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## St Mary The Boltons

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Friends,

This week we are keeping the Third Sunday after Trinity.

The big news this week is the most recent round of easing up of restrictions in our lives and for churches, the possibility of opening for public worship from July 4. It's a little scary to think how easily we might fall back into pre-Covid behaviours, and waste all the good and careful constraint we've lived under for so long. Perhaps like me you aren't anxious to rush back to the theatre, or the pub, or (heaven forbid) the beach but I hope like me you might experience a frisson of joy at the prospect of gathering together in church once again. The

newest guidelines from government and the Church of England are slowly coming through the ether, and at St Mary's we are thinking hard about how to go forward to opening for public worship in July – whatever we do will be done as safely and carefully as possible, so as not to fall back into those old ways and we will want to include those who may not be able or feel safe coming to church as well. What we don't know is what the new ways will look like – and I hope for your patience as we work it out. If you have comments or suggestions that might help, I'll be very glad to hear from you.

Please keep an eye out for more information about what we shall be doing in coming weeks – by email, or the website.

**This week's podcast can be heard [here](#) and the order of service, with words to the hymns and prayers can be downloaded [here](#), with a large print version, [here](#).** I hope that you'll listen on Sunday morning at 10.30am with us, and sing along with gusto in the hymns. Once again, we are grateful to John Ward who has been putting these together week by week.

**Join us for coffee afterwards at our Zoom Sunday Coffee Time each Sunday at 11.30am** – a chance to see familiar faces, and even to chat in small groups for a while. We'll be glad to see as many of you as would like to come along. Bring your own coffee.

The link to Zoom Coffee Hour is here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346676568?pwd=OWdLcE9MY3k0a3JCUzJVejc5TTBmUT09>

Just click on it and follow the instructions, making sure your camera and microphone are on so that you can be seen and heard. (If you are using a smartphone, you'll need to download the app).

Or if you want to join in by telephone, dial 0203 051 2874 and follow the spoken instructions.

Meeting ID: 833 4667 6568

Password: 018594

**Daily Prayer is said Monday – Friday at 8.30 via Zoom.** It's a short said service, with the text of prayers and readings provided on screen, so no need to worry about having the right book to join in. You can find the service on the CofE's app

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Join us via the Zoom link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89960059757?pwd=UGcwU0tjSWJTRXV3R3lyVENoK3U3QT09>

or dial in via your telephone and follow the instructions.

0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 899 6005 9757

Password: 759955

**The Clarion summer issue for July and August is available [here](#)** and also in hard copy from the church porch.

**Parish book group on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** using the wonders of videoconferencing. Non-computer users are also able to join these meetings by telephone, so everyone can be included. We are reading *How to Live: a guide to the Christian Journey*, by Stephen Cottrell and Steven Croft. The book is available to order from Church House Bookshop for £9.99. All are welcome to join in. The link is here:

Topic: Book Group How to Live

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84209186525?pwd=QU04VTk3SlhnMSt3VGFWb3RiMkhoUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 0918 6525

Password: 240452

Or join by telephone, 0203 481 5240 (and follow the instructions)

The next book I have in mind is *The Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor (Canterbury Press 2009).

### **Finance and giving**

As with all of us, the financial situation at St Mary's is serious. Our church still needs to meet its costs of paying our Common Fund to the diocese and the salaries of our lay staff who are continuing to work or furloughed. Our Sunday collections and income from services have stopped during the closure, as has the important income from hall lettings. Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Can I please encourage you, if you are one of those would normally put your donation into the plate on Sundays, to consider giving by bank transfer, whether each week or by standing order? It is easy; we can still benefit from your GiftAid, and it will help us to maintain our ministry in this difficult period.

PCC of St Mary with St Peter and St Jude

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**Food Banks** Remember, when you manage to do your shopping, that lots of people are hungry at this time, particularly those whose children depend on free school meals, not to mention those who have lost jobs and income. Dad's House continues to need our support for their food banks, including one at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open 7 days a week between 10am and 3pm, and would love to receive your food donations. **NB They are also looking for clothes** for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years old who have grown out of their clothes in the past couple of months. Can you help?

**Help available for those who need it** Are you or someone in your neighbourhood needing extra help with groceries, or could benefit from regular hot meals being delivered to them; or who needs help with getting prescriptions? A new local multi-church initiative called Love Your Neighbour (#LYN) has started a hub at Holy Trinity Brompton, which provides food parcels for anyone who needs them and also is able to deliver hot meals cooked at one of the local schools or other institutions on request. Please let me know if this would be useful to you or someone else, so that those who are in need can be helped.

Blessings,



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