

Regular services of prayer and worship are being live streamed on Facebook (Send Parish Church) from the Straw Chapel at the Vicarage, including the Holy Communion Service at 9.00am on Sunday.

There will also be a said service (see news re choirs) in Church at 10.30am with limited numbers.

If you are experiencing depression or anxiety and need to discuss issues affecting you during this challenging time please contact Christine Acock on 01483 223209 or email;

hopeinnewday@outlook.com

MAGAZINE & NEWSLETTER

The September church magazine is now on the church website and copies are in the Porch at Church. You can also find a limited number of printed newsletters. Please leave the newsletter in the plastic pocket for those who wish to read but not take.

A FRIENDLY EAR!

Members of St. Mary's congregation have put forward their phone numbers and offered a friendly voice in time of need. If you have any worries or concerns, just want to hear a friendly voice, or need anything practical, please get in touch.

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FACE COVERINGS

Please note there has been a change in the law requiring face coverings to be worn in places of worship from 8th August, including masks for all children aged 11 and above.

SERVICE COLLECTION MONIES: Throughout the pandemic, we have been supported and guided by Tony, though the straw chapel services and Facebook and now back in our lovely church. We are in urgent need of financial support too, so that we may be confident of keeping our Vicar into future years. St. Mary's needs to pay her way in the Guildford Diocese but the pandemic has reduced our income significantly. It is still possible to give and we hope that when you come to church you will remember St Mary's and the length of time we have been without our weekly collections. There are several ways to do this, but we suggest avoiding giving cash if you can as it carries risk of transmitting the virus. Instead, a cheque payment for the collection plate at one of Tony's socially distanced said Sunday Church Services. Many of the congregation now make a regular gift via standing order. Or you can or to make a one off donation for our ongoing restoration work (appeal soon to be launched) via our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/sendpcc>. Any gifts of money will be gratefully received. If you can sign a Gift Aid declaration as a UK taxpayer, we will receive 25p from the government for every pound given.

TO DONATE TO OUR RUNNING COSTS OR OUR BUILDING APPEAL PLEASE GO TO OUR JUST GIVING PAGE

<https://www.justgiving.com/sendpcc>
OR DROP CASH OR CHEQUE TO THE VICARAGE.

FUNDRAISING APPEAL

We hope to be launching our fundraising appeal very shortly with the publication of a leaflet for the households of Send. We will be needing volunteers to help put them through letterboxes – watch this space!

NEWS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 20th September 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S SERVICE

9.00am	Holy Communion from the Straw Chapel on Facebook – Send Parish Church page
10.30am	Holy Communion in Church (<i>a said service</i>) limited to 25 individuals or households

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your
love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEWS

Vicarage Views – 20 September

Good news! We've hosted the first wedding of the year. Rosie and Matt were married in church yesterday in the sight of God, and in the face of their reduced congregation. Writing this before I have conducted the wedding, I can only go on past performance and imagine that the occasion will be intensely meaningful and inspirational. (If not, I'll let you know, and berate myself accordingly.)

On Friday, I took part in an online but otherwise standard meeting of school governors. One governor was travelling in Paris. We heard from the Head Teacher, Sue Sayers, how well things have begun this term at Send Primary School. Staff are operating COVID-safe protocols and over 85% attendance has been achieved in the first weeks back. Children have adapted well. There are considerable challenges, of course, some parents remain cautious, various symptoms have meant families have needed to seek tests while isolating, but no coronavirus cases have been reported. It's difficult for leaders and the education authorities to predict exactly what will happen with changes to the pandemic and related guidance, but so far so good. On Friday, many of the pupils, carefully supervised, were out and about in Send picking up litter.

Typical, as soon as I plan to convene our postponed Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25 October, rumours begin to circulate of a 'circuit-breaking' lockdown to coincide with the school half term holiday - at the end of October. Sigh. We'll proceed with planning to meet. If it is made impossible, we'll have to postpone again.
Tony

SUNDAY CLUB: Sunday Club is not meeting this week. The next meeting is 27th September. Free resources accessible to everyone during September are now available if you follow this link <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/> to sign up to receive them.

Sally sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The next Workparty is on Tuesday, 29th September 2020 at 9.30am. More detail nearer the date as things are changing fast in respect of gatherings. However, if you find yourself with an hour or two to spare at any time between now and then you are most welcome to go down outside of work parties to tidy up any scuffy areas. We especially need help just now to clear patches of grass where the flower meadow is planned. The grass is very thick and matted here and any seed simply scattered would not make it to the soil.

Check out our example patches for seed sowing in the churchyard. If we can prepare a number of these across the plot hopefully nature will do its thing. Our plan is to clear a number of small squares, oblongs or circles by removing around 75% of the grass and then seeding into these spaces. It is important that we leave some grass growing in these patches for the Yellow Rattle flower seeds which attach themselves to the grass roots. Do be careful when venturing into this area as the ground is uneven and has hidden memorial stones, however, the outside edges are more easily accessed. It would be really helpful if you have time to clear a number of patches before 29th September so we can sow the seed in October. Following on from this we are also in need of seed so think of us when you are out in your garden and collect a few flower seeds for us. Just pop them into a paper envelope and leave at church, they can be all mixed up too. We are looking at seeds like cornflower, cosmos, calendular, poppy. We would also like to have wild UK flowers but please these should not be collected from the wild but purchased from a reliable source in the form of seed packets. Seeds of the Yellow Rattle flower would also be most welcome. Many thanks for the seed already donated. More would be welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT:

Good news! The Traidcraft Autumn/ Winter 2020 catalogues have arrived. Traidcraft have included some new ranges, Christmas cards and ideas for Christmas gifts. The catalogue also has some interesting articles to read. Please let me know if you would like a catalogue. Alternatively you can

see Traidcraft's full range online:

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/> The first person to place an order which includes a craft item/ craft items (i.e. not food or drink) by Saturday 26 September at the latest will receive a 10% discount on the craft items. You can email your order to me or put it through my door: 9 Orchard Way GU23 7HS. Sally Harrison 01483 223725
harrison.sally@btinternet.com

GOOD NEWS ABOUT FACE MASKS: Send Scrubs Hub want to give a fabric face mask to anyone who needs one in Send and Clandon. The masks are free but if you are able to make a donation it would help to cover the cost of materials. Masks can be delivered within the villages of Send and Clandon. [To order a mask please follow this link](#) :
or telephone 07401 224609

SEND OPEN GARDEN SAFARI 12 and 13 June 2021:

A small group of Send residents is organizing an open gardens weekend for next year. There is an article with more details about this in the latest Ripley and Send Matters magazine on page 56. The committee decided that any profit from this event will be divided equally between St Mary's Church Restoration Fund and a Send Parish Council gardening/ planting project on the recreation ground. Will you open your garden as part of this project? If so please email sendartsandcrafts@gmail.com At least two members of our congregation have already said that they will open their garden and I think one member has agreed to do the art work for the programme. We last organized an open garden project to raise funds for St Mary's in 2001 and this was a very enjoyable activity for everyone involved.

TIP: carry your mask in a disposable nappy sack and put the used mask in it – then take it home to wash or put it in a waste bin. Sally Harrison

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