



# St Mary's Eaton Socon

THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN

## Church News Update 12 June 2020

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Dear all,

How are you getting on as the lockdown restrictions start to ease? What are you looking forward to doing? Who are you going to visit?

This week, we learned that Churches can start to reopen from next week. Initially for Private Prayer and Funerals, this is the first stage in being able to use church buildings again. Whilst this is good news, the reality is that there are several things churches need to put in place before our buildings can be safely accessed, including various social distancing measures, appropriate signage, hand sanitisers, cleaning resources etc, all of which each church has to sort and fund themselves.

Although we (Churchwardens, PCC and myself) are well on the way to sorting these things (especially as the staff continue to be furloughed at this time), it will take a couple more weeks before we are able to give a date when St Mary's doors will be open again.

One important positive development throughout this time has been the live-streaming of services. Increasingly, there is a growing feeling that this is something we need to keep doing, especially when we are 'back in our buildings', as there are many more people engaging with our services than are able to attend. As such, we are exploring church building streaming options, that will enable us to continue reaching people in this way.

Please pray for wisdom and guidance for us as we discern our way forward in all these matters. Other Church News:

- **Lasar Online Conference**

An online conference taking place on June 22-23 covering the following areas:

- Artificial intelligence and humanlike machines
- Strategies to care for the planet,
- Communication in a multicultural world,
- Physics and the nature of reality,
- Biology, health and wellbeing.
- Ways for individuals and our global society to tackle and overcome the challenges of COVID 19.

For more information visit: <http://www.epistemicinsight.com/lasar-2020-conference/> or speak to John Wood!

- **Weekly Challenge**

Don't forget to send a photo of either your favourite beach; something you may have found at the beach, or something beach related, for this week's challenge to [Jenny@barrett.cc](mailto:Jenny@barrett.cc) by **Saturday 13 June 12noon**. These will then be included in Sunday's Livestream Service.

Past weekly challenges can now be viewed on the Church's website without having to download anything to your computer.

- **Sunday 14 June Livestream Service**

After the service, please join us for Zoffee and Zea - a time of fellowship chatting with each other using Zoom. To join this time of fellowship, please contact me ([vicar@eatonsocon.org](mailto:vicar@eatonsocon.org))

With every prayer and blessing,

Tim  
Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon