

St Mary's Speen Pew News 377 (19,11)

1) **ST MARY'S IN CHURCH.** Due to the national lockdown, St Mary's is still closed for public worship for the next two Sundays. We anticipate that our next service will be on Sunday 6th December. But, at the moment, who knows?

However, **the church will be open for an hour between 10.30 and 11.30am on each Sunday, on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4pm** for private prayer and if you would like to come and enjoy some time for your own reflection and prayer in the church building.

2) **DIOCESE OF OXFORD CHURCH AT HOME SERVICES**

Church at Home is available to watch, or listen to in higher quality, each Sunday at 10am.

You'll find full details on the website at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/livestream>

Dial in telephone service:

For those unable to watch or listen online dial 01865 920930 and, once connected, dial 0 for the full version of the service, or dial 1 a short version of the service. Standard call rates apply. There will be a few seconds of silence before the service starts.

St Nic's are online for their morning services now. You will find it if you click on their website www.St-nics.org. They have a small live choir with piano and guitar! I am so envious.

3) **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Please read the attachments to this week's email about our APCM by zoom. The zoom link will come out later in the week. As the APCM is preceded by the Annual election of Churchwardens it would be really good to support our candidates. If anyone would like to be a candidate to be churchwarden, a PCC member or Deanery Synod rep, please let Joy know. Our Annual report will come out next week.

4) **CTNA DAY OF PRAYER SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER.** – Praying for Newbury.

Christians Together in Newbury Area are organising a day of prayer for Newbury and have allocated slots throughout the day for individual church to pray for an hour. St Nic's and St Mary's will be sharing the 6pm slot. –the Zoom link will come out towards the end of next week.

Please email me, mhughesdon@hotmail.com if you would like to join in.. You will be among St Nic's and St Mary's friends- it will not be relayed across the town! And Will will be hosting.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Cancer Care calendars. You will remember that Liz Chaplin sells the calendars with the beautiful photos of Newbury. She will be very pleased to supply them at £7 each. They make a great Christmas gift as she can supply envelopes if you need them. 01635 41117.

From Pam Harrison "I want a refund on this year's calendar. I haven't got anything to write in it!"

Battle cry of the week from Eileen Littlewood, stuck at home since March: "Don't worry. I'm not giving up!"

I recently asked Trevor Dorey, Poet Laureate of Speen, if he would care to pen a poem for the benefit of St M's Pew News readers. When I received it I wasn't all that sure it was a good idea, but too late,- he has dared me to print it. Here it is:

"Speen's irrepressible Mave
Longed to fire up the Church with a rave.
So to kick off the fun,
Once the worship was done,
She stood on her head in the nave!"

Unlikely these days, Trevor!

Best Wishes, Mavis
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