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St Mary The Boltons

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Friends,

This week we are keeping the Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

It was with some trepidation that we opened for worship last Sunday, after the hiatus of lock down. We were thrilled to discovered that lots of our regular congregations were able to come along – some 50 in total. In spite of a few inevitable hitches because we were both out of practice and also working within new restrictions, both services were joyful and very moving, as we gathered together to share prayer and the sacrament after so long. We plan

to restore some music to the 10.30 service which we hope will lift our spirits even further as we worship, though alas we are still not allowed to sing.

If you come along this week, you'll be asked to sanitise your hands on entry, and invited to place your offering in the plate at the back or use the contactless point. You will also be asked to sit distanced from those not in your household, and there is room for lots of people. Unfortunately we cannot provide Sunday School yet, so children are very welcome to sit with their families, and also to bring along something quiet in case they need other occupation during the service – but NO electronic devices, please!

Life is resuming at St Mary's and we are very excited about the prospect. In addition to the usual services this weekend, we are thrilled to have a wedding on Saturday (Clinton Cowley and Josie Johnston) and a baptism on Sunday afternoon (Charlie Chamberlin).

Meanwhile, we also know that some of our congregation won't be in church this week for one reason or another. So, if you are among them, you can still access the podcast as usual. **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 when the church service is going on, and rejoice that unlike those in church, you are able sing along with the hymns with gusto! 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 11.45am – a chance to see familiar faces, and even to chat in small groups for a while. **Please note the later time**, which will allow the people who come to church to get home to their computers to join in. Leo Fraser Mackenzie will be hosting coffee this week.

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

Morning and Evening Prayer are now being said in church each weekday except Thursday. All are welcome to join these short said services at the beginning and end of the day. Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm in the chancel beyond the altar.

The Church continues to be open daily for quiet and individual prayer. Thank you to those who have been helping to churchwatch for the past few weeks – if you would like to join them, please contact Jane Ellard, the parish manager office@stmarytheboltons.org.uk

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

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 be furloughed. Our Sunday collections and income from 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 The financial situation is dire for families and those whose jobs have been lost. We are glad to receive donations of food etc for Dad's House Food Bank which has opened at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open 7 days a week between 10am and 3pm and anyone is able to access their help without a voucher.

Blessings,



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