

Christ Church and St. Mary's Frome News 10th January 2021

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Covid 19

Once again we find ourselves facing another lockdown. This time, public worship has not been stopped although there is much encouragement to resume online worship recognising the increased risks that come when people leave their homes.

In consultation with the church wardens I have considered whether we can safely continue to worship in person and what the wider perception of this might be in our town.

We need to have further discussions next week with both PCCs and any decision will be reviewed weekly taking into account the national and local picture.

After very careful consideration, we feel that with further safety measures in place and with good congregational compliance we can

continue to gather with little increased risk to safety.

We also felt that moving entirely online excludes those without the technology to join in and I am well aware that our ability to livestream services isn't producing results as good as they might always be. We have also decided that the meditative music and readings service at Chrsit Church will besuspended for now.

With this in mind we have made the following changes:

- Christ Church will be open for private prayer on Saturday 9th 10-12
- On Sunday, please arrive at the service and wait outside until invited in by a steward who will show
 you to your seat.
- You will find an order of service and pew sheet in your seat and a card. Please write your name and phone number on the card so that we can contact you if there is a case of COVID-19.
- Please leave the card and order of service in your seat at the end taking the pew sheets away with you.
- The Holy Sacrament continues to be offered in one kind only (the bread)
- At the end of the service please stay seated until invited to leave by a steward.
- Please adhere to the regulations and do not interact with anyone you don't live with as you leave.
- Please **think carefully** about actually coming. It is possible to watch the service on You Tube ... or enjoy worship from other places.
- Please make the wellbeing of those around you your priority.

Services in January

(Subject to weekly review)

Sunday | | | th | Jan

8.30am Parish Eucharist St.M 10.00am Parish Eucharist CC

Sunday 17th Jan

8.00am BCP Holy Communion CC 10.00am Parish Eucharist St.M

Sunday 24th Jan

8.30am Parish Eucharist St.M 10.00am Parish Eucharist CC

Sunday 31st Jan

8.30am Parish Eucharist CC 10.00am Parish Eucharist St. Marys

Each Wednesday

10.am Holy Communion at St. Marys

Weekdays on Zoom

08:30 am Morning Prayer ID 525 657 0143 Pass 049003 18:00 pm Evening Prayer ID 984 2413 5993 Pass 345670

19.30pm Compline ID 972 9723 2736

Magazine

Hard copies of the magazine will continue to be produced but they will no longer be available to take from church. If you would like to receive a copy through the post, and more importantly, if you take copies to other members of the congregation, please can you tell us so that we can arrange delivery? You can either email

admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk or write it on the card in your seat at a service.

We are still looking for someone from St. Mary's to join the magazine editorial team .. You are someone who...

- Sees the magazine as a great way of keeping in touch, sharing the life of our church with others and of being missional
- Knows what is going on
- Is willing to ask people to contribute either as a one-off or regularly.

Situation Vacant

Parish Administrator 8 Hours per week based in St. Mary's Office. This is a paid Role

This is a key role in the Benefice and you will have great organisational and communication skills as well as being computer/social media competent.

Please speak to Revd Liz for further details. We are fortunate to be able to appoint an Interim Administrator who will set up the role from the beginning of January. Contact details to follow.

Website

The new Benefice Website went live on January 3rd 2021

Www.christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk.
Do have a look and it is very much a work in progress so feedback is most welcome.
Many thanks to all who have been involved so far.

The Bereavement Journey

Loss is hard to bear at any time but Covid 19 has increased the sense of isolation and separation, making grieving even harder. The Bereavement Journey offers a space to explore loss and bereavement and to find company as we make this journey ourselves. Running over 5 sessions starting on Monday 18th Jan on Zoom at 7.30pm. If you are interested or know of anyone who might benefit from coming along, please speak to Revd Liz.

In the mean time, please pray for our team of volunteer befrienders.

Keeping in Touch

During this time of lockdown, we are trying to keep in touch with congregation members via telephone. Sometimes this is hard because we simply do not have contact details. If you would appreciate a call or need help to do shopping etc, please let churchwardens or admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk know.