

Sunday 25th July
8th Sunday after Trinity

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Welcome to our Sunday Worship

Whoever You Are,
Wherever You Come From,
You're Welcome Here!

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Leaders: Ruth Holmes & Revd. Chris Hill

Speaker: Graham Biss

Readings: Mark 6:45 - end; Psalm 69:1 - 3, 13 - 15.

In our services today we are continuing our sermon series focussing on the Gospel According to Mark, looking at how Jesus walks on water. Accompanying material is on the Online Worship page of the website.



Ways to Enjoy our Sunday Services!

Our Online sermon is available from 9am Sunday.



the eight30
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Our traditional communion service in Church.

the nine45
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Our intergenerational communion on the lawn.

the eleven
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Our contemporary communion in Church.

Prayer Ministry this Sunday

Prayer Ministry will be available outside after the eight30 service from 9.30am - 9.45am, and between the nine45 and eleven services from 10.35am - 11.00am.



MARKET DAY
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Thursday 29th July 9.30am

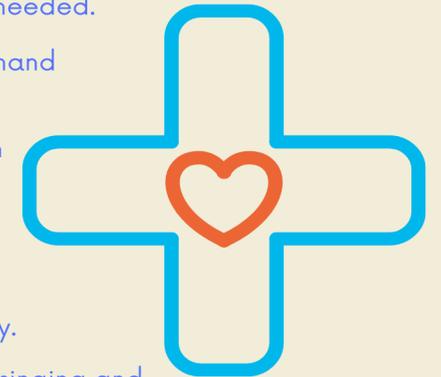
Join us for a short said Market Day Communion.

Quiet Space Friday 30th July 12.30 - 1.30pm

A space in the Lady Chapel where you can find a space to pray, quiet and take time out during the day.

What to Expect at St. Mary's

- ★ We will increase, but continue to limit, the capacity of services and will continue with Eventbrite bookings.
 - The current layout of the church facilitates social distancing where desired.
 - Booking tickets and continuing to use the NHS App will also enable track and trace if needed.
- ★ Everyone must continue to use hand sanitiser entering the building.
- ★ Face coverings should be worn whilst moving around the building, but once seated are optional. In consideration of others we might want to wear them even when not mandatory.
- ★ We will begin congregational singing and people can choose to sing with or without masks - or to simply reflect as at present.
- ★ We will continue to project at all indoor services. We will make some large print format material available.
- ★ We will continue to distribute communion - in one kind - bringing it to the congregation in their seats.
 - The distributors should continue to wear visors indoors.
 - We will offer words as we distribute communion - e.g. "the Body of Christ" and blessing people who aren't receiving.
- ★ The peace will remain as now. Staying in place. No physical touch encouraged except amongst people in their households.



What's on this week? 26th July - 1st August 2021

Monday	10am - 11am - Under One's Group for non-movers. In the church hall. Book online at stmarysely.org/under-1s
Tuesday	10am - 11am - Under 5's Group. In the Church grounds. Book online at stmarysely.org/under-5s
Wednesday	
Thursday	9.30am - Holy Communion. Book your free tickets online! 7pm - Coffee after Church Zoom. Email the office to join in.
Friday	12.30pm - 1.30pm - Quiet Space in Church. 3pm - Wedding of Emily Mynott and Simon Duddy. Please pray for this couple as they come to St Marys today. 7pm - Pathfinders Friday Youth Group.
Saturday	
Sunday	8.30am - Holy Communion in church. 9.45am - Intergenerational service in the Church grounds. 11am - Contemporary Morning Worship in church. Book free tickets online at stmarysely.org/attend-a-service

Booking Services

Free Tickets for Thursday 29th July and Sunday 1st August are available now via stmarysely.org/attend-a-service.

Thursday 5th and Sunday 8th August will be available from Monday.

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14th August

Due to the continuing increase in Covid cases, the BBQ event for 14th August has been cancelled for the moment.

Grief Group

Melissa LaFrance and Steve Clark are starting a Grief Group.

This will take place virtually and will run for 5 weeks starting

Wednesday 28th July at 11am.

For more information and to express interest, please contact Melissa on 07846 303040 or Steve on 07926 909043.

Opportunity to be Confirmed Saturday 27th November 2021

If you were baptised or christened as a child, you might now feel ready to affirm the promises your parents and godparents made on your behalf and commit your life to following Jesus Christ.

At the confirmation service the Bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

If you were not baptised as a child – that is fine – the Bishop will be delighted to baptise and confirm you during the same service.

We will be holding preparation sessions in October and November. If you would like to be included in the St Mary's party – or if you would like to discuss it with me – please let us know by contacting the office – and we will be in touch with all the details. Thanks, Chris

Want to know more? Get in touch.....we'd love to hear from you

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Points from PCC Meeting on 19 July 2021

1. COVID 19

The PCC considered the guidelines for the next stage of opening up St Mary's during the COVID 19 pandemic. There will be small changes initially with services still limited to 80 people and places will have to be booked in advance. Face coverings will still be required whilst moving about in the building. Congregational singing will begin with people choosing whether to sing at all and whether with or without face coverings. Other changes will be introduced gradually.

2. Volunteers Needed

As services open up again, there will be a need to recruit more volunteers for key roles such as audio/visual operators, intercessors and readers. Volunteers were also required to rebuild St Mary's 'Green Team', in particular a volunteer with a passion for Eco matters is being sought to establish the new team. Anyone interested in volunteering for these roles should contact the Churchwardens.

3. Finance

The Treasurer reported that St Mary's financial situation was generally good with a surplus of £1,000 at the end of June 2021. The only area of concern was Charity Fundraising which was £3,500 down on budget and would need to be addressed during the remainder of the financial year.

4. BTP

Tenders for the BTP had gone out and responses were due by 30 July 2021. Following assessment by a Quantity Surveyor to establish the costs, the Standing Committee would meet in August to consider what options to recommend to the PCC later that month. Applications to charities for BTP funding continued to be submitted and responses were awaited. 95% of pledges from St Mary's congregation for the BTP had been received.

5. St Mary's Policies

The PCC would be reviewing all the St Mary's policies held on file on a yearly basis. A list of these policies would be maintained on St Mary's website and the office staff would be the point of contact for individuals wishing to view the policies.

6. Protect Duty

Bishop Dagmar had drawn attention to proposed government legislation (called Protect Duty) to make the public safer at publicly accessible locations in order to reduce the threat of terrorism. These proposals resulted from the tragedy at the Manchester Arena attack. Unfortunately the proposed legislation has significant unintended consequences for places of worship. Members of the PCC were invited to write to their MP drawing attention to this problem.