

Notices

We all need to pray for so many things, wisdom for our Government, safety for our families but as Christians let us also be beacons of light to those around us. Help us share what we have and shop sensibly. Help us to be the ones to look out for our neighbours.

Once again if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. My prayers will be with you.

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs for as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen

If you are not familiar with technology please ask a younger member of the family to show you. It is a way we can worship together in our homes, just as the early Christians did thousands of years ago.

Instructions to access the live stream for services:-

- Navigate to the main St Mary's Woodkirk Facebook page.
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.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S WOODKIRK

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

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

Sunday 3rd May – Easter 4

10.30am Holy Communion (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 Holy Communion (streamed as above)
Thurs 9.00pm Night Prayer (streamed as above)
Fri 9.00am Morning Prayer (streamed as above)
7.00pm Service for VE Day (streamed as above)

Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am Easter 5 - Holy Communion (streamed via Facebook live)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: Teachers and Teaching Assts
From our Church Prayer Diary : Local schools – Hill Top,
Westerton, Blackgates and Woodkirk Academy

For those whose Baptisms have been postponed.

For those whose Weddings have to be changed

For those whose Funeral arrangements are not what they wish.

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

Kevin; Richard; Grace; Ben; Betty; Gethin; Lionel; Queenie;
Nancy & Philip, Frank, Nicole, Ethan, Barbara, Diane,
Margaret, Jerry, Louise, Simon, Chris, Eileen, Faith, and
Mary.

The family and friends of those who have recently died: -

Jim Smith, Wendy Howley, Thomas Levitt, Geoffrey Robert
Smith, Philip Stephenson, Shirley Fothergill, Derek Mason

And those whose **anniversaries** fall at this time: -
Beatrice Jennings and Sam Lionel Padgett

Scripture Readings for the coming Week:-

Sunday 3rd May – HC – 10.30am

Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-10

Monday 4th May – Morning Prayer – 9.00am

Psalm 103

Luke 2:41-52

Tuesday 5th May – Evening Prayer - 6.00pm

Psalm 116

Ephesians 4:17-32

Weds 6th May – HC – 10.00am

Acts 8: 12.24-14.5

John 12:44-50

Thurs 7th May – Night Prayer – 9.00pm

Psalm 104

Revelation 22:4-5

Fri 8th May – Morning Prayer – 9.00am

Psalm 33

Luke 4:14-30

Fri 8th May – VE Day 75th Anniversary - 7.00pm

Well here we are again six weeks into lockdown and many people are struggling. My phone has been busy and the effects of loved ones dying from Coronavirus are beginning to set in at a remarkable rate. Talking about grief to loved ones is difficult at the best of times but in these circumstances where people cannot visit loved ones in hospital nor have the funerals they would desire it is hard to take. At this point I would just like to give a mention to our Funeral Directors who have so much to contend with and yet continue to give their best in meeting the family's needs at such a difficult time. Local Clergy are also doing the very best they can. We are supposed to see people over the phone or via facetime or zoom on the computer. I have chosen to meet families in the garden observing physical distancing. It is much nicer to have eye to eye contact in real life. Most families have been extremely grateful for what we can do and I am sure we will be holding several memorial services at a later date once St Mary's has reopened.

Which has got me thinking about how in the future do we care for people in our community.

In our church community we have a virtual coffee morning weekly, and to those who are unable to access the internet there is a Notice Sheet delivered and a weekly phone call from either myself or my Pastoral Assistant, Gail Townsend. There are quite a few people now on the edge of our community and there are some people who

are experiencing difficulties in their lives whom I speak too. My thoughts are that I should set up some kind of appt system where people can choose whether they wish to talk by phone, or facetime/whatsapp/messenger where you can be seen, or via Zoom where again you can be seen. There are many organisations out there with self-help lines for those who are struggling but it is important that the local church is available too to those who need it now.

We have to try to work out what a new normal will look like this week, next week and in three months time and I am sure it will keep on changing. It is likely we will not be in a position to re-open the church anytime soon and as disappointing as that may be we are still the church because it is the people who make the church.

I am always available if anyone wants to chat – my office number is in the front of the magazine and is on the website. We have a great team of people and we would be happy to be a listening ear for all those who need it.

May God's light shine on the world in its darkness and may He lead us out once more into a better place.
Amen

Live Services streamed on Facebook are still going ahead and it is very pleasing to see that more of our older members of the congregation are learning how to access them. We have several new regular members who also attend.

We will continue to have a virtual coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday mornings. If you would like to join in with this you will need to download zoom us from the App Store onto your computer. You will then need to email me so that I can let you have the access codes to enter the meeting (vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org).

Gail and I have kept in touch with all of you and so far everyone seems to be well and have the things they need.

Eileen is still in hospital. Her operation went well but she is having some urine intention so she is staying in until Monday to try to get this sorted and she sends her love to everyone.

Liz Aveyard's Mum, Mary, is on our prayer list. She was taken in hospital with COVID-19 and has pneumonia. Please pray for both of them in your prayers as a matter of urgency.

Sadly Philip Stephenson died this past week and so please keep Nancy in your prayers at this sad time.

You are all in my prayers and if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes. Sharon