

## 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!

### How to Donate

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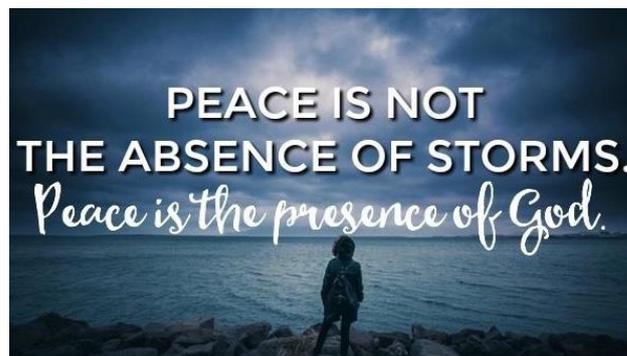
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## St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
2nd Sunday before Lent



### February 2022 Services at St Mary's

<b>Feb 20th</b>	10am	Parish Eucharist <a href="#">Revd Mary Beth Hawrish</a>
<b>Feb 27th</b>	10am	Parish Eucharist <a href="#">Fr Gerard Mee</a>
	6pm	Evensong <a href="#">Jane Hiley LLM , Warden of Lay Ministers</a>

**Rector:** Parish in Vacancy

**Parish Administrator :** Polly Zabari  
01932 866005

**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](mailto:admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk).



The **World Day of Prayer** service will take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at the United Church, Stoke Road. The service is at 11am followed by a soup lunch. All welcome.



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

All welcome

## Collect for today

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

### 10am Parish Eucharist

**Minister :** Revd Mary Beth Hawrish

**Reading :** Rev Ch 4

**Gospel :** Luke 8 : 22 - 25

**Hymns :** 250 om vv 5-6; 245, 516, 413

**Setting :** Thorne



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



### MOST WANTED ITEMS THIS WEEK

Tinned meat (no corned beef please)	UHT Fruit juice 1l
Fruit squash	Tinned custard
500g pack sugar	Sponge puddings
Tinned spaghetti hoops	Laundry powder
Tinned vegetables	Pasta sauce in a jar
UHT semi skimmed or whole milk	Savoury snacks

## 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 **9<sup>th</sup> 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.



Our delayed **Christmas celebratory lunch** is tomorrow, **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 1pm. If you have not already paid please bring £12.50 cash with you.

Our next **lunchtime concert** will be held on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Feb when Oliver McFarlane and Crispian Steele-Perkins will give an organ and trumpet recital. No need to register but an indication of interest is appreciated.

The **funeral for Len Avery** will be held at St Mary's on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

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

On **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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



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



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.



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 WC's are located in the Church Hall.