



Dear all,

How are you getting on with the gradual lifting of restrictions? What are you looking forward to doing next week that you haven't been able to do in recent months? As we move towards being able to live life in a more familiar way, can I encourage you to pause and reflect on some of the positive changes the Pandemic has had on our daily living.

One of the positive changes has been the change in our daily rhythm of life. Whilst there are many who have worked throughout this Pandemic, myself included and who are in need of a good holiday!, let us ensure we allow the recent events to reshape our lives in positive ways going forward.

Another positive change has been the way the Church has had to change to adapt to ever changing circumstances. St Mary's has done well in some areas, for example, through learning new skills to help develop St Mary's online presence. Who would have thought we would be live-streaming Funerals from the Church building 18 months ago?! Yes, there's always more that could be developed but this all requires additional resourcing...how could you help?

Talking about change, this Sunday we begin a new teaching series that will take us through the summer. Using the Book of Acts, this series looks at how the church kept changing in response to each new situation it faced. In other words, change is part of the Church's DNA, just as change is part of our lives. Today, our challenge is to ensure we allow St Mary's to learn from recent experiences and to continue changing into the church God is calling us to be. What will St Mary's look like? My prayer is that it will be a worshipping community that is so focused on God, change is taken in its stride...

With every blessing,

Rev'd Timothy Robb

Church News:

- **Revised Roadmap**

In light of the success of the Government's Covid Vaccination Programme and the falling rates of infection, [please click here](#) to view St Mary's revised Roadmap. Do note that the launch of the Spaces has been rescheduled for Monday 21st June.

- **Thy Kingdom Come 13th – 23rd May**

Visit the [Thy Kingdom Come website](#) for more information about this forthcoming event.

On the Church Website can be found two resources for Thy Kingdom Come – a guide to Praying the Psalms and a Prayer Journal. Do make use of these by [clicking here](#).

- **Kitchen Update**

Over £12,000 of the £20,000 needed has been given towards this project so far – thank-you for your support. To continue supporting this project please [click here](#).

- **Mission Update**

[Click here](#) to read the latest World Mission update from the McClymonts (OMF).

- **Used Stamps for Leprosy Mission**

Thank you from the World Mission Team for storing up all your used stamps over the last weeks and months. There will be a box in church for collection of the stamps from Sunday 23 May 2021. Please make use of this.

- **Sunday Service**

Do join us for this week's service at 10am on Facebook or YouTube. This week's service is a Communion Service so do get ready for this.

After the service, please join us on Zoom for 'Zoffee and Zea' for a time of catching up with each other at 11:45am. As attended Sunday Services start the following week, this will be the final opportunity for now, to meet for Zoffee and Zea!

- **Services**

[Click here](#) to book your tickets for next week's Wednesday Service and 23rd May's Sunday Service.

Under Aslan's paw,
Tim - Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon