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St Mary The Boltons

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Friends,

This week we are keeping the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

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

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 8am and preach for the podcast. The Reverend David Armstrong will preside and preach at 10.30am. We are grateful for these clergy covering the services, while the Vicar is on leave.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 4 October 10.30am Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving will be an all age service, with a speaker from the GoGo Trust, one of the charities we are supporting this year. Harvest gifts this year will go to Glass Door Homeless Charity. Please bring your gifts along on the day. We cannot eat lunch together as we usually do, but look forward to giving thanks to God for the good gifts we enjoy, and which we will be sharing with those who have very little.

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 on Sunday 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**.

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, you can still access the podcast as usual and unlike us in church, you can sing the hymns with gusto. We hope you will listen at 10.30 on Sunday, and feel like we are all worshipping together, even if apart. **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](#).** 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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