

## Notices

Instructions to access the live stream for services:-

- Navigate to the main St Mary's Woodkirk Facebook page.  
[www.facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk](http://www.facebook.com/stmarywoodkirk).
- All scheduled lives will be pinned at the top of the page and you can join them by clicking on them at the time that they start.
- Alternatively a link to the live will also be published on our **A Church Near You** page
- Find the event taking place and click on "More about this event" this will automatically take you straight to the live service on Facebook.

If you wish to make a donation to the work of this church or if you wish to pay your weekly collection via our bank account then the details are given below:-

Virgin Money

Sort Code 05-01-31

Account Number: 31405751

Account Name: Woodkirk PCC

Thank you - Sharon



## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S WOODKIRK

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Leeds

*Engaging with God  
Engaging with Each Other  
Engaging with the Community*

**1<sup>st</sup> August – Climate Sunday  
Church OPEN**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

(Service streamed via Facebook live)

*Instructions to Connect given in column 4*

### Services for next week

Mon 9.00am	Morning Prayer streamed as above
Tues 6.00pm	Evening Prayer streamed as above
Weds 10.00am	Morning Prayer – CHURCH OPEN - streamed as above
Thurs 9.00pm	Evening Prayer streamed as above
Fri 9.00am	Morning Prayer streamed as above

### Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am	Trinity 10 - CHURCH OPEN - streamed as above
<b>Readings:</b>	Ephesians 4.25-5.2 John 6:35, 41-51

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: Local Councillors

From our Church Prayer: Ministry

Baptism Families: Jenessa Rae Hinchliffe

Wedding Couples:

Those who have asked for **prayers for healing**:

Kevin, Richard, Grace, Betty, Lionel, Frank, Nicole, Faith,  
Jerry, Louise, Mark, Sandra, Jack, Marion, Brian, Susan,  
Becci, Emily, Dougie, Archie, Christine, Alan, Kath

The family and friends of those who have recently died:

And those whose **anniversaries** fall at this time:  
Dorothy Gilbert, Margaret Pettler Bartle.

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**CHURCH WEBSITE:** [www.stmarywoodkirk.org](http://www.stmarywoodkirk.org)

**FACEBOOK:** regular updates about life at St Mary's  
can be found on our Facebook pages:

*St Mary's Church, Woodkirk,  
and Friends of Woodkirk Churchyard.*

Scripture Readings for the coming week:-

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August – HC – Church Open/streamed as above**

Job 38 1-11, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1 18 - 25

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Morning Prayer streamed as above**

Psalms 44

Mark 1:1-13

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Evening Prayer streamed as above**

Psalms 50

Acts 1:15-26

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Communion – CHURCH OPEN and streamed as above**

Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14.1, 26-35

Matthew 15:21-28

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> August – Night Prayer streamed as above**

Psalms 16

1 Peter 5:8-9

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> August – Morning Prayer streamed as above**

Psalms 27

1 Kings 19:1-16/1 John 3:1-3

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attends Church and who continues to wear masks to protect others. It is essential we continue to be sensible and make informed choices as we continue our journey into whatever the new normal will be.

We are currently on **Week 2** of our plan – which comes into effect on Weds 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Singing was introduced last week and will continue with two hymns and sung Eucharist - both church doors need to be open. Holy Communion – one kind only – administered in pews. Tea and coffee will be served after the Service – please sit at tables and you will be served.

Tentative plans for Week 3 and 4:-

Week 3 – from Weds 4<sup>th</sup> August

Removal of small altar – lead from chair then to main altar  
Holy Communion still in one kind – to be dispensed from steps – two rows at a time – marshalled by a Warden.  
Singing increased – sung communion, 2 hymns – in and out – both doors to be opened.

Week 4 – from Weds 11<sup>th</sup> August

Holy Communion still in one kind – to be dispensed at main altar – four rows at a time – marshalled by a Warden.  
Singing to remain – as week 3.

**My position is this – I will continue to wear a mask for the next month whilst moving around in church, once sat or leading I will remove, however, I will replace mask for singing and for administering Holy Communion though I will dispense of rubber gloves and just use sanitizer.**

**If you are clinically vulnerable (or simply nervous about returning to church) then please come to the Wednesday morning service at 10.00am which is quieter and therefore more space to sit apart.**

With regards to children – having spoken to Neal and seeking his advice regards the rise in cases – the children's corner will not reappear until at least September.

Of course, children are welcome, they must just sit in the pews with their parents/carers.

### Upcoming Events

The Coffee mornings have been going very well and those who have attended have enjoyed their time together. The next ones are as follows:-

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Family Fun Day – café will be in the vicarage garden

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August

There will be no charge but if you wish to leave a donation then please do so.

Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00am - 2.00pm

Church Open Day will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00am - 2.00pm

Both of these events are usually well supported and enjoyed by all of our local community.

For the Family Fun Day if you have anything suitable for a Tombola Stall then we would be grateful for any contributions you can make.

Also Dawn Tattersfield is making an appeal for jam jars.

If you are able to bake for the Fun Day then please let me know – thank you.

## **Bishop Nick writes:-**

*This is the script of this morning's Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4's Today programme.*

### **The Power of Words**

“Actions speak louder than words”. I hear that quite a lot; but, although I know what is meant, I think it is wrong. To speak is to act. Language is performative – it does something, changes something. For example, it is the speaking of the vows in a wedding that makes the marriage.

The story goes that St Francis of Assisi told his friars to “Go out and preach the Gospel; use words, if you have to.” Well... if he did actually say it, was he right? We use words all the time to think and speak and make sense of the world; so, language matters – words matter. They do something. The fourth Gospel begins with: “In the beginning was the word...”. Go back to Genesis and the word is: “Let there be.”

A few weeks ago I convened an online conference led by scientists for a couple of hundred clergy about the current pandemic. We started off asking why we use particular metaphors as a lens through which to see or think about what is happening. In brief, why is it that in the UK we use language of conflict and combat – fighting, struggling, defeating, cowering, bravery, and so on – whereas in Germany, for example, they seem to have used imagery of “damming a flood” – particularly pertinent at the moment? An enemy is personalised, a flood isn't.

We normally just accept the language presented as the frame through which we then interpret what is going on. But, like cancer and serious illness, words of combat and fight might not be the best. If your loved one dies, have they been defeated? Were they not up to it? You see what I mean? Words are never neutral and always carry consequences – think of the impact of blessing or cursing. They also have limits.

One of the metaphors I take from my reading of the Bible is that of “running the race that is before you” – and not just because the Olympics are on in Japan. This image insists on agency, seeing value in *how* I live and behave in whatever circumstances I find myself. Yet, racing conjures up different notions: a sprint is pure competition; a relay involves both competitiveness and cooperation.

At the heart of all this is an appreciation that we cannot control – or win – everything. Coming full circle, words matter because they unconsciously shape how we see and look and think and act. The question I am left with is: do I pay enough attention to the words and metaphors I use – and the way they shape the world?

If you have any notices that you wish to put into the pew sheet please let me have them by Friday.

My prayers are with you – Sharon