday morning's service, or see Andy or Susanne at other times if Stephen is not at Church

Bishop Nick's Farewell Service

You are warmly invited to a Choral Evensong service to mark Bishop Nick's ministry in the Diocese of Exeter and his retirement as Bishop of Plymouth. It will be at Exeter Cathedral today, Sunday 24th July, at 4.30pm, to be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral.

New Bishop of Plymouth

The Rev'd Prebendary James Grier, a former member of St. Mary's, has been appointed as the new Bishop of Plymouth. James will be consecrated bishop at Southwark Cathedral on Thursday 29th September and there will be a welcome service for him at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday 9th October.