

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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Update 18th September 2020

Jesus said: "So the last will be first, and the first will be last.." *Matthew 20:16*

This Sunday is the third in the season of Creationtide. This Sunday's services are:

St Mary's

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

4.30 Café Service

St Peter's

11.00am Family Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

St John's

9.30 Holy Communion

10.45 Outdoor All-Age

Please note we will not be serving food and drinks at any service.

St George's: no service. Open for personal prayer on Sundays: 10am- 4pm

Church on YouTube To watch the St Mary's 9.30am service, please visit our YouTube channel, please go to https://youtu.be/eVm_pJ1PghU for this week's service.

Latest Covid news – we have been reassured that at the time of writing, the most recent Government changes to Covid restrictions, will not impact on our worshipping life. Please do refer to the Church of England advice for the latest news. For our Junior Church, we are following the National Youth Agency advice, which also currently states that we can continue with our plans.

- The services, and the church, will look and feel different for a while; please bear with us and follow the guidance of the welcome team when you arrive.
- Please wear a face covering, if you are able to.
- There will be no congregational singing, as this is currently not permitted. Services may feature instrumental music or 1 singer.
- Holy Communion will be in one kind only at this stage, and if you come to a communion service, please listen carefully to any guidance.

Junior Church at St Mary's – re-starts fortnightly from this Sunday (20 September). Please pray for the leaders, helpers, and all the children taking part.

St Mary's Patronal Picnic CANCELLED – Unfortunately our plans to hold a picnic on Sunday 20th have fallen foul of the new 'Rule of Six' guidelines.

ALPHA online – We are planning to join in with Alpha online! We are due to start on Monday 5th Oct at 7.30pm. Come along, or why not invite a friend. Look out for more news.



Things to pray for and about:

- For all key workers, especially those working in health and social care
- For our neighbours, and those close to us in need
- Our annual meetings and new Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery members
- For schools, for teachers, for pupils, for parents
- For those suffering directly or indirectly due to Covid-19
- For Eloise Manster and Sebastian Street, baptised in our parishes on Sunday afternoon.



7.30pm on Mondays – an opportunity to join a Bible Study and to prayer on Zoom. All welcome, contact James to join.

St Mary's APCM – Sunday 27th September, after the 9.30am morning service. (Still vacancies on the PCC and Deanery Synod – speak to James or Mark for details)



Giving to the church – Thank you so much to all those who support our churches financially. Please do consider doing so at this time by standing order, using your online banking.

St. Mary's Oxted PCC:

Account number: 00688746 - Sort code: 20 76 55

PCC of Tandridge:

Account number: 01544847 - Sort code: 30 91 72

Love your neighbour – please continue to look out for those around you and phone the Parish Office on 01883 712463 if you need help, know somebody who needs help or can offer help.

St Mary's School are raising funds for Chrome books for children to use, to enhance their learning and to help build opportunities for children who may not have access to a PC or laptop at home. Please do give generously if you can!

<https://donatemyschool.com/stmary'scofeprimaryschool2315>

Would anyone would like contribute to our Facebook posts on the subject of a favourite hymn or worship song? This needs to be about 150 words or so, plus a link to YouTube if possible. Thank you! All replies to come to oxtedcomms@gmail.com

Face coverings - handmade, washable, face masks are available from Catherine Hough. All proceeds to St Mary's Church...recommended donation £5 (or more).

With our love and prayers,

James and all the ministry team.