



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

7th November 2020

## Remembrance Sunday

### WELCOME TO ST MARYS

#### NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

We have now entered a month of enforced lockdown. All public worship must cease in a combined effort to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and protect the NHS and save lives.

During this lockdown the Archbishops have encouraged church members in 'A Call to Pray for the Nation'. Resources can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

It invites members of the Church of England to pause at 6pm (that is, just as the darkness deepens every evening) to pray for our nation and for the Light of Christ to shine upon it. Simple prayer resources are provided. The hope is that many of us will commit to a daily discipline, for the full 28 days of the lockdown, from Thursday 5 November to Wednesday 2 December.

#### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER: A SEASON FOR REMEMBERING

We will be hosting a zoom service/reflection at 10.30am every Sunday from St Mary's Church. This will include some input, readings, prayers and importantly time for shared conversation.

A reflective sheet will be emailed round each week with some thoughts and prayers.

We hope that by the 3rd of December public worship will be able to be resumed but we will keep you updated as the situation becomes clearer.

#### PRIVATE PRAYER

St Mary's will be open for Private Prayer on **Monday 9th November 11am to 12.30pm**. You are very welcome to come and have some quiet space. Prayer resources will be available and reflective sheets.

### ST MARY'S PCC

The Parochial Church Council acts as a board of Trustees for St Mary's Church. It is the governing body and holds legal responsibility for the decisions of the church community. The next meeting of the PCC is on **Monday 30th Nov at 7pm**. Please prayer for the PCC for wise and effective governance at this difficult time. The following are all the current members of the council:

Rev Claire (Chair); Rev Karen

Churchwardens: Margaret Ibbetson & Melvyn Ternan

Deanery Synod Rep: Giles Morrison

Elected PCC Members: Mabel Hove; Yo Tozer-Loft; Charles Chibatete; Ann Brownhill (Secretary); George Rees; Elaine Cox; Steve Tozer-Loft; Tom Mather (Treasurer and Vice Chair); Miriam Cavanagh.

### LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE



Thank you to all those who have engaged in these important conversations for us at St Mary's. We have planned an initial series of 3 sessions, the final one is on **Wednesday 25th November 7pm** via zoom. You don't

need to have attended the other sessions to join this session. This is just a start at beginning to explore the issues of race more effectively for us at St Mary's and help us all to learn for each other and be more aware of our biases. Contact Claire, Karen or Miriam for more info and booking/zoom log in details.

This week there are two opportunities to engage in some wider discussions on this subject.. Both are online and on **Tuesday**. The first is at **4pm** hosted by the University This event brings together two of the most important and influential voices on the topics of race,

education, and formation in Christianity—to explore the current situation and to offer thoughts on how to respond to it.

For more details and to book in follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-diverse-theology-a-conversation-on-race-education-and-formation-tickets-125144240793>

Then the Diocese is hosting an online event in the evening entitled a house for all nations - Join Fr Grant Naylor and Rev Anesia Cook for [an evening of reflection and perspective on: the Church local and universal, race, our response to Black Lives Matter and the events of 2020.](#)

The event will take place on Zoom, **7pm - 8.30pm on the 10th November.**

Booking via  
Lucy.Nunn@Sheffield.anglican.org and further information on

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/events/salt-light-network-evening-a-house-for-all-nations>

## REGULAR EVENTS

These are currently on hold/on zoom but hope to resume once we come out of lockdown

Young at Heart: Meeting in St Mary's socially distanced Café. Please contact Margaret Ibbetson to find out more and to book: 0114 2364184

Family Choir: Meeting Wednesdays from 3.30pm at St Mary's now on ZOOM. Please contact Yo for more information. Yo: 07925634420

## SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

During lockdown the St Mary's church will remain open throughout the week to provide support for people struggling with the impact of COVID-19 and in particular the issue of food poverty. We have shifted away from providing emergency food boxes to a more sustainable

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and less stigmatising way of addressing the complex and debilitating issue of food poverty. The café has now been transformed into our new Social



Supermarket. Members pay £3 to have access to a range of grocery items. Support is also on hand to help people begin to find some resources to address some of the more complex issues they may be being faced with. If we can enable people not to be hungry then they have more resources and resilience to be able to address some of the complex issues that may have caused their food poverty. It is still very much in its early stages of development but up to 50 people are accessing St Mary's each week and the numbers are rising.

You can help support the Social Supermarket by donating items.

Items we currently need are...

- Instant coffee
- Vegetable Oil
- Toiletries
- Packs of biscuits / chocolate biscuit bars
- Condiments e.g. jam, honey, tomato sauce / gravy
- Large cartons of juice e.g. orange / apple
- Kitchen Roll

Items can be brought to the reception desk at St Mary's Mon-Friday 10-4pm. Thank you!!

## GIVING AT ST MARY'S.

There are various ways you can support the work of St Mary's financially:

Details are available on our church 'mobsite' at

<https://www.stmarys-church.co.uk/mobsite/>

(Then click on 'giving')