



Dear all,

How have you found the last couple of weeks since 'Freedom Day'? How are you coping with the social restriction changes?

Another change as we approach the summer holidays is how we at St Mary's will be keeping in touch with people from August. Early in the Pandemic, we introduced a regular update letter for circulation by both email and as a paper resource (delivered) for those without internet access. As Vicar, I felt these were important to ensure we stayed in contact with as many people as possible throughout a very challenging time.

As we move towards September when church life will begin to look more recognisable, as we start up some of the various activities, ministries and both Sunday services again, the way in which we will continue to keep in contact with people will be changing.

For those who receive the updates via email, it is my hope that these will continue on a fortnightly basis. I also plan to develop these email newsletters significantly to reflect the changing and re-emerging life of the church – do watch this space! These will also be available on the church's website.

For those who receive the updates as paper resources, because we hope you will return to attending Services and Activities onsite as it is now possible, these deliveries will cease, with today's delivery being the last. The good news is that future updates will be available as paper copies in the church porch.

For those who can't get to church from September (i.e. mobility, work or another reason) and who don't have internet access, we plan to produce a monthly update for you that would be delivered mid-month. We will be in touch with those currently receiving paper resources to find out how we can best keep in touch with you.

As August is a 'holiday month', the next Church News will come out in September. As ever, through this time of change, if you have any questions, please do contact me.

With every blessing
Tim

Church News:

- **Sunday Services**

During August, please [click here](#) to book your tickets for Sunday's Services and each week's Wednesday Services.

- **ACTIOS Update**

[Click here](#) to read the latest news from ACTIOS.

- **Young People's Work at St Mary's**

This starts again on Sunday 5 September @ 10.30am!

Families – do book this date in your diaries and come and join us!

- **Sunday Service changes from 5 September**

From Sunday 5 September, we restart both our Sunday 9am & 10.30am Services.

9am will be a Traditional Holy Communion service on all Sundays except the last Sunday which will be a Morning Prayer service.

10.30am will be our Informal Morning Worship service with Young People's work. The last Sunday in the month will include Communion.

If you would like to help with any aspect of the Sunday Services e.g. Welcoming, Bible Reading etc **and haven't helped in the past**, [please click here](#) to send your offer of help!

- **Unexpected Visitors in the Churchyard**

Last week, we had some unexpected visitors in the Churchyard!
Can you spot them in the photo?



All we need now are some sheep!!!!

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