

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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8th Sunday after Trinity – 25th July

Bible Reading this week – Matthew 20:20-28

St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion		
9.30am	Parish Communion	11.00am	Family Communion
4.30pm	Café Service	6.30pm	Evensong

The Youtube Link for 9.30am St Mary's is <https://youtu.be/iig8NNsKeek>

Please note the following about the easing of restrictions:

Attending church services – we understand that the legal restrictions on our worship environment are now largely being lifted. We will still be encouraging all attendees to wear face masks. We are conscious that some people will want to observe social distancing. We respect this and will ensure there is space. Generally, we will proceed with caution, and continue to look out for one another.

Singing – we are now free to sing inside our buildings, and our services will include opportunities to do so. Please do join in if you feel able to do so. Please do keep your mask on for singing; (we will keep this aspect of the easing under review.) If you would rather not sing, or observe extra distance when singing, there should be plenty of space to do this.

Communion – for now, the sharing of communion, will stay the same as it has been during the pandemic. We are now free to physically share the peace, but please only do so when you know both parties are happy to do so.

General – we will still provide sanitiser for all to use, and we will still encourage everyone to enjoy refreshments outdoors.

“What Might Jesus Say To...” An opportunity to talk and listen about real, everyday issues! Next session is on July 26th at 8pm What Might Jesus Say To... Extinction Rebellion – a conversation about the climate emergency through the lens of Christian faith. At St Mary's Church, please come in person if you can, but here is a zoom link which will be the same each week <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944508430?pwd=dkxCZXZvREJTSWxDtKlwVDVmQlRZz09>
Meeting ID: 869 4450 8430 Passcode: 827604

St Mary's-On-Sea is here For the school summer holidays (Fri 23rd July – Tues 31st Aug) there will be a seaside scene in the churchyard at St Mary's. There will be lots to do, treats to enjoy and an amazing photo opportunity! And the church will be open from 2-4pm each day, why not pop in to pray during those times? Please see the attached poster.
This Friday 23rd – enjoy an afternoon of children's storytelling at St Mary's-On-Sea – all welcome!

Sunday 1st August – 11am at St Peter's – Family Service with Blessing of Pets! All welcome; please bring your furry friends of any kind, for an informal, outdoor service of thanksgiving and praise!

Meeting Place starts again this week! Friday at 9.30am at Oxted Community Hall, see poster.

St Mary's will be celebrating its **Patronal Festival** on Sunday September 19th with our annual cricket match v St John's. If you are interested in playing then please contact Richard Adamson on richard.adamson@hotmail.co.uk, or speak to him after Church. No experience is necessary for what is always a very fun day. We plan to run some activities for children in the park at the same time, so please come and be part of the day.

Current plans are that the game will start at 13:30 following a BBQ in the Cricket Pavilion after Church. If you are able to provide salads for lunchtime or sandwiches for afternoon tea (to which all are welcome) then please contact Valerie Adamson on val.adamson@btinternet.com

2021 Ride+Stride for churches - Saturday 11 Sept 2021 - stretch your legs and relax your mind, visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with family and friends! Ride+Stride for churches takes place on Saturday 11 September 2021 and is a sponsored bike ride or walk between churches, exploring and enjoying town and countryside in Surrey. Run by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust, it takes place annually and the money raised helps to repair churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout the county.
<http://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org>

Food Bank – St John's Hurst Green is becoming a Referral Point for the Trussell Trust food bank at Caterham Baptist Church. Please speak to Lotwina if you would like further information
lotwina@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

All are welcome to join us to pray on Zoom throughout the week.

Tuesday and Thursday at 9am

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09>
By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the above meeting ID and passcode.

Monday and Wednesday at 5pm

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 820 0689 4969 Passcode: 714098 or
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006894969?pwd=aNLS1VQV090SjcxdmhwWXFmZlhhdz09>
By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the same meeting ID and passcode

Things to pray for and about:

- Families who have lost loved ones in recent times
- For our schools, especially for teachers and staff.
- For those encountering debt and the associated stress – give thanks for local debt help service at King's Church

St Mary's is now on Twitter (@StMarysOxted) and Instagram (stmarysoxted) – why not look us up and follow!

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