

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 31st May 2020 – Pentecost

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)

Next Sunday's Services are as follows: -

10.30am Trinity Sunday (streamed via Facebook live)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From our Parish Prayer Diary: For our local schools
From our Church Prayer Diary : For Parents and children

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

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 31st May – HC – 10.30am

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

John 20:19-23

Monday 1st June

Psalms 85

Mark 3:31-35

Tuesday 2nd June

Psalms 135

Romans 1:18-32

Weds 3rd June – HC – 10.00am

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12

Mark 12:18-27

Thurs 4th June

Psalms 16

1 Peter 5:8-9

Fri 5th June

Psalms 142

Luke 10:1-16

Sponsorship for Church Funds

A big thank you to Dave and Simon for completing their sponsored walk from Nostell Priory to St Mary's on Friday. They took 6 hours to complete the 13 mile journey on a very warm day. There is a picture on our facebook page of them outside the church door.

If you have already sponsored them then a very big thank you and so far we have raised almost £500.00.

The weather has been extremely good this past week and I have spent a couple of hours each day strimming in the churchyard. It is good for me physically and allows me time to think so is good for my mental health too.

The pace of work is very different at the moment and as yet there has been no further announcements from the Government or the Church of England about the opening of churches, we as Clergy have received advice from Bishop Nick re: access to church building during lockdown, guidance for opening churches for community (non-worship) use, keeping church buildings clean, a risk assessment checklist for parishes to work to re-opening churches safely when the correct time comes. There will be no pressure and no rush for Vicars to make that decision once a government announcement has been made. It is important we do things safely.

So this past two weeks I have been working in church. For the first week, running taps, flushing toilets, opening of both doors for air circulation, testing heating etc. Removal of pew runners which have gone to be washed. Removal of all bibles, postcards and gift aid envelopes etc. The children's corner and toys will be put away. All kneelers are to be removed and they will be steam cleaned. Anything that physically can be handled in the church will be removed. This will make routine cleaning much easier in the future. The pew runners will be put back once the church is thoroughly cleaned but the kneelers will be removed for the foreseeable future to prevent handling by different people. The second week beginning last Friday, I have started to thoroughly clean the whole church, altar, sanctuary, choir stalls, piano, organ, and the pews up to the arch have all been thoroughly cleaned. Beginning of next week I will tackle the pews from the arch to the back of church, the kitchen area, the back of church and the cupboards and towards the end of the week I will have sanitised the toilets and floors. By next weekend I will have cleaned the vestry too.

Cleaning will be essential on a regular basis and I have some volunteers to help once church is made safe and once other people are allowed to enter. I want you to know that myself and the PCC will always follow the appropriate advice and will make the decisions that we need to so that everyone is kept as safe as is possible and as is true for most organisations a risk assessment will be completed.

It is hopeful that when we are allowed to open the church we will be in a good position to open safely.

I do miss our worship time together and also our friendships. I am very proud of the way we all have looked out for each other during this time and have been ringing each other.

We will 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 then need to email me so that I can let you have the access codes to enter the coffee morning.

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