

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

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May 14<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 17:22-31 & John 17:1-11

St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion (Said)		
9.30am	Holy Communion with Junior Church in OCH	11.00am	Family Communion
4.30pm	Café Service	6.30pm	Evensong with the Reigate schools Choir

**A very warm welcome to our services this Sunday;** especially if you are visiting us, or it is your first time with us. Please have a chat with someone, and refreshments are served following the 9.30am and 11am services.

**Junior Church at St Peter's** – we are looking to re-start Junior Church at St Peter's, during the 11am service; please let us know if you would like to help with this.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 'Praying Without Words'** in St Mary's Church. The second of our opportunities to explore this meditative and reflective style of worship and prayer. Fr Mick Elfred will lead us on this occasion. All are welcome.

**Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> – 7.45pm in the space: An informal Poetry Evening** – all welcome to listen, or get involved. Refreshments will be served; this event is free, but any donations are warmly welcome.

**Youth Groups** – our team youth groups continue to meet on a regular basis:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 8pm – Youth Group suitable for ages 14+

**Mission Giving** – each year our churches give a proportion of their income to charities, and we are currently deciding which charities to support. We are aiming to support 2 International, 1 National and 2 Local charities – please let the Parish Office know if you any suggestions. The PCC will make the final decision at their July meeting. Thank you.

**Ascension Day Communion Service – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm** – at St Mary's.

**Christian Aid week** is this week!– we are appealing for volunteers to help in one of two ways -- either to deliver and then collect Christian Aid envelopes in a road of your choice or deliver envelopes in a road of your choice that have an address on them to which envelopes can be returned --that way you do not have to knock on doors. Please volunteer to Valerie Adamson -- [val.adamson@btinternet.com](mailto:val.adamson@btinternet.com) or 01883 714859 This year Christian Aid is focusing on helping the women of Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world and one that has been suffering a severe drought. As a further way of raising funds for Christian Aid there will be cake sales after the

St. Mary's services on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> - all offers of cakes or homemade biscuits welcome .

**Volunteering in St Mary's church and community** – There is information in the South Aisle welcome area with opportunities for volunteering. Please do have a look and join in where you can.

**Baby\_Space** – an exciting and new group for parents with babies under 1. An opportunity for parents with very young children to find conversation, support and friendship. Thursdays at 10am in The\_Space,

**St Mary's news - Bookings are now being taken for the Trivia Quiz** and two course buffet supper that is being held in OCH on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm. Come as an individual or come as a team. More details from Valerie Adamson.

**Bishop Rosemarie Mallett, the Bishop of Croydon**, will be speaking at our next Deanery Synod – June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at St John's, Hurst Green. The first part of the meeting, which will include hearing from Bp Rosemarie, is open to everyone.

### **Things to pray for and about:**

- For peace in Sudan, Ukraine, and other nations that are torn by war and violence.
- For Anna Eltringham, and her family, as they continue to prepare for their move to Leeds Diocese, in her new role as the Bishop of Ripon.
- For all currently struggling with the cost of living
- Please pray for Hayley and Phil, who are being married at St Mary's on Saturday

### **Dates for your Diary (some highlights...)**

May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Synod
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tandridge Village Fete @ St Peter's School
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wine-Tasting fundraiser at St Mary's_Space – SAVE THE DATE!

**Oxted Team Morning Prayer - Tuesday** at St John's & **Thursday** at St Mary's – both at 9am – 20 mins of reflective prayer. Or you can join on remotely, all are welcome.

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09>

<https://stmarysoxted.uk/Groups/349812/Giving.aspx>

<https://stpeterstandridge.uk/Groups/350057/Giving.aspx>

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**PLEASE NOTE – If you have anything for the Weekly Update these should now be sent to Natasha at the Parish Office: [stmaryoxted.stpeterstandridge@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryoxted.stpeterstandridge@gmail.com)**