

# ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 29<sup>th</sup> August

Gospel Reading this week – Mark 7.1-8

St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion	11.00am	Family Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

Please pray for Katie Hobden and Alex Normand whose marriage service is at St Peter's Saturday.

The Youtube livestream of St Mary's 9.30am service can be found using the link below or visiting the St Mary's Youtube page. <https://youtu.be/vhHKUFZ0OzE>

There is no Café service at St Mary's this week. Services will restart on 5 September.

**St Mary's-On-Sea on Friday (27th) is donkey rides, cream teas, games & craft** and from 7.30pm we are hosting The Dingbats - an improv comedy troupe - free entry, cash bar raising funds for charities we support at church. The seaside scene continues in the churchyard at St Mary's next week. All welcome to come and join in. Ice lollies and ice creams available in the church 2pm to 4pm daily.

**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.

**Meeting Place** is on this Friday at 9.30am, in OCH, why not pop along for a coffee and a chat?

**Monday night sessions** return on 13 September, for 6 weeks on the Book of Galatians. Join us in St Mary's or via Zoom. 8pm – 9pm. More details to follow.

**St Mary's Patronal Festival** is being celebrated on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September with our annual cricket match v St John's Hurst Green. If you are interested in playing then please contact Richard Adamson on [richard.adamson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 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>

**Coming soon in September: Toddler Praise** – 30 minutes of fun, friendship, songs, stories, prayers and a craft. St Mary's is every Wednesday at 2pm and St Peter's is every Thursday at 2pm.

**The annual Alpha Course starts on Thursday 23 September.** If you or someone you know has questions about life or faith, explore these over meal, watch a video and discuss in small groups.

**St Mary's 'Crossroads' space update** – the process of this space being owned and used by us as a church is nearly complete. Please continue to pray for the completion - more news soon!

**Room to rent in Quarry Road**, with use of all facilities and garden, for £380 per month. Contact Janet Brealey for more details: 01883 715859. Email is [janetbrealey@btinternet.com](mailto:janetbrealey@btinternet.com).

**Food Bank** – St John's Hurst Green is a Referral Point for the Trussell Trust food bank at Caterham Baptist Church. Please contact Lotwina for more information [lotwina@stjhurstgreen.co.uk](mailto: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=aLNLS1VQV090SjcxdmhwWXFMZlhhdz09>

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 peace and compassion to be known throughout the world.
- For Afghanistan and Haiti.
- For our churches as we enter in to a new season this autumn; for the preparations for our new and continuing services and events.

**St Mary's** is now on Twitter (@StMarysOxted) and Instagram (stmarysoxted) – look us up and follow!

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