

**Welcome to St. Mary's**

**Thank you for joining us today.  
Your presence is a joy to us and to God.**

In more normal times we would be delighted to invite you to join us for refreshments and a chat after the service, however this is, sadly, not practical under the current Covid 19 restrictions.

Please wear a face covering throughout your visit and maintain social distancing. Please use the NHS Test and Trace app on your smartphone to scan the poster, if you have this facility. Spare disposable masks are available in the church porch, together with hand gel. Please be assured that service booklets are left for a minimum of 72 hours between uses. Please place offerings in the red buckets upon arrival. Toilet facilities are open as usual in the Church Centre.

At services of Holy Communion, for the foreseeable future, Communion will be received in one kind and brought to you at your seat. If you do not normally receive communion you will be offered a blessing. Please share The Peace without physical contact.

**Thank you**

**Readings for next week**

Nehemiah 8:1-4a [5-6] 8-12 • Psalm 119:9-16  
Colossians 3:12-17 • Matthew 24:30-35

**Forthcoming Services**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service (informal)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

9.30am: Parish Communion (CW)  
4.00pm: All Souls Service

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Remembrance Sunday – arrangements to be advised

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am: All age Communion (CW)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

9.30am: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service (informal)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

11.00: Benefice Eucharist at West Bagborough

**Your Events Calendar**

**OCTOBER**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm: Reading Group (Zoom meeting with phone access also possible). Please speak with Barbara Crabtree for more information about this. New members are very welcome.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm: Deanery Synod

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm: PCC meeting in church

**Change of Deadline**

Please note that the deadline for submitting items for the Notices is now **12 noon on Thursday.**

**Thought for the Week**

"You are not disappointing him now. You may be disappointed, but he is not. Jesus knew what he was in for when he came "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). He came to seek and to save all that was lost — in our loving and living and dreaming and longing. He has saved us, and he is saving us still. We are being transformed into the very image of Christ. Whether we feel like it or not."

*Stasi Eldredge: Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You*

Rector: Revd. Mark Hurley 01823 432222 (*Mark's day off is Friday*)

Associate Priest: Revd. Maureen Young 01984 667472 (*Maureen's day off is Thursday*)

Reader: Katharine Smith 01823 325425 Churchwarden: David Smart 01823 432531

Churchwarden: Adrian Smith 07787 281215 Church Centre bookings: Jo Wainwright 01823 433738

Benefice website: [bishopslydeardbenefice.org](http://bishopslydeardbenefice.org)

Please email items for the notice sheet and website to Adrian: [adrianandkatharine@gmail.com](mailto:adrianandkatharine@gmail.com) by 12.00 noon on Thursday.