



ST MARK'S CRESCENT METHODIST CHURCH

## ST MARK'S MATTERS

(Page last updated on 18 January)

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**Church Council have decided that, to ensure everyone's safety, there will be no services in the church during January or February**



**SUNDAY, 24 JANUARY, 10.30AM**

**THAMES VALLEY METHODIST ON-LINE CIRCUIT SERVICE**

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/95659974101>

Meeting ID: 956 5997 4101

If you wish to join a Zoom service but don't know how, you can find an easy-to-use guide at

<http://www.methodistmaidenhead.org.uk/using-zoom-to-join-online-services/>

If you watch Zoom services and wish to make an offering to St Mark's, donations may be made on-line to HSBC Sort Code 40-31-05, Account No 41836412 or via

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/make-a-donation/select-a-cause/donate?cause=62716>

### RE-OPENING OF CHURCH FOR WORSHIP

Church Council have approved a proposal to reopen St Mark's for Sunday Worship on Palm Sunday (24 March) subject to any changes imposed by Covid-19 restrictions.

Further details will be published later.

### ST MARK'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The bible study course on preparing to receive Jesus, which was cut short before Christmas, will continue on-line each Friday from 2.00 to 3.30pm

Those interested should contact Sara Motion by e-mailing  
[info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk)

## CONNEXIONAL YEAR OF PRAYER

Conference has declared 2020/2021 a year of prayer so that our Church-wide commitments to evangelism, church growth, church at the margins, and pioneering and church planting will flow from a deep, contemplative orientation to God's grace and love.

Each one of us can be part of this movement of prayer as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us be a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church of gospel people.

### WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING – TUESDAYS, 12.45PM

Join others across the Methodist Church to pray together every Tuesday from 12.45 to 1.00pm using the following link

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/year-of-prayer/>

You will need to register to receive weekly prayer guidance and to join on Zoom but once you have the link it works every week.

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And a short morning prayer, sent by Sandra Ducellier, known by many at St Mark's for her unwavering support for church activities and Lunch & Leisure

*"Lord, as we begin this new day, help us not to be like porridge, stiff and stodgy and slow to stir, but like cornflakes, crisp and light and ready to serve."*

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18-25 JANUARY)

This year the Week of Prayer is being marked online and, each day, there will be a short reflection based on Churches Together in Britain and Ireland material.

You can get a daily email by visiting the Churches Together in Maidenhead Facebook page or via the YouTube link

<https://youtu.be/i7Fm342aV4E>

Further downloadable resources can be found at  
<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021>

## SENIORS' COFFEE HOUSE

Why not come to the St. Mark's virtual meeting place especially for Seniors

### EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10-11.30AM

Catch up with friends for a chat from your own home by joining this weekly Zoom meeting

[Contact Eileen Chislett for details \(eileen.chislett@btinternet.com\)](mailto:eileen.chislett@btinternet.com)

We look forward to seeing you there.

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

We've been told of the following plea from NHS staff:-

Please, please make sure you and your family dig out your NHS number and have a copy of it to hand when called for the COVID jab.

Staff on the front line say this is far and away the biggest bottleneck when it comes to administering the vaccine to as many people as possible.

You can find your NHS number on any NHS correspondence or through the app.

It would also be helpful if you can share this message with everyone you know.

Thank you.

## AFRICAN PALMS

The palm crosses traditionally handed out on Palm Sunday are made in the Masasi district of Tanzania. All profits from sales of crosses are covenanted to The African Palms Association for use in Educational and Healthcare projects in this area.

This year, a reduced demand for crosses is anticipated and African Palms Ltd are offering for sale a limited number of tote bags made in the same district of Tanzania from dried branches of the wild-growing Dwarf Palm.

Each bag is handmade, unique in colour, style and design, approximately 19" x 16" x 6" in size and are priced at £27 each inc VAT and carriage.



If you are interested in purchasing a bag, please e-mail your details to [info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk) to arrange payment, order and delivery

If you are finding these pages helpful and would like to send news of what you've been doing during the pandemic or send messages to friends, please feel free to e-mail [info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk) or phone 01628 623263

You can also keep up to date through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Crescent-Methodist-Church-262078984451396/](https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Crescent-Methodist-Church-262078984451396/) or by Clicking the Facebook icon on the website Welcome page

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**You can request addition of your e-mail address via one of the following to receive regular alerts to crime incidents in the Maidenhead area**

[alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

[maidenhead@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:maidenhead@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The messages include warnings of scams operating locally

If you need or know of someone who needs help of any sort and there appears to be no one to provide it, please e-mail [info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk) and we will do our best to find a solution