

# St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon

## Second Sunday after Trinity



June 13th 2021

# A Message from Mary Beth

Our two short parables from Mark's gospel this week can be rather deceiving because they're so short. The first is only four lines long and the second, only three. And yet they're important words from Jesus because they're about God's Kingdom -- the Kingdom which Jesus brought to us through His incarnation on Earth.

Jesus' prime goal in the world was to bring us God's Kingdom, yet these parables about the Kingdom seem altogether unremarkable. Not only are they brief, but they talk about very common activities, like sowing seeds and harvesting the subsequent crop. This was something which was very ordinary, indeed, in Jesus' day, as Jewish society was largely agrarian.

But the illustrations Jesus uses are familiar to us, too, in our modern technological age because of their connection to nature. Just now, we can see crops growing in fields and nature blooming all around us in the June sunshine.

We know that when Jesus spoke in parables, the messages he gave were often hidden, even unexpected. So what could Jesus be trying to tell us, in these seemingly uninspiring words?

It could have something to do with our own perceptions of God and His revelations to us. When we think of our favourite Bible stories, most of us remember the BIG stories, often miraculous in nature -- like the parable which follows these two, where Jesus calmed a raging storm with just a few words, or when God parted the sea to enable the Jews to escape from the pursuing Egyptians.

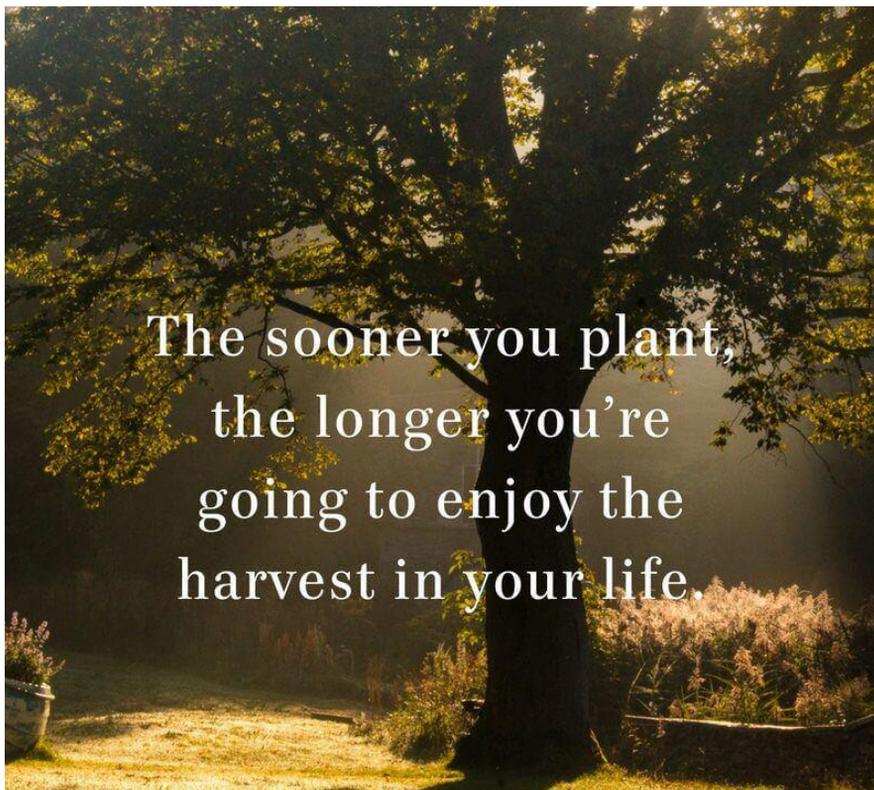
But here we have Jesus speaking of God's Kingdom through the ordinary life cycle of nature, the growing of food or the simple growth of a shrub.

Could it be that Jesus is telling us to look for God's Kingdom in our everyday world, that we need not expect revelation through great drama? If that's the case, then we should seek our God who is always with us, as we go about our lives each day, no matter what we're doing. It's through our ordinary lives that we can expect God to reveal His Kingdom to us and so draw us closer to Him. It can be a gradual process as God fills us with His love while we follow our journey of faith.

And when you think of it, that can be more inviting than waiting for a big drama.

God bless you all as you seek the Kingdom of glory in your every day world.

Mary-Beth



# Bible References 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Year B	Psalm	First reading	Second reading
<b>Trinity 1</b> June 13	Psalm 92 1-4, 12 - end	2 Cor 5 : 6 - 17	Mark 4 : 26 - 34
<b>Monday</b> June 14	Psalm 98	2 Cor 6 : 1 - 10	Matt 5 : 38 - 42
<b>Tuesday</b> June 15	Psalm 146	2 Cor 8 : 1 - 9	Matt 5 : 43 - end
<b>Wednesday</b> June 16	Psalm 112	2 Cor 9 : 6 - 11	Matt 6 : 1 – 6, 16 - 18
<b>Thursday</b> June 17	Psalm 111	2 Cor 11 : 1 - 11	Matt 6 : 7 - 15
<b>Friday</b> June 18	Psalm 34 : 1 - 6	2 Cor 11 : 18, 21 - 30	Matt 6 : 19 - 23
<b>Saturday</b> June 19	Psalm 89 : 20 - 33	2 Cor 12 : 1 - 10	Matt 6 : 24 - end

**Hyperlinks to Guildford Cathedral Services :**

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services>

St Mary's, Thorpe website :

<https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/>

## Collect 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**





We welcome into God's Holy Family by Baptism today  
at 11.30am

## Miles William Conrad King

*Lord, thank you that Miles has been made by baptism  
a member of your Church, and we pray that he may  
grow in Christian faith all the days of his life. Amen*

You are a **Child** of **God**  
You are wonderfully made,  
dearly loved, and precious  
in **His** sight.

*- Psalm 139*

# Parish Notices

## Sunday Services at St. Mary's

With the easing of lockdown measures, we are delighted to have restarted services of communal worship at St. Mary's.

A single Said Communion service will be held on Sunday mornings starting at 10:00am. Communion will be in one kind and offered at the Chancel steps.

Limited organ accompaniment has now also resumed. Usually, this will be on the first and third Sundays of each month. With the prospect of a further easing of social distancing measures, we hope to be able to welcome our choristers back soon.

The pattern of services will be reviewed in line with Government regulations and Diocesan guidance. Meanwhile, social distancing and other virus transmission preventative measures will continue to be observed. The maximum number of worshippers admitted into church remains in the order of 35-40 but is dependent on size and numbers of family groupings. Duty Wardens and Sidesmen will be on hand to assist with seating arrangements.

**In support of the Government's Test and Trace programme, worshippers are required to pre-register their attendance and give a contact telephone number to a Duty Warden on arrival.** Service attendance records will be retained for 21 days and then be destroyed.

In order to assist us in observing social distancing guidelines and avoid the potential disappointment of being refused entry we ask all worshippers who wish to attend on successive Sundays to notify the Parish office **each week**, either by telephone on 01932 866005 or by email at: [admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk)

## **Opening Hours for Private Prayer**

St. Mary's will remain open until 2pm on Sundays for private prayer.

## **Hall Opening**

We are again taking provisional hall bookings for events, consistent with Government guidelines. Please contact Polly with your enquiries about hall availability for private or group functions  
admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk or Tel. 01932 866005

## **Parish Communications**

The weekly Parish leaflet will continue and be issued on regular email distribution to those on the electoral role and others who have specifically requested it. Similarly, the St Mary's website will be updated as appropriate to advise of any changes to services or other significant news.

The St Mary's Chat WhatsApp Group will continue to allow people to share their prayers and thoughts and for Godfrey to post his personal messages.



## **Lunchtime Concerts**

We are delighted that lunchtime concerts are starting again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm when the pupils from Yehudi Menuhin will be visiting us. On the basis that social distancing will still be required please register your intention to attend with Polly.



- Readers
- Intercessors
- Chalice Assistants
- Coffee makers after the service (when we are allowed)
- Coffee makers for Mothers and Others
- People to help run Mothers and Others
- Church Guides for the odd Saturday afternoon
- Duty Wardens People to assist with Parish Lunches – not just cooking but setting up rooms and helping clear away
- An Eco Champion

St Mary's cannot survive unless we have more volunteers. No job is onerous and can be fitted around other commitments. **The more help we get the less everyone has to pitch in.**

For more information please contact either Sue on 07710 205395 or Ian on 07543 057840. If you feel you can put your name down for something please let Polly know.



## **Lunchtime concerts**

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July – pupils from Yehudi Menuhin School
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Callum Alger organ recital
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Giacomo Susani guitar recital
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Peter Cigleris – Clarinet and piano recital

## **Farewell to Godfrey and Helen**

For those of you who have not attended Church recently, Godfrey announced his retirement a couple of weeks ago. He is leaving us after 8 fruitful years at St Mary's and he and Helen are moving to the South Coast.

On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September** we will be saying goodbye to Godfrey and Helen as it will be their last Sunday in the Parish.

Please keep the date free as we are planning a farewell lunch at St Mary's. More details to follow.

## **Parish Lunches**

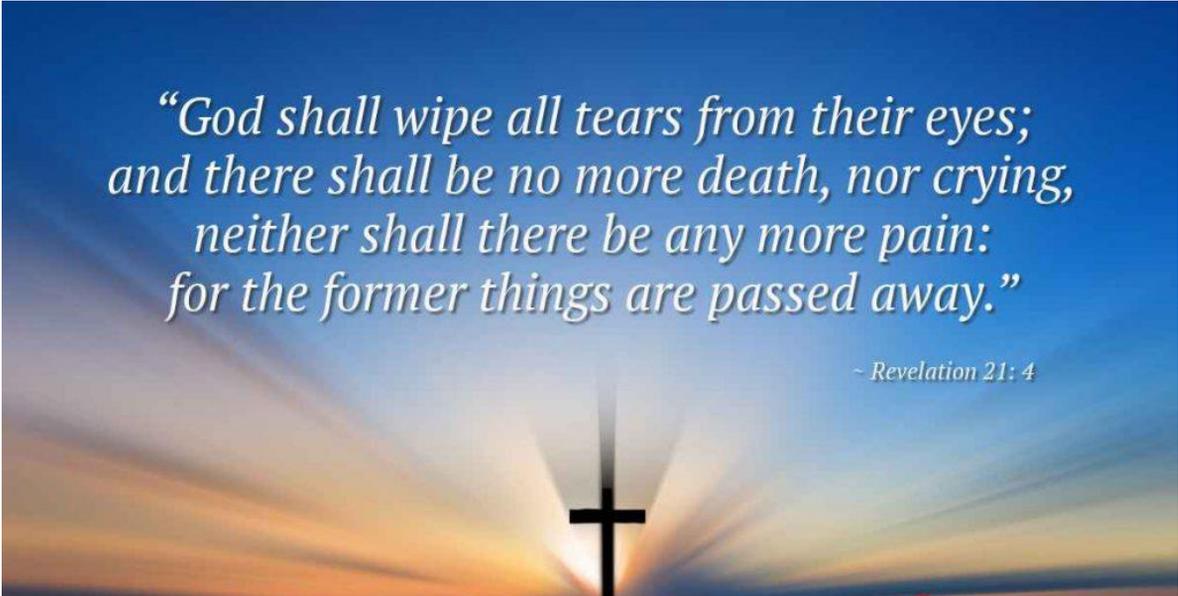
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Parish Harvest lunch

# Edwin and Margaret Bell

The funeral of Edwin and Margaret Bell is taking place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm at St Mary's. Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, the numbers who can attend are limited and so their friends from St Mary's are unable to attend.

The family are live streaming the service, so if you want to attend from the comfort of your own house, please follow the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/event/1065798>



*“God shall wipe all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.”*

*- Revelation 21: 4*

# Hey! Don't forget the ...

Here is the list of items most needed for our Foodbank. Please can you help local families in need by buying an item and putting it in one of our donation bins, listed below? Thank you very much for your help.

Please do not donate out-of-date not be used.



- Sugar 500g
- Honey
- Chocolate spread
- Laundry powder
- Jam
- Sponge puddings
- Sweet biscuits
- Shampoo