

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

TWITTER: tweet us and follow us @stmarywoodkirk

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 28th June 2020 – Trinity 3

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)

Church OPEN for Private Prayer

Mon 29th June 10.00am-12 noon
Thurs 2nd July 6.00pm-8.00pm

Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am Holy Community – Trinity 4 (streamed via Facebook live)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: For all those in authority whose burden is to bring us out of lockdown safely.

From our Church Prayer Diary : Gail, Pastoral Assistant.

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, Frank, Nicole, Ethan, Barbara, Diane, Margaret,
Jerry, Louise, Simon, Chris, Eileen, Faith, Harold, Dominic.
Alfie.

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

And those whose **anniversaries** fall at this time: -

Scripture Readings for the coming Week:-

Sunday 28th June – HC – 10.30am

Genesis 22:1-14

Matthew 10:40-42

Monday 29th June

Psalms 71

Isaiah 49:1-6

Tuesday 30th June

Psalms 74

Romans 12:1-8

Wednesday 1st July – HC – 10.00am

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday 2nd July

Psalms 16

1 Peter 5:8-9

Friday 3rd July

Psalms 92

John 11:1-16

Church Re-Opening for Private Prayer and Funerals ONLY

As per the Government and Church of England guidelines we have been able to open the church this past week for Private Prayer ONLY. We have notified our local Funeral Directors that we are able now to carry out funerals. A complete risk assessment has been completed and is available to view on our church website (www.stmarywoodkirk.org).

We opened twice last week for private prayer and a number of people attended on both occasions. We will be open again this next week on Monday 29th June 10.00am-12noon, and Thursday 2nd July 6.00pm-8.00pm. Please remember that Bathrooms will be closed for the time being and you are welcome to bring a cushion and a bible or prayer book on the understanding that only you touch them and you take them home. You will be asked to sanitize your hand on entry and exit into the church.

You are welcome to bring your own bible and cushion on the understanding that only you touch them and take them home.

We have twelve pews available to sit in – if you live alone then only you can sit in a pew, if you are married or in a bubble then you can share a pew.

If you have any symptoms of COVID or are in quarantine then please do not enter into church at this time as others

will be put at risk. If you are in a vulnerable category then again please take care and follow government guidelines.

Church will not be open at other times and no-one (Workmen, PCC members and Volunteers) are to enter without explicit permission from the Vicar who needs to keep a record of those who enter for a specific purpose.

SO when will we be open for worship?

Government guidelines state that churches can open for worship from the 4th July. However, "can" does not mean we will. It is important we wait for the Church of England to issue the appropriate guidelines, although from a Health and Safety and COVID perspective we are happy that we have complied with all guidelines and that a thorough risk assessment has been carried out so that we can keep you as safe as possible and that the church environment is as risk free as possible.

However, there are a few technical issues of how we merge streaming with live worship? What sort of worship should we offer? There will be no singing allowed and guidelines state contact should be kept to a minimum so maybe a said Eucharist or said Service instead? Should this be at 10.30am or should we stream the 10.30am with hymns as we do now and then hold a said service in the afternoon so people can attend? To keep people safe, do we need to take bookings for seats and have two services? These are complicated issues and need further discussion with the PCC – the next meeting of which is on 13th July.

Therefore, at this point in time I am unable to give you a definite date of when we will reopen for worship on a Sunday but you can rest assured that I and the PCC will continue to work towards the best interests of all concerned and if that means we need to take the time to reassess all that we do then you can be assured that this is in everyone's best interests. If anyone wishes to make comments or suggestions to the PCC then please email them to me for consideration.

We continue to have a virtual coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday mornings on Zoom. If you haven't attended and would like to join in then you will either need to email me so that I can let you have the access codes to enter the coffee morning or look on our facebook page.

Please continue to pray for those in need that we know.

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

Best wishes.

Sharon