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St Mary The Boltons

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Friends,

Our preacher on Sunday is the Reverend Philip Welsh. The cantor is Bethan Thomas. Do be aware that the boilers are currently not working, so the church is rather chilly this weekend - do please dress warmly.

THIS SUNDAY

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners for the election of Church Wardens

**and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Sunday 11 October 4.00pm (by Zoom)**

The Annual Meetings, postponed from April will take place this afternoon from 4pm. The first, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners is where we will elect the churchwardens for another year. Any on the Electoral Roll or who live in the parish are able to vote in this election. Antony Bryceson and Edward Quinton have both been nominated and seconded.

The APCM follows immediately afterwards. Members of the electoral roll only will be asked to vote for new members of the PCC and Deanery Synod. The Accounts for 2019 will be received, along with reports of the activities of the church. We will also appoint the Independent Examiner for the Accounts.

Because of the pandemic, we are only permitted to meet virtually, and so we hope you will either join us by Zoom using the video link here:

Annual Meeting and APCM - St Mary The Boltons

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85079419333?pwd=QXRNeFVnUnNUMmFVZkIWUFZhTkR2dz09>

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

Papers for the meeting are available today in church on the table in the South transept.

PCC and Deanery Synod Elections

We have 5 spaces to fill on the PCC and three spaces on Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod reps are automatically on the PCC by virtue of that role.

If you would like to know more about serving on the PCC, speak to me or one of the wardens today. We have three nominations for PCC so far: Ann Mulcare, Kathryn Irvine-Fortescue and Mimi Waterbury. Nominations may be received from the virtual floor of the meeting.

There are three spots on Deanery Synod to fill, and we have currently two nominations for Leo Fraser Mackenzie and Joanna Hackett.

[2020 Agenda and Minutes of 2019 annual meetings](#)

[Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for 2019](#)

[St Mary's Annual Review for 2019](#) (this is a large document, including some reports to be received at the APCM.)

Choral Evensong and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Sunday 1 November

5pm This is the service where we remember by name those whom we have loved who have died. We invite families whose loved one's funerals and memorials have taken place in the past year and we hope that members of our congregation will come along as well. There is a list for names you would like mentioned in the prayers at the back of church, or you can contact the parish office.

Sleeping out for Glass Door

Thank you to all who sponsored Dave Ireton and the Vicar for the Glass Door Sleepout last weekend. Your generosity helped them to raise more than £6000. It's not too late to give: <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/jenny-welshs-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>
<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/david-iretons-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>
We also are glad to take cash.

NEXT Sunday 18 October St Mary's Dedication Festival

St Mary's Church was consecrated 170 years ago on 22 October and we will be marking that event with a special service on Sunday 18 October at 10.30am. It's a chance to give thanks not just for the long and varied life of our church and parish during that long period, but also for the restoring of worship in church after the long period of closure during the earlier part of the pandemic. The church building was closed but the life of our church carried on of course. Now that we are open again, we have welcomed new people, and discovered new ways to engage and worship together and it's right to celebrate all of that. Music will be provided by a quartet of professional singers; the new paschal candle will be blessed and lit; and special prayers will be said in the midst of our Eucharist. Please join us on the day, if you can.

Macmillan Cancer Support Prayers for those Affected by Cancer Many thanks to everyone who came to the special Morning Prayer service this week in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. If you were unable to make the service, but would still like to make a donation, please put your money in the specially marked box at the back of church and complete the gift aid form if applicable. Thank you.

Silent Prayer meets on Wednesday 14 October at 11am in Church.

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! We will be looking at our provision for children during COVID in the next months.

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

Account Number: 80692190

Sort code: 20-80-14

We have also recently been able to set up a CAF donations page, which can be found [here](#).

Blessings,



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