

Prayer for the Vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this place: Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – IMPORTANT



If you are feeling unwell– please let Polly know. We can help with shopping, visits or any other supportive action you may need. The key points regarding service protocols at St Mary's are:

- **We encourage you to wear masks throughout the service including during hymn singing**
- We will be leaving the back door open as long as the weather allows – **please come dressed appropriately as it can get chilly.**

Why should I feel good about giving?

We can all be proud that, after more than 1,300 years, St Mary's is a beautiful and thriving church in which to worship. This has only been achieved through the generosity of our congregation over the years. You can feel good about helping St Mary's survive and prosper in the future. You might also feel good about getting a tax refund!

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St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon

Sunday 6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
Romans 10:10



March 2022 Services at St Mary's

Mar 6th	10am	Choral Eucharist Revd Jolyon Trickey
Mar 13th	10am	Parish Eucharist Rt Rev Bishop Andrew
	6pm	Evensong Phillip Herbert LLM
Mar 20th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Canon Wilma Roest
Mar 27th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Rosemary Durward
	6pm	Evensong Jane Hiley, Warden of Readers

Rector: Parish in Vacancy

Parish Administrator : Polly Zabari
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Church Wardens : Sue Prentice
Ian Read

New to St Mary's?

If this is the first time you are joining us please introduce yourself to the Church Wardens or sides people. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We like to be able to contact new members and visitors, so please let us have your contact details. Please send us your name, address, telephone and email address to our parish administrator on 01932 866005 or admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk.



If you wish to join us but have no way of getting to St Mary's, please let Polly know and we will endeavour to arrange transport. We desperately need drivers – if you can help in any way with giving lifts to services and/or social functions please let Polly know asap.



If you have any safeguarding worries please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

Collect for today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10am Parish Eucharist

Minister : Revd Jolyon Trickey

Reading : Romans 10 : 8 - 13

Gospel : Luke 4 : 1 - 13

Hymns : 34, 95 om v5, 96 (ii), 496

Mass Setting : Palestrina – Missa Brevis

Anthem : Farrant – Hide not thy face from our sins



We will be serving coffee in the hall after the service. Please come and join us.

MOST WANTED ITEMS THIS WEEK



UHT semi skimmed or whole milk	Fruit squash
Tinned vegetables	Tinned meat
UHT Fruit juice 1l	Pasta sauce in jar
Chocolate spread	Savoury snacks
Spray deodorant for men	Spray deodorant for women

Lent lunch and Bible Study



In this time of vacancy it is important that we maintain our prayer life both at home and at Church. We are going to combine our popular **“bread, cheese and soup” Parish Lent Lunches** with a short bible study beforehand to which you are all invited. This will be held on Wednesdays during Lent commencing **9th March at 11.30**. Ideally we would like you to attend every week, but if that is not possible then feel free to dip in and out – you are always welcome. No need to sign up, but an indication of interest is always appreciated.



On **Sunday 13th March** our 10am service will be taken by Bishop Andrew.

On **Sunday 20th March** our 10am service will be taken by Revd Canon Wilma Roest, Rector of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond who is on our interview panel for our new Rector as the representative of our Patron, King's College, Cambridge



The next meeting of the discussion group will be on Monday 7th March at the home of Audrey Binyon. We will start at the later time of 2.30pm.

All welcome



Please use the blue Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a cash donation. We also accept contactless payments either by text (instructions

are at the end of each pew) or at the back of the Church (please ask a Warden).

The Church of England has asked us to join in prayer for our Anglican churches in Ukraine. Below is a prayer from a neighbouring Church which you might like to use :

Sovereign Lord, we turn to you in these uncertain times of a Russian invasion of Ukraine.

For the sake of the innocent people caught up in this act of aggression we pray :

- That you will restrain those with evil intent, that they will work instead towards peace and reconciliation.
- For wisdom for all in authority and that you will transform hearts, minds and actions in line with your purposes.
- That you will calm fears, strengthen faith and provide for the essential needs of the Ukrainian people.
- That you will bless and provide for those giving humanitarian aid to fleeing Ukrainians, especially in neighbouring nations.

And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen Philippians 4 : 7



The WC's are located in the Church Hall.