

St Mary's Mirror



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W/C Sunday 25 July 2021
Trinity



9.30am Midweek Mass (said)

Bible Reading: Matt 20. 20 - 28

6.30pm – 7.30pm 88th Brownies

7pm – 9pm 87th Guides & Rangers

Friday 30 July

5.15pm – 6.15pm Rainbows

Clergy day off – emergencies only please

Saturday 31 July

Fr A – Annual leave 31 July – 14 August

Sunday 1 August Trinity 9

9.30am Bellingringing

10am Family Mass Reading: John 6. 24 - 35

The Service can also be watched via Facebook. To help us keep livestreaming our Services, if you are able, please leave a donation via:

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Sunday 25 July Trinity 8 – James the Apostle

9.30am Bellingringing

10am Whiz Kids (Sunday School) Covid-safe Fun, friendly



arts, crafts, stories, videos, songs and more! For children aged 5-12. If your child will need a drink, we ask that a drink in a drinks bottle is provided. Whiz Kids runs on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. On the other Sundays we

are invited to worship together at our Family Mass / WK Mass 10am Parish Mass



Readings: Jer 45. 1-5, Acts 11. 27 – 12. 2, Matt 20. 20 -28

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Monday 26 July

Pre-recorded Schools' Assembly

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnxbQ6IU8MO6af6_K6KrAw



9.45am – 11.30am (approx) Christian Mindfulness Meeting – please sign up at the back of church if you wish to attend.
6.15pm 48th Beavers (Upper Hall)

Tuesday 27 July

Anne Elphick – day off

Pre-recorded St Mary's School Assembly

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTuLvqu4SIsYi5LfOo9xfZg>



10am - 3pm Men-in-Sheds for older men who want to get together, share and learn new skills (eg woodworking) and socialising.
6.15pm 87th Brownies

Wednesday 28 July

9.30am – 11am Toddler Group booking essential contact Pauline Mantle 07946600292.

Last meeting before group closes for the summer, reopens 8 September



1-3pm Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank (donations and collections today, thank you)
Phone: 0115 9751825 Email: info@bestwoodbulwell.foodbank.org.uk

Thursday 29 July

(Time TBC) Baptism of Jeremiah Bartley

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SALE OF CARDS FOR MOST OCCASIONS – ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MARY'S ROOF



FUND. Reasonably priced at 50p. On sale now at the back of Church. Handmade by Janet Richards. Thank you, Janet!

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In June we were able to pay £1,011.00 towards our Parish Share. This leaves a balance of £13,003 to pay on or before January 2022, which means we need to raise around £2,167 per month. Look out for details of a fundraising prize draw - please see Eleanor for more details, or if you would like to help.

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Christian Mindfulness Meetings

Stop, Look and Listen to God

When? Taster sessions: Monday 26th July 9.45 – 11.30 am (approx) and Monday 23rd August 9.45 – 11.30 am (approx) (refreshments from 11.00 am)

Then fortnightly in September.

Where? St Mary's Church, Bulwell in the Chancel.

Please sign up at the back of church, or contact:

Mary Jones 0115-9751868 mj080249@gmail.com

Anne Elphick 01159267007 anne.elphick303@gmail.com

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REVISED DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with the Nottingham based Band of the Royal Engineers. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the concert will now take place on Friday 17 December 2021. More details in due course.

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PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?



A big 'Thank you' to Sue & Dan, and Dougie & Sue for their hard work cleaning around the church building. Our church is big and to do it properly more help is needed. Is there anyone from the congregation who is willing

help with this then Please contact Martin or Eleanor for more information and to express your willingness to help. Thank you.

RELAXATION OF CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

The Church believes that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor 12:12-27). The Government's move to Step 4 on Monday 19th July means that we are being asked to take even more personal responsibility regarding coronavirus than when we were compelled to adhere to the Government's restrictions. The restrictions have been, by necessity, blunt instruments and, for some people, have seemed unnecessary or overly restrictive. For other people, the easing of restrictions seemed to bring additional risk to themselves, or those they love, who have remained vulnerable to the virus.

- From Monday 19th July it will no longer be a legal requirement to wear a face covering. However, the Government expects and recommends that people in enclosed settings protect themselves and others. We request, please, that people aged over 12 who enter into the church building continue wear a face covering, unless they are exempt, or are leading an aspect of worship from the front.
- From Monday 19th July it will no longer be legally required to display or ask people to register for NHS Test and Trace. However, the Government is asking that venues continue to ask people to register as it continues to form one of the main ways of the NHS to identify people who may have been exposed to coronavirus. Please continue to use the NHS Track & Trace QR Code whenever you enter the church building or sign in on the forms provided if you cannot use that system. Please remember to bring a pen with you.
- The doors to the South Porch will continue to be left open during services to increase ventilation in the building.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church building.
- Please sit only on pews marked with a green tick to ensure that some social distancing is still in place. The upper limit on the size of any congregation, at any service, will be 65 people.
- The removal of soft furnishings remains in place so, if you need a cushion, please bring one with you and take it back home with you.
- The opportunity to light votive candles remains in place. Please remember to bring your own lighter or matches.
- The toilets are open and are being cleaned regularly. Hand soap and hand sanitiser is available, as are electric hand dryers.
- We can now all sing indoors. We can revert to using the service books and hymn books, which will be

quarantined for a minimum of 48 hours between each use. Due to popular demand (!) we will continue to sing the closing hymn outside during the summer months.

- The Peace will continue to be shared socially distanced, without close contact or touching. Processions will continue to be kept to a minimum, and collections will remain via the plates at the front and back of church (or via our church websites).
- The Common Cup may now be shared but, given the continued potential risk to health, Holy Communion will continue to be administered as it is at present; with the option to receive the elements either in one kind, or both kinds via the priest intincting. The use of hand sanitiser is to continue.
- Our 10am Service on Sunday will continue to follow a 'mixed-mode' approach, being both in church and online. Refreshments will continue to be available to enjoy outside after the 10am Service.
- The lifting of legislation means that numbers at baptisms, weddings and funerals are not mandated by law but potentially by the pre-pandemic capacity of the church building. However, there is an expectation by the Government that people act responsibly in indoor spaces, particularly where large numbers of people are involved. Where the incumbent feels a life event service will have additional risk because of the numbers of people involved he can ask the party to comply with additional measures (such as face coverings and a limited number of guests) for the safety of all those attending. Celebrants may refuse to take any services they are not legally obliged to take if they are not comfortable in taking them.

This will remain in place until September when our circumstances and situation will be reviewed, or when the Government or Church of England guidance and advice changes; whichever comes first. Please do not hesitate to contact myself, Rev Bob, our Churchwardens or LLMs if you have any questions or queries.

The relaxation of restrictions on Monday 19th July is only possible because of the country's successful vaccination programme. We are indebted to the people who have developed and administered the vaccines and I encourage anyone who has not yet done so to take advantage of the protection vaccination offers. Many of us, I know, will welcome the possibilities now before us, not least the increased numbers at life events and a long-awaited return of congregational singing. However, this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long covid remains an ongoing concern. Therefore, our approach remains optimistic, but at the same time cautious and careful.

God bless you and keep you safe and well.
Father Andrew