

SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY, 2021

New - Church during Lockdown: As you are probably aware, during the current lockdown, churches have not been asked to close and the advice from Bishop Christopher is that local churches should decide whether or not to remain open in the light of their particular circumstances. St Mary's and Christ Church have decided to close for public worship until the end of January. Members of Christ Church are invited to join the live stream service at St Mary's: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarytheVirginMortlake/live> or All Saints: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsSW14> or from the Diocese of Southwark: <https://www.youtube.com/southwarkdiocese>) or (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthwarkCofE>). All Saints is remaining open. The situation in all three churches will be kept under review. In the meantime please don't attend if you feel at all unwell or if you feel unsafe to do so.

New - Open for Prayer: St Mary's will be open for private prayer from 12 noon to 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting this week. If you would like to volunteer to staff the church when it is open (which may mean we can open more frequently), please contact Greg at: heygregkyle+warden@gmail.com.

New - Support Group for Carers: Lockdown has been especially difficult for those caring for sick or elderly family members. Starting on 21st January, Carers Together will be hosting zoom meetings for informal carers every Thursday at 3pm. Those without internet access can phone in. The aim is to give carers the opportunity to chat with others in similar situations for mutual support. There will also be monthly guest speakers on relevant subjects with discussions afterwards. The initiative will have a distinctive Christian flavour but be accessible and welcoming to those outside the Christian faith as well. More details from tina@embracingage.org.uk or 020 3778 0035. Website: www.carerstogether.uk

Outcome of Christmas Angels 2020. We would like to thank everyone for your hugely generous gifts, which were needed more than ever this year. Across the parish, we received the amazing sum of £2,725 and as a result, were able to respond to all the requests we received from Richmond Resettlement (16 children and young people and an additional voucher for each of the 5 Syrian refugee families), Refuge (49 children) and Crossroads for Young Carers (25 young people). Those who work tirelessly for these organisations are also much encouraged by seeing the joy that these gifts bring to those they work with. In addition, there is a sum of £1,300 left after sending Christmas presents, so we plan to give £800 to Refuge, who are helping more families during the pandemic and £500 to Crossroads for Young Carers to support their ongoing work into 2021. This is a tremendous outcome, so very many thanks to you all. Karen Brown, Alex Barrow, Patricia Croft, Ginny Waterkeyn and Mary Abel.

FiSH: During this unprecedented Covid-19 crisis if you live alone or are isolated we can provide someone to do shopping, collect medication or ring you for a friendly chat on the phone. For shopping please call the Helpline - **8876 3414**

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

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Epiphany 2

Livestream Service for Epiphany 2 at 10.00am
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarytheVirginMortlake/live>

The service will be available on St Mary's website on Sunday afternoon:
<https://stmarymortlake.org.uk/recorded-services/>

INTERCESSIONS:

Mission and Community Concern: Become. Working to help children in care and young care leavers receive the support, encouragement, and opportunities they need to enjoy their life and to achieve.

Parish/Church Concern: For our parish and church wardens as they work with the clergy to keep our churches safe.

World/UK Concern: For frontline NHS staff as hospitals are under immense strain and for all involved in the vaccine rollout.

Community: For all who are feeling isolated or are struggling with their mental health and for local groups offering practical support and friendship.

The sick and those in need: Sheila Young, Jean Oxley, Estie Yves, Nancy Safford, Liz Dewhurst, Marion Tye, Hazel Acus, Joy Clarke, Jane Sinclair, Wendy Greenstreet, Judy Geffen, Mike Pattison.

Those who have died: Rosemary MacNeaney, David Thomson.

Mask/Face coverings: Susie Lansbury is making masks/face coverings - £5.00 each - with the proceeds going to Christian Aid. You can contact her on – susie_lansbury@hotmail.com or phone: 07712 179 663 to discuss fabrics etc.