
WEEKLY NOTES

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2020



All our public services and face-to-face activities are suspended are present because of the measures taken to combat Coronavirus COVID-19.

Sunday devotions at home

Inside these notes and on the back cover are resources to help you in your prayers. All who wish, and especially those of us who regularly attend Sunday Eucharist should continue to read the set readings on Sundays while we are unable to come to church. The principal service readings for today:

Acts 7.55-60

Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14

Eucharist for the parish, celebrated privately

The Vicar will be celebrating the Eucharist privately at home. This will not be streamed, but all prayer intentions for the sick and the departed will be offered as usual.

9:30am Morning Prayer with Act of Spiritual Communion

We plan to stream this live at 9:30am at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live>

You do not need to be a member of Facebook. While you are encouraged to watch, listen, and pray 'live', the recorded service should also be available on Facebook from the end of the service. The hymns will be Londonderry and NEH 239.

5:30pm All-in and 6pm Club Sandwich

Our all-age service will be streamed at at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live>

Club Sandwich, our youth group for 7+ and 11+ takes place via Zoom. All welcome, please contact Sandi at families@stmarysewell.com in advance for an invitation.

Giving to Support St Mary's

St Mary's relies on those who give regularly or occasionally to support our work, especially during this time of decreased income. Donations can be made by clicking on <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1006677>

Thank you!

NOTICES

NEW There will be a St Mary's quiz next Wednesday 13 May at 8pm. We held our first online quiz last week using Zoom. The feedback was very positive and so we are organising another. It will be a fun quiz that everyone can enjoy from home, either participating as individuals or as a family group together in the same room. The quiz will last about 45 minutes. Most questions will appear on your screen in pictures and words. You will need a pencil and paper to note your answers. There will be no prizes, no winner's medal and no wooden spoon but we hope you will enjoy the quiz and the opportunity to see and greet other members of our church. Zoom invitations to the quiz will be sent out on the morning of 13 May so please make sure that you register by midnight on Tuesday 12 May using our online form at

<https://forms.gle/FTdj9JgTwWRaPQ61A>

NEW The local Foodbank urgently needs the following items as they have completely run out - sponge puddings; tinned meat; ketchup; kids' toothpaste for age 6+; powdered milk; instant mashed potato; long life juices; tinned veg (not sweetcorn or pulses); jams; kids' toothpaste for 0-2 years; kids' toothbrushes 6+ and 0-2 years; sanitary towels; shampoo; baby wipes; and baby wash. As the number of people who are asking for help has doubled since the beginning of lockdown, they need all the help they can get. The centre is in Ruxley Lane, (behind West Ewell Primary School) is open to receive goods from 9am – 2pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to give food to the Foodbank but are unable to take it there yourself, Lucy Morrell, tel. 07808 913 222, is willing to collect from

you and pass it on. Thanks for your support. DB

Our on-line virtual coffee morning on Sunday May 10 will start after the end of the streamed Sunday service, i.e. around 10.20 a.m. The meeting which will last about 30 minutes, will provide you with a chance to see and chat to your friends from St Mary's. To join in you need to register **before midnight on Friday 8 May** by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/jenbgFbEQiYHJZDK6> Please make your own coffee!

The May edition of the Ewell Parish News is available <https://www.stmarysewell.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/EPN-2020-05-1.pdf> We are making EPN freely available on our website on publication while we are unable to hand-deliver. The copy date for the June edition is Monday 18 May at noon.

Children's Society Box Collection Postponed.

Rosemarie Henson writes: 'Usually during May I collect Children's Society boxes to be counted and banked, but due to these challenging times the Society has postponed all collection activity. The Society is still there for children who need their help—particularly as the most vulnerable are likely to need help more than ever. Please do visit their website - childrenssociety.org.uk/virus to find out more about the steps they are taking to support children and young people. In the meantime, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and I will let you know when collections resume and pray this will be soon, take care of yourselves.'

Help! Facebook is confusing! You can go directly to our Facebook live page containing our current and past services



at www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live in your usual web browser. If you are new to Facebook and would like help, please contact Sue Ayling who can put you in touch with another member of the congregation who would be happy to show you the ropes.

Part of the role of our Ewell Parish News is as a record of church life over the years. We would like to include photos of **what you are getting up to during lockdown**, with or without short accompanying articles. Please email submissions to epn@stmarysewell.com

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 17 May (Easter 6)

9:30am Morning Prayer with Act of Spiritual Communion *live at facebook.com/stmarysewell/live*

10am Children's Hour

11am Toddle Up! *our toddler service live at facebook.com/stmarysewell/live*

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Together at midday: Everyone associated with St Mary's is invited to pause for a moment at noon every day and to pray the Lord's Prayer, either in the silence of your heart or aloud. As we continue to learn new ways of being church at this current time, uniting in prayer in this way will bring us into tune with God and with one another and nurture both our spiritual life and our community life.

Children's Ministry. Club Sandwich is meeting fortnightly on Zoom on Sunday evenings, our group for 7+ and 11+. Featuring games, discussion and activities. Contact Sandi on families@stmarysewell.com to take part. **Children's Hour** is meeting online every Sunday at 10am via Zoom. Please be in touch with Kathie Burgess at kathleen@burgess.org.uk to find out more and how to join in.

The parish office [remains open for telephone and email enquiries only; messages will be checked at least every 48 hours on weekdays.](#) Visits in person cannot be received at present.

There is so much going on to fill these pages that we have now removed from these Notes the text about volunteering, asking for help, telephone contact ministry, prayer resources, and music. All of this information and more is kept up to date on our website:

<https://www.stmarysewell.com/online-and-phone-ministry/>

Baptisms and weddings cannot at present take place in church according to government regulations. Emergency baptisms are still possible. **Funerals** can only take place at crematoria or the graveside, with immediate family only present. Please be in touch with the parish office or clergy. We encourage people to plan memorial services to be held later. **There may be changes to what is allowed in church in the coming weeks: watch this space for more details.**

PRAYERS

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

An Easter Prayer to Christ

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the
world and the wonder of your risen life: give us
compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those
we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray daily for those
involved in health care and
front line services, and all
tackling the Pandemic.
Today we pray for the church
and the world and especially
for the Anglican Church of
Kenya; for chaplains to the
Armed Services and those
they serve alongside; for
chaplains to prisons and
those to whom they minister;
in our parish, for the students
who normally provide Café
NESCOT lunches during this
time of 'lockdown'; and for all
who live in Park Avenue
West.

Prayer Resources

You can ask our **prayer
chain** to pray for you or for
someone else. Contact
Wendy Varney on 020 8393
5212.

See inside our website
www.stmarysewell.com for
links to other prayer
resources.