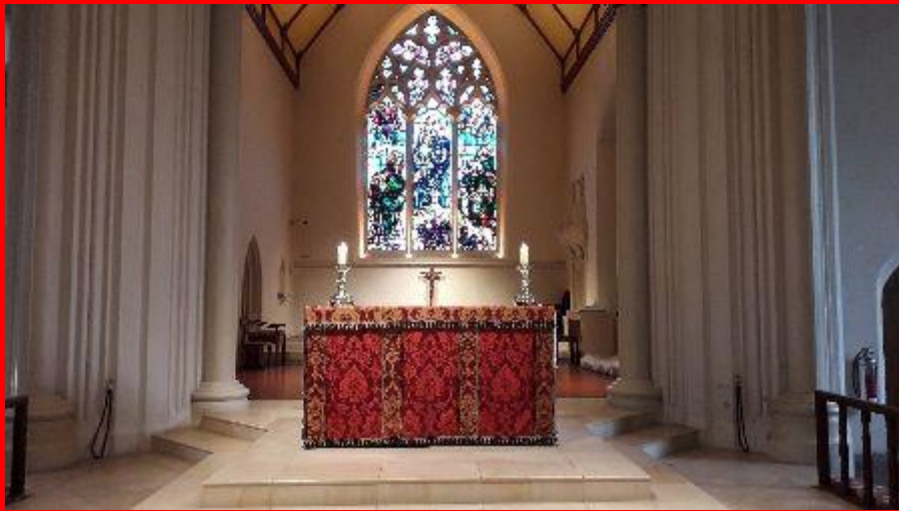


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## St Mary The Boltons

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Friends,

**COVID 19 and lockdown** The most recent directive from the government has taken us back into a state of lockdown until 2 December, with the closure of places of worship once again.

We will continue to meet via the podcast during this period, and are grateful to John Ward and Jane Ellard for their hard work putting it together week by week.

**This week we are keeping the Second Sunday before Advent** – time is flying! This week we had hoped that Sister Ancy Mathew would join us in church to talk about the work of Rahab UK, one of the local charities we are supporting this year (and next). Instead, she and I have recorded a conversation about their work, and it is included in the podcast. Find more information about Rahab at [www.rahabuk.com](http://www.rahabuk.com). Or for information about volunteering opportunities, [contact@rahabuk.com](mailto:contact@rahabuk.com)

**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](#).

**Sunday Morning Zoom Coffee 11.30am** During lockdown all are welcome to join in with this chance to see each other's faces, and chat over a cup of coffee (bring your own). The Zoom link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82524668830?pwd=Z1ZDaTJKZE9EOXVSbnQwUjFwXh4QT09>

Meeting ID: 825 2466 8830

Passcode: 268421

Or by telephone, dial 0203 481 5240

and follow the instructions, dialling these numbers, when prompted:

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We look forward to seeing/hearing you.

**On weekdays, St Mary's continues to be open for individual prayer.** Do come in and light a candle, pray or just sit quietly.

**Morning Prayers by Zoom are starting again,** for the duration of lockdown:

Monday - Friday, 8.30am.

All are welcome to join:

Topic: St Mary The Boltons Morning Prayers in lockdown

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89322710829?pwd=MURjaXdtWWJXT3M1eUgySWp1YkZoQT09>

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Passcode: 639286

Or join by telephone by dialing

0203 051 2874 and following the instructions, entering the numbers when prompted:

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**Next Sunday 22 November is** the last Sunday of the Church's year, the Feast of Christ the King.

**Stay home and sing choir** For the Podcast we are hoping to have a choir of our own singers record the final hymn, How shall I sing that majesty. If you would like to join the throng of singers, and are able to record yourself on your computer or phone, please contact John Ward, [boltonsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:boltonsmusic@gmail.com) who will give you all the instructions you need. What a joy it will be to hear your voices!

**Call to prayer** As a second lockdown in England comes into force, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting Christians across the nation to participate in a month of prayer.

### **Prayers at 6pm**

- Christians are encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern, wherever they are, culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each evening
- We are calling Christians in the diocese of London to pray on your doorstep for your neighbourhood, and also for the National prayer points:
  - *Sunday – Family, friends and loved ones*
  - *Monday – Schools and colleges, children and young people*
  - *Tuesday – Elderly, isolated and vulnerable*
  - *Wednesday – Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing*
  - *Thursday – The NHS and other key workers*
  - *Friday – National and local governments*
  - *Saturday – All who are grieving and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health*
- Prayers and other resources will be shared on social media with the hashtag #PrayerForTheNation
- Resources can also be found here: [churchofengland.org/PrayerForTheNation](https://churchofengland.org/PrayerForTheNation) and a printable booklet can be found [here](#) (you can pick up a copy in the church porch)

### **St Nicholas' Day Raffle for the Charitable Pot Sunday 6 December**

With no Summer Fair, we've not been able to raise as much as we'd like for the Charitable Pot this year, so we thought a festive Raffle would help supplement the funds already raised. Excellent prizes this year include a Magnum of Champagne kindly donated by the Bolton's Association, Champagne and wine donated by Lea and Sandeman, a homemade Christmas cake, a roast ham from the Parsons Nose, a hamper of delicious food goodies to see you through Boxing Day and off course a cuddly toy! Tickets are on sale for £2 each and can be bought in church when the office is open. Further information is in this month's Clarion (available [here](#))

Cash or cheques accepted or you can use the contactless device in the office.

### **For your Diary**

**Bishop of Kensington's Teaching Evenings 2020 Tuesday 23 November and Monday 7 December.** Our Bishop has been committed to offering Deanery Teaching Evenings for all lay people in the past years, on issues such as Prayer, the Problem of Evil and, most recently, Brexit. This year the theme is Freedom, and Bishop Graham will be speaking on the topic: 'What is True Freedom?' He says,  
**"Freedom is one of the big ideas of our culture. We long for it, fight wars over it and guard our freedoms jealously. Some have even seen the imposition of restrictions during the pandemic as an infringement of civil liberties. Christian faith also speaks**

**of freedom, yet in ways that can seem strange, with ideas such as obedience to the will of God, and the value of service. What, then, is a Christian understanding of freedom and how does it differ from secular ideas?" During this evening, with opportunity for questions and interaction, Bishop Graham will explore how a Christian understanding of freedom can be truly liberating.**

This year's Teaching Evening is open to everyone, clergy and laity, and will be an excellent time to think together about how our Christian faith works out in practice through one of the most important ideas of our time.

If you would like to come, please register on Eventbrite here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-true-freedom-why-freedom-may-not-be-what-you-think-it-is-tickets-126125931055> and the Zoom link will be emailed to you. Or you can let the Vicar know, and she will reserve your spot. There will be a telephone link available as well, for non-users of computers.

**The Advent Study Group** will meet on the 4 Monday evenings at 7pm in Advent, via Zoom. We will be using material from a course called Living in Hope from the York Course series.

Monday 30 November Living well  
Monday 7 December Dying well  
Monday 14 December Hell Bent on Destruction  
Monday 21 December Going to Heaven when we die?

If you would like to join by video link or telephone, let the Vicar know. The Study book is available [here](#), or you can ask the Vicar to order it for you. Cost is £3.80

### **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. We now accept donations on line, via the website, and the link is [here](#).

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Blessings,



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