



Sunday 18th July 2021



Now that the lifting of all lockdown restrictions is confirmed as 19th July. 'What's next?' is the question many of us are asking. What does this mean for us? Will we be able to start singing?

Do we sing with masks on or off? What about social distancing? Do we still have this during our services? Are we allowed wine from the same Chalice during the sharing of the Holy Communion? These and many other questions we will need to answer as we come out of this lockdown. I hope you will agree with me that it's better we gradually find answers to these questions rather than rushing to go back to what we had before, only to go back into another lockdown! I am waiting for clarification from the Church hierarchy, and I will keep you informed as soon as matters become more explicit. As we wait for further news, I want to assure everyone that we will take the most sensible and safe decisions to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. We will continue to meet on Sundays at 8 and 10 am with the present restrictions until the end of July when I hope to better understand what to do. Please join us this Sunday if you can. There will be activities for children in the hall. We will also meet at 4 pm for our Family Praise Service. This will be an opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to Helen Stickland, who has led this service for many years and has now stepped down. Please join us if you can.

Last Sunday, we were able to thank Mike and Janet for their many years of service to God through various ministries at Saint Mary's. I am incredibly grateful to them for all they did and wish them (and of course Lilly and her Lamborghini!) well in their new home. I am also appreciative of all who contributed to the success of the day. Thanks a lot. As we look forward to the so-called Freedom Day (19th July), could I remind each of us that our Freedom comes from the Son of God who has set us free, and we are free indeed! (John 8:36).

Wishing you a blessed week.

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This week's Bible readings: 2 Sam 7: 1-14, 9-10, Eph 2: 11-22 & Mark 6: 30-34

Praying for the sick in our Parish: Freya LeHunt, Kieran Chalkley, Christine, Charlotte, Tony Sutton, Doreen Clements, Shirley Rhodes, Amelie, Alex, Janet, Richard & Lucy and their sons Freddie & Charlie, Penelope and Shamila. **Praying for the world especially:** The people of Uganda, India and many countries struggling to cope with Covid. We pray for all victims of abuse, especially domestic abuse. **We Remember the Recently Departed:** Audrey Stammers, William Richards, Howard Archer, David Penkethman, Sheila Winterbottom and Mary Biederman.

From the Memorial Book: George Webber, Peter Curchod, Stanley Birks, Maureen Critchel, Petro Semeraz, Rees Jones, Joanna Sturgis and Doris Ambrose. **Church Open:** The church is open for private prayers Tue-Fri 10 am-5 pm. If you would like someone to pray with you please contact Reverend Folli or Hugh Montgomerie. **Please pray for:** Please pray for Persephone Sooboodoo and her family who is being baptised on 18th July, also for Matias Robinson's Thanksgiving service on 25th July and Frankie Driver and Leanne Robertson as they make preparations for their wedding on Sat 24th July.

Keep Kieran Chalkley and his family in your prayers as he prepares for his treatment.

Forthcoming Events:

Memorial Book: The Memorial Book will be updated in August. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the Memorial Book please contact Hugh Montgomerie.

Garden Tidy: Thank you if you helped, it was much appreciated.

SMART Mother and Toddler Group: On summer break. Back on Tues 14th September 10-11.30am in Church Hall.

'Family Praise' Service: A short informal service for all the family. Sunday 18th July 4pm followed by light tea on church lawn (weather permitting) afterwards. **'Colouring Club' and 'Knit Wits'** Wed 21st July 12.30-2 pm in the Church hall. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact Hugh M if you plan to attend.

Strawberry Tea: Sunday 15th August 2-4pm in St Mary Oatlands Church garden or in Church hall if wet. Cost £5, under 12's free. Please pay on the day. Please use the signup sheet or contact the church office if you would like to attend. Please bring a chair or picnic rug if possible.

Eco-Box: There is a large white cardboard Eco-Box at the back of the Church for you to dispose of used ink cartridges in a way that is safe to the environment. If your new ink cartridge is supplied with a disposal bag for the used cartridge, please use this before putting the used cartridge into the Eco-Box.

Food Bank: Please support the Walton and Hersham Foodbank if you can. Your donation can be brought to the church on Tues-Fri 9am-4pm or on Sundays when you attend a service. Currently, the food bank need rice pudding, instant mashed potatoes, tinned spaghetti, tea, small jars instant coffee, laundry powder, nappies sizes 4,5,6,& 6, fruit juice, shampoo, hard soap (not liquid soap please). For up to date lists and more information about what goes into a food parcel please visit www.waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk

Light up the Church: If you would like to sponsor the lights for an anniversary or other special occasion please contact, parishoffice@oatlandschurch.org.uk or download the application form from our website.