

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S TATSFIELD

2nd May 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Forthcoming services by Zoom Meeting (led by Revd Vince Short):

The following link applies to those of our services that are via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4397128020?pwd=b1VjTjJtUkrYXNScTlabFptQWh1dz09>

The 5th Sunday of Easter - 2nd May

9am Holy Communion in church (no hymns)

9.55am for 10am Open the Bible All Age Service (Zoom service from the Rectory)

For those who wish to explore this Sunday's Bible reading, it is: John 15:1-8

The prayer for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage

to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Wednesdays 7.30pm - 8.00pm - An invitation to learn from the Bible together

Lectio Divina (Bible reflection) with Chris and Ellen Goldsmith. Zoom meeting

link: **<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7814490033?pwd=eEFtYjIRMVQ4LzhPUiBXQzZRZHRGdz09>**

Next week: The 6th Sunday of Easter - 9th May

9am Holy Communion in church (no hymns)

9.55am for 10am Holy Communion (Zoom service from the Rectory)

Christian Aid Week - 10th- 16th May

St Mary's Parochial Church Council recently approved a donation of £500 to mark Christian Aid week. We are grateful to all whose support for the Church have enabled this. Further donations may be made directly to Christian Aid via their website (or via St Mary's in an envelope marked "Christian Aid").

Ascension Day at St Mary's, Tatsfield - 6am Thursday 13th May

We look forward to our annual 6.00am service of Holy Communion in the churchyard (in church, if wet), with takeaway refreshments afterwards. Any donations received will be for the work of Christian Aid.

For catering and social distancing arrangements, please email

stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com to let us know if you intend to come and whether you would like a bacon roll or cheese roll; coffee or tea; or no refreshments.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

At our meetings last Sunday we thanked all who contribute to the life and witness of St Mary's, including those who have completed their term of office on Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Marjory Broughton and Chris Hancock were re-elected to continue as Churchwardens. Jennifer Evans and Rebecca Veale were elected to serve on the PCC and Madie Langford was re-elected. Steve Jackaman is proposed to be elected to the PCC at their first meeting on May 11th. These will serve alongside the continuing members, Hilary Vale and Richard Budgen.

We have 2 vacancies for serving on Deanery Synod for 2 years and 3 remaining vacancies for serving on PCC (2 for 2 years and 1 for 1 year).

We also need a new PCC Secretary to take over from Margaret Grover, following her retirement after many years of excellent work in the role. Please do speak to Vince or any PCC member if you would be interested in joining us. Please pray for the work of the PCC and speak to any member if you wish raise anything concerning the life of the Church.

Church teas

Although we are unable to recommence teas at present, we will keep the changing restrictions (including social distancing) under review to determine whether or not it is possible to open for a short period at the end of the season.

Next Food Bank Delivery

We are planning another delivery of food to Christ Church, Brixton Road, on Monday 17th of May. Food suggestions are canned vegetables and meat, tinned fish and fruits, ready meals, milk, fruit juice and porridge. The following would also be welcomed: rice, pulses and toiletries. These items will provide the supplies which are much needed.

We were able to support the Westerham food bank with a delivery on Thursday 8th April. There continues to be a growing need for support from families at both Food Banks, with Westerham having 50 adults and 55 children registered with them now.

Any non-perishable food that you would like to donate can be left at The Rectory or please contact me. If you would like to donate in the monetary way, this will be used to purchase further food.

Thank you for your support,
Hilary. 01959 577864

Free compost

Bags of compost are available for collection free of charge from the church composting area. Please bring a wheelbarrow and take care, as some bags are fairly heavy. We would also be grateful for the return of bags when empty for future use.

A prayer as the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine continues

God of healing and wholeness,
hold our fragile world in your secure hands.
Give to your weary people
gratitude for protection,
patience for increased safety,
restraint as freedoms increase,
compassion for those who are suffering,
and a heart for justice and generosity
so that all the world from the richest to the poorest
may share the healing resources which
have given us hope. **Amen.**

[Source: Southwark Diocese Discipleship News - April 2021]

St Mary's Church is open for private prayer Sundays 1pm- 4pm and Thursdays 10am-1pm. **Visitors must wear a face mask** and are asked to read and follow the **safety guidelines** by the entrance porch, including use of the **hand sanitiser** provided on entry and exit.

Please see the information below regarding services in church.

Sunday worship at St Mary's

The Sunday 9am service in Church will be a short, spoken Holy Communion, with no hymns. We have a limit on numbers due to social distancing requirements but we hope to be able to accommodate the anticipated size of congregation. Our weekly 10am service via Zoom will also continue.

Upon arrival (from 8.45am onwards) please wait to be shown to an available seat. Our welcomer will record your name and contact details (if we do not already have them), to be retained for 21 days as part of the NHS Track and Trace process.

Face masks must be worn and the use of our **hand sanitiser** is strongly recommended upon entry and exit. Our available pews are at 1.75 metre spacing.

A collection will not be taken up but the offering plate will be available at the back of the church for any regular gifts or single donations.

When Holy Communion wafers are distributed please remain seated, and the minister, who will be wearing a face mask, will come to those who wish to receive in their pews.

The church is currently bare of all removable items and the hall toilet facilities will not be available.

The minister will issue safety instructions as appropriate and at the end of the service people will be invited to leave individually, with further use of sanitiser. Socially distanced conversations of no more than 6 persons or 2 households (or current Government guidance, if updated) may take place outside the building whilst leaving space for others to pass by.

Please send details of notices to: stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com
by the end of Tuesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's Notice Sheet.
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