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St Mary The Boltons

rooted in faith - open in thought - reaching out in service



Friends,

This week we are keeping the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

The services this Sunday will be at 8am – Holy Communion (BCP), and 10.30am Holy Eucharist, with music and sermon. The Reverend Lesley Perry will preside at both services, and preach for both the 10.30am Eucharist and the podcast.

The Clarion for September is now available [here](#), and on paper, from the church porch. Do share it with your friends and neighbours, to let them know what's going on at St Mary's. This issue includes two articles from members of the congregation reflecting on their experience during the pandemic. We would be very glad to receive YOUR reflections, as well. How did you spend the months of lockdown – and what's changed since things have begun to open up? Was it a time of endurance or discovery? Was it a time of frustration or liberation? Was it a time of happy solitude or longing for time alone? What about your spiritual experience during this time? Have you prayed differently? Lived differently? Has your faith been questioned?

And what has 'being Church' meant for you during this time? Has St Mary's meant something different, new to you? What might we do differently that would help you? And what would you like to do differently at St Mary's? Your thoughts and reflections will help us to look at our ministry together, and how we can be more effective and faithful in our mission here in the parish. Pieces are welcome from all of our age groups – including the children. Send them to the Office (office@stmarytheboltons.org.uk) or to me.

Words of the Bible Join us for a meeting to explore, examine and discuss words and names in the Hebrew Bible. How much, if any, of the original meaning has been changed by time and in translation? The meeting will be led by Verena Tschudin and Revd Philip Welsh and will be held in the church on Saturday 26th September from 11am to 12.30, Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend.

Sleeping out for Glass Door The annual Sleep Out to raise money to support the work of Glass Door Homeless Charity will be on Friday 2 October, and your sponsorship is being sought by Dave Ireton our Verger who has taken part for several years and by the Vicar, for the first time. You can give either on line or in cash, and to either of them – it will all go to ensure that others won't have to sleep out this winter. The links for online giving are below:

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/david-iretons-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/jenny-welshs-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

Or why not think about joining them – in your own garden, or at the church – and invite your circle of friends to sponsor you. Children over 11yrs old, accompanied by a parent or carer are welcome to join in. You can register at the Glass Door website.

Electoral Roll – The Church Electoral Roll is currently open for revision. Please check your entry on the current roll to ensure your details are still correct. If there are any minor errors please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Fiona Parsons, er@stmarytheboltons.org.uk. If there is a major change (ie name, address etc) a new form will need to be completed. The roll can be viewed at the back of the church today or in the Parish Office during the week. If you are unable to come to the church, then please either

email Fiona on the above email address or ring Jane in the Parish Office to check your entry.

If you are not on the Roll, but would like to join, a person must be over 16 years of age and baptised. They should also either live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months and should be a member of the Church of England, or a church in communion with it, or a member of good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England. (Blue) Application forms are available at the back of the church. Once completed please place them in the specially marked 'Electoral Roll' box. Completed application forms must be received by **Sunday 20 September**.

The Vicar will be on leave until 17 September, inclusive. Please contact the office in case of pastoral need; very urgent messages will be passed on to the Vicar.

If you come along on Sunday morning, we ask that you please help us to protect each other in church by

- sanitising your hands on entry
- placing your offering in the plate at the back of church or us the contactless point
- consider filling in the Test and Trace form with your name and phone number
- wear your face covering while in church (removing it to take communion, of course) unless you are exempt for medical reasons or by virtue of age. Those who wear theirs will be protecting those who cannot.

Children and babies are very welcome to sit with their families, and also to bring along something quiet in case they need other occupation during the service – we don't mind if they play or read books, but NO electronic devices, please! Rest assured that we hope that we'll be able to make Covid-safe provision for children in church in the autumn.

If you are staying home or are on holiday, 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](#), and a large print version [here](#).** We 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.

Music in church We cannot sing as a congregation yet, but recent changes in the regulations mean that small choirs or soloists may sing in church, with proper attention to distancing, hygiene and so on. We look forward to welcoming back at least some of the choral scholars before the end of the month.

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.

Finance and giving

Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Our income suffered during the lockdown with the loss of Sunday collections as well as income from the Hall. We can now receive your offering on Sundays in church using cash or the contactless devices. We encourage regular members of the congregation 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.

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Blessings,



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