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St Mary The Boltons

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



Friends,

London is now observing the HIGH COVID 19 Alert Level for COVID 19. There is, thank goodness, no change in how we are able to do things in church during worship. We continue to observe all the guidance and regulations required to keep people safe when they come into church. We thank you, the people of St Mary's, for your help in this.

On Sunday we are keeping our Dedication Festival at the 10.30 Eucharist. We

welcome back our quartet of professional singers singing music by Bruckner, Mozart and Arcadelt. This is the 170th Anniversary of our church's consecration, and so we give thanks for the presence and ministry of this parish church in our neighbourhood, and for those who have supported and served the church in that time, and we pray for our ongoing work and engagement here. **Please be aware that the annual boiler breakdown is in full swing and the church is cold.** If you come to church please dress warmly. The plan to replace our boilers this year has been postponed till 2021, but we have been assured that they can give us another year of relative warmth – once some repairs are effected. We apologise for this situation.

Elections of PCC and Deanery Synod members At last week's Annual Meetings we were pleased to declare that our Church Wardens Edward Quinton and Antony Bryceson will continue in office for another year's term; that Mimi Waterbury, Kath Irvine-Fortescue and Ann Mulcare are appointed to the PCC, and Leo Fraser Mackenzie, Margarete Geier and Joanna Hackett will serve as our representatives to Deanery Synod. Thank you to all who serve the church in these levels of governance.

All Souls Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Sunday 1 November 5pm Choral Evensong This is the service where we remember by name those whom we have loved who have died. We invite families whose loved ones' 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.

Sunday Afternoon Zoom Tea Having mastered Zoom for the Annual Meetings, and since we are missing gathering face to face over coffee after church, it's been suggested that we might be able to gather virtually (by video or by telephone) on a Sunday afternoon at 4.30pm, for Zoomed Tea. I propose that we could begin this happy experiment in November, after Half Term holidays are over. The Zoom link will be forthcoming nearer the time.

Clarion for November The deadline for contributions for the next Clarion is Monday 26 October. The theme is Fruit of the Spirit - peace and patience.

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 an astounding £7000. 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.

Macmillan Cancer Support Many thanks to everyone who donated towards Macmillan Cancer Care; the total raised was £151.50. A fantastic result given we could not gather to

drink coffee or eat cake!

If you come along on to services 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 worshiping 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](#), with 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 Monday to Friday 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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We have also recently been able to set up a CAF donations page, which can be found

[here.](#)

Blessings,



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