

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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11th Sunday after Trinity – 15th August

Gospel Reading this week – John 6:51-58

St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion	11.00am	Forest Church Service
9.30am	Parish Communion	6.30pm	Holy Communion

The Youtube livestream of St Mary's 9.30am service can be found on the St Mary's Youtube page – please follow this link to this week's stream: <https://youtu.be/sjSXGqcMQ7s>

We welcome Rev'd Lotwina Farodoye to our Sunday morning service at St Mary's this week. Lotwina is the curate based at St John's Hurst Green.

St Mary's Gardening morning - Saturday 14 August from 9am-12pm. Please join us to tidy up the churchyard – if you have them bring gloves, tools and anything useful!

Please remember that there is no Café service at St Mary's this week – be encouraged to informally gather near the Tree of Hope for a time of prayer and encouragement.

Please note that there will be no Wednesday communion during August.

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.

Coming soon in September: Toddler Praise – 30 minutes of fun, friendship, songs, stories, prayers and a craft on a midweek afternoon. More details to follow.

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

“What Might Jesus Say To...” has now finished. Thank you to all who contributed. The Monday night sessions continue with a focus on a book of the Bible. More details to follow.

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. All welcome to come and join in! Please see the attached poster for details of special events on Fridays! Ice pops available from 2pm to 4pm!

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!

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 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=a1NLS1VQV090SicxdmhwWXFMZlhhdz09>
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 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) – look us up and follow!

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