

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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15th Sunday after Trinity – 12th September

Gospel Reading this week – Mark 8:27-end

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

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/qhzmOBLHxNU>

Junior Church at St Mary's returns to the pre-pandemic arrangements, children can be signed in at church, and then will come back for the end of the service

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.

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. Hosted by Mark and Stu, all welcome – here are the Zoom details: Codes: 869 4450 8430 and Passcode: 827604 OR simply click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944508430?pwd=dkxCZXZvREJTSWxDTkIwVDVmQllrZz09>

Toddler Praise – a new, 30 minute service ideal for pre-schoolers. All are welcome for songs, prayers, a story and a very simple craft. (Parents/carers are required to stay for the duration of the service) 2pm on Wednesday in St Mary's and 2pm on Thursday at St Peter's. Starts this week!

Alpha Course – do you have questions about life and faith? Or are you curious about Christianity? – please come along to our Alpha Course, weekly at 7.30pm on Thursdays from 23rd Sep.



Newcomer's Tea – if you are new to either St Mary's or St Peter's, please come along to our Newcomer's Tea at James and Chloe's house (29 Chichele Rd) on Saturday 25th Sep at 3pm.

COP26 Pilgrimage to Southwark Cathedral – There is a prayer vigil at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 23rd October to pray for COP26, and we are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to it from our churches. We have booked 8 spaces, and James is going to lead a walk from Oxted. We will need to leave at around 6am, and the walk is about 20 miles. Please do have a think about joining!

Prayer is really important to us at St Mary's and St Peter's, so please do join us where you can to pray. Whether it is at our services, or on Zoom during the week, or one of these times: Prayer meeting at St Mary's – Tues 21st September, meet in church at 6.30pm

St Mary's Patronal Festival is being celebrated on Sunday 19th 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, 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>

Harvest Festival – both of our churches will be celebrating Harvest on the first weekend in October – please look out for more details of how to get involved in celebrating, and donating.

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

Bishop Jonathan has this week announced his intention to step down as the Bishop of Croydon, you can read more about this here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/latest-news> Please do pray for Bishop Jonathan, as he prepares for this change. Incidentally, Jonathan will be visiting St Mary's School this week, on Thursday.

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:

- For our schools, as the new term gets underway.
- 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.

Please note that Rev James A has changed his day off to a Monday

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

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