



# St Marys

We have Live Streaming of our 11.00am Sunday Service this week at [www.stmarysealing.org.uk](http://www.stmarysealing.org.uk) - found on the You Tube link

**9.30**  
AM

## **FAMILIES TOGETHER with Holy Communion**

Led by Steve and Angela

Theme: The church in action - fruit

Reading: John 15: 1 - 5, 11

**11.00**  
AM

## **ADULT WORSHIP Live Streamed Holy Communion**

Led by Wai Meng Chow

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: 'Bearing Fruit for God'

Readings: Acts 8: 26 - end

John 15: 1 - 8

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

## **Virtual Prayer Ministry**

If you would like prayer, please send an email to [prayerministry@stmarysealing.org.uk](mailto:prayerministry@stmarysealing.org.uk) or, by phoning the vicarage on 020 8567 0414. Steve will log your request on to this email address which will be checked after each Sunday service

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING on Sunday 16 May**

**APCM** - We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) as part of our 11am service of worship on Sunday the 16 May. This is an important event in the life of our Church Family involving amongst other things the election of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Churchwardens.

This year, there are two vacancies for churchwarden as neither of the current wardens wish to stand again. In addition, four members of the PCC have to stand down (and at least one of them, the current treasurer, does not wish to stand again) which means that there is at least one vacancy (and possibly up to four vacancies) for PCC for a three year term and a requirement for a new treasurer. Finally, there is still one vacancy for a representative for Deanery Synod for a two year term. There is also the option to be part of the leadership of St Mary's by joining committees or groups reporting to the PCC.

The PCC is charged with "Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical." As Charity Trustees, PCC members working with the vicar have responsibility for ensuring St Mary's is well run, is solvent and is delivering on our God given mission. Churchwardens are charged with representing the laity (that's you) and supporting and encouraging the Vicar, Clergy and PCC. Honestly, it is not as scary as it sounds and is very rewarding.

Please pray and carefully consider if you know anyone (including yourself) who could fill any of these roles. If you wish to find out more, please contact Steve Paynter, either of the wardens Brian or Jo, or the PCC Secretary Wei Hei ([whkipling@talktalk.net](mailto:whkipling@talktalk.net) / 07752406942) – "if you wish to be considered for any of the elected positions (warden, PCC member or Deanery Synod rep), please email or phone Wei Hei with your name and the names of your proposer and seconder."

It would be good to encourage a mix of people from the congregation to stand for PCC and be involved in the leadership of St Mary's.

The Annual Report 2020 and supporting documents for the meeting can be downloaded from the website. Paper copies can be made available for those people who are not able to print or otherwise read the documents. Please e-mail or phone Jean in the office ([office@stmarysealing.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysealing.org.uk) / 0208579 7134) if you would like a paper copy printing off for you and collect them from church on a Sunday.

## Our Families and the APCM

We welcome our Families to attend the service on Sunday 16 May at 11am, which is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, especially if you would like to know how the church is organised and are thinking of volunteering to serve on one of our teams. There will be activities for the children but it would be helpful if you can let us know (email the church office) the ages of the children so we can plan accordingly. However if the service is not for you we will be meeting as usual at 9.30am, see you there.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 17 May** - Because of COVID we are not able to have envelope delivery or a plant/cake for Christian Aid week again this year.

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms. Florence's story will be shown in church on 9 May and is also on the Christian Aid website.

There will be buckets at the back of the church on **Sunday 9 May** if you would like to give a donation. You can also go on their website and donate [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

## PLEASE PRAY OR GIVE THANKS FOR ...

- all those ill in body or spirit, lonely, depressed or recently bereaved.

*Please let the church office know if you would like a prayer request.*

Following on from Steve's sermon on  
18 April on opportunities to serve at St  
Mary's

**Prophecy (Preaching) Teaching,  
Exhortation**

Sunday Worship	Music
Scripture Reading	Prayers
Preaching and Teaching	COSMOS
Home Groups	Alpha Groups

**Giving, Compassion**

Mission Support	Church Garden
Babies and Toddlers	Polygonian Friends
Soup Kitchen	Winter Night
Pastoral Care	Shelter

Refreshments

**Ministering and Leadership**

Creation Care	Finance
PCC	Church Wardens
Fabric	Buildings
IT	Social Media

**Sunday 9 May**

Easter 6

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tube on our website  
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**9.30am Families Together**

Led by Angela and Steve  
Theme: 'Going alone'  
Reading: Acts 1:6 -11

**I I am Adult Worship  
APCM**

Led by Wai Meng Chow  
Preacher: Steve Paynter  
Theme: 'Fruit that will last'  
Readings: Acts 10:44 - end  
John 15:9 - 17

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Lift up your heads, O gates, lift them  
high, O everlasting doors, and the King  
of glory will come in; the Lord of hosts,  
the King of glory". Psalm 24: 9 - 10

- Praise God that through the death  
and resurrection of his Son to save  
and cleanse us, he will come in and be  
the centre and focus of our lives

**Noticesheet deadline:** Please note  
that requests for notices need to be  
given to the church office by **10am**  
on **Wednesday** to be included in the  
following Sunday's noticesheet.

**Church Office hours**

The office is manned periodically, if  
you can, please email the office on  
[office@stmarysealing.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysealing.org.uk) or listen  
to the answer machine message on  
020 8579 7134

**There is no Morning  
Prayer at the moment.**

**Private Prayer is on Tuesday  
and Thursdays 1 - 4pm. in  
Church.**

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