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Friends,

This week we are keeping the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

The services this Sunday will be at 8am – Holy Communion (BCP), and 10.30am Holy Eucharist, with music, sermon and baptism of Savannah Mackay. We are thrilled that within the new government guidelines we can now have singers leading worship in church. This week, we welcome back Alexander Boukikov, one of the Choral Scholars to sing for the

service. It certainly will lift our spirits to have extra music in our worship, even if we cannot sing as a congregation.

Baptism We are baptising Savannah Mackay at our main service on Sunday and are very pleased to be welcoming her family and supporters as well. Please be aware that the pews may well feel full as a result of reserving a few pews for them – but of course we will be complying with all social distancing requirements by adding extra seats in the transepts. It's a chance for us to be generous in our welcome with those who are visiting for this great occasion. Do remember to pray for Savannah as she begins her life of faith.

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>

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.

Macmillan Cancer Support Prayers for those Affected by Cancer, Tuesday 6 October 9.30am Covid 19 regulations prevent us from gathering for the usual coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer Support this year, but we cannot be prevented from praying for their work. Join us for the special service of Morning Prayer to remember by name those who are touched by cancer. Please add anyone you'd like mentioned to the list at the back of church, or give any names you'd like included to the Office. A collection will be taken for the charity on the day.

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners for the election of Church Wardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 11 October 4.00pm (by Zoom)

The APCM will be held in just a few weeks' time. This is the meeting where we will receive various reports on the activities of the church and the financial accounts for the previous year; when we are required to elect our Churchwardens and PCC members; and when we appoint sidespeople, as well as an Independent Examiner for the Accounts. Nomination forms for PCC and Deanery Synod members are now available in church. Speak to the Vicar for information about what is involved for members.

Because of the pandemic, we are permitted to meet virtually, and so we hope you will

either join us by Zoom using the video link here:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85079419333?pwd=QXRNeFVnUnNUMmFVZklWUFZlTkR2dz09>

or by telephone link (land line or mobile – simply dial the number, and follow the instructions to join the meeting:

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 850 7941 9333 Passcode: 229267

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 use the contactless point
- consider filling in the Test and Trace form with your name and phone number or using the new NHS QR code.
- 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.

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.

PCC of St Mary with St Peter and St Jude

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Blessings,



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