

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:

- **It is requested that masks must be worn throughout the service including during hymn singing**
- All pews now back in use, parishioners free to choose their own seating position in church but are asked to be mindful and respectful of others
- We will be leaving the back door open as long as the weather allows – **please come dressed appropriately as it can get chilly.**
- Communion will continue to be given in one kind until further notice, and the sign of the Peace will be shared without physical contact
- As we have resumed the collection plate parishioners who contribute through Planned Giving are welcome to take a laminated token from the basket near the entrance and pop into the Collection pouch. That way all donations can be included in the blessing and thanksgiving for the offertory plate



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.



St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon

Sunday 30th January 2022

Candlemas



February 2022 Services at St Mary's

Feb 6th	10am	Choral Eucharist Revd Rosemary Durward
Feb 13th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Barnaby Perkins
	6pm	Choral Evensong with admission of new choristers Revd Renos Pittarides
Feb 20th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Mary Beth Hawrish
Feb 27th	10am	Parish Eucharist Fr Gerard Mee
	6pm	Evensong Jane Hiley LLM, Warden of Lay Ministers

.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.



Please use the blue Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. We also accept contactless

payments at the back of the Church – please ask a Warden. The WC's are located in the Church Hall. We hope you enjoy the service

Collect for today

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 : Fr Gerard Mee

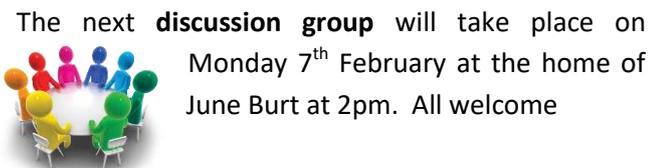
Reading : Heb 2 : 14 - end

Gospel : Luke 2 : 22 - 40

Hymns : 496, 360, 244 (i), 557 (i) – om 5-6



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



The next **discussion group** will take place on Monday 7th February at the home of June Burt at 2pm. All welcome



Demand for services is picking up sharply and at the same time the volume of donations has fallen away since Christmas. This is a normal pattern for donations, but the increase in demand is greater than usual, due to the well-publicised increase in cost of living and particularly in energy costs. So in January they have been giving out significantly more than they have been getting in to the warehouse.

Please continue to support the Foodbank, as they face difficult months ahead.

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

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. We will be following the Diocesan material which has yet to be published!



At the PCC Meeting earlier this month the PCC unanimously approved and signed off the Parish Profile and advertisement for our new Rector. Ian and Sue were voted to be our representatives at interviews due to take place in early April. The advertisement will be in the Church Times from 11th February so hopefully good news will follow. The Parish Profile is available from the office or can be viewed on our website.



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