



St Mary's High Crompton

Trinity 18

11th October 2020

Today

A very warm welcome

to Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Middleton, who will preside and preach at our service this morning.

Please pray this week

for those who are ill at this time: Paul Quinn, Peter Fitchett, Aston Buckley

for the recently departed: Thomas Bennett, Hedley Jackson, Stephen Oxley

for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Harold Cardiff (14th), Fred Hindle (14th), Geoffrey Butterworth (14th), Thomas Cocker (15th), Phil Lumb (15th), Majorie Mason (17th)

Other opportunities to worship this week

- ☺ **Sunday at 8.30am** – Morning Prayer – available in Holy Trinity Online Worship on Facebook
- ☺ **Sunday at 9.30am** – Mass with sermon – available in Holy Trinity Online Worship on Facebook
- ☺ **Monday to Thursday at 7.30am** – Morning Prayer and Said Mass – available in Holy Trinity Online Worship on Facebook
- ☺ **Monday at 7.00pm** - Monday Mass for All Ages (very similar to our Tuesday Evening Eucharist) – available in Holy Trinity Online worship on Facebook
- ☺ **Saturday at 8.30am** – Morning Prayer and Said Mass – available in Holy Trinity Online Worship on Facebook
- ☺ **Daily at 9.30am** – Morning Prayer – available in Manchester Cathedral Online Worship on Facebook or in person at Manchester Cathedral
- ☺ **Daily at 4.30pm** – Evening Prayer - available in Manchester Cathedral Online Worship on Facebook or in person at Manchester Cathedral

All the online worship opportunities are available in the relevant group after the live stream has ended so you can use them to worship at any time that suits you.

Notices

School Supplementary Forms

Thank you to all who have posted a secondary school supplementary form through the door of the vicarage. We will be in touch **later this week** to return these to you.

If you have a primary school supplementary form, **please keep hold of it**. We will collect these in in November, after the secondary school forms have been returned. If you have any questions, please contact Susanne (Church Warden).

Update on Church Attendance for the purpose of School Admissions

As schools are re-opening in full to all pupils and students, a number of people are naturally asking whether church attendance will again be recorded for the purposes of school admissions. The short answer is **no!** The longer answer, contained in a letter emailed to all clergy (and forwarded to Wardens where a parish is in interregnum) is that: "following the lockdown period, attendance patterns at public worship can start

to be observed again when there is unrestricted and open access to all for public worship in the church building. Therefore, if churches are having to put restrictions on numbers attending in order to ensure compliance with the Covid-19 health and safety guidance then, for the purpose of observing church attendance for compliance against Admission Arrangements, the church is still technically closed for public worship."

Schools have already made any necessary adjustments to their admissions policies for those who will be applying this year (see the website of each school for more information). In light of the ongoing restrictions on numbers attending churches, I am sure that schools will be giving consideration to their admissions policies for following years and will publish these in due course.

This guidance came from the Diocesan Director of Education but I understand that it has been issued in consultation with other Dioceses throughout the country as well of the C of E nationally and it is, therefore, my understanding that this will be the same up and down the country.

You are, of course, still very welcome at church! However, please be mindful of the fact that there are lots of restrictions in place and you need to make sure you have read, and understood, our Risk Assessment in order to make a fully informed decision as to when is the right time for you and your family to return to worship in the church building. We are also mindful that the restrictions mean that our service is not very accessible to children and so we recognise that families may wish to continue to worship at home and on online for the time being.

Christmas Fair

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions associated with this, we have taken the decision to cancel the Christmas Fair for 2020.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, postponed from May 2020, will take place **TODAY, Sunday 11th October 2020 at 12.15pm in church**, where there is the most room to physically distance. The meeting will be kept to a minimum and will just deal with the necessary legal business.

Foundations for Ministry

This weekend, two members of our church congregation: Deb Howarth and Dean Stott, will complete their Foundations for Ministry Course with a special service. Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

Parish Contacts

Vicar - Please note that we are currently in an interregnum. Any queries relating to St Mary's should be directed to our Church Warden.

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Please email any notices to Susanne on smorris238@hotmail.co.uk by **Thursday night** to appear in the following Sunday's sheet

