

Latest news from the Parish of Goring by Sea.

15th July 2021

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St Mary's Church Open for Prayer

St Mary's Church is open daily for prayer. Open Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 12.00noon to 4.00pm.

Full details of all services and parish events can be found in Newsletter *Extra*. Contact the Parish Office if you do not have the July copy.

Public worship in our churches this week

St Mary's	St Mary's	St Laurence's
Sunday 18.7.'21 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)	Sunday 18.7.'21 10.00am Said Eucharist (CW)	Thursday 22.7.'21 10.00am Said Eucharist (CW)

Please register for all services in the churches via the Parish Office

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Advance notice: The All Age Worship on 1st August 2021 will take place in the Molson Garden. A service of thanksgiving and renewal, the theme will be 'For the beauty of the earth'.

Special services this weekend

Saturday 17th July.

The Marriage of Laura and Wayne

Sunday 18th July.

The Baptism of Jazmine and Ophelia Wren-Dunstone

Please hold them all in your prayers.

How will we worship after the 19th July?

This question is on all our minds but unfortunately, as following extract from the Church of England website explains, we are still awaiting further guidance at the time of going to publication. This must be such a difficult time for those who lead and govern, let us keep them in our prayers at this extremely challenging time.

Updated Monday 12th July, 6.32pm

A spokesperson for the Church of England said: "We note the Health Secretary's statement in the House of Commons this afternoon and the Prime Minister's press conference this evening confirming plans to move towards the next stage of the Government's roadmap on July 19 while urging caution in response to rising cases of Covid-19 propelled by the Delta variant.

"The prospect of the lifting of legal restrictions will be both a relief and a cause of anxiety and we are aware that there is likely still to be significant guidance in place.

"We have already been considering our current guidance to churches and are awaiting updated Government guidance for places of worship.

"We will also be seeking further clarification through the Government's Places of Worship Taskforce, which meets later this week, on a range of areas affecting public worship and places of worship."

Whilst legal restrictions will be lifted next Monday it is right that we should wait for guidance from the Church of England before our final decisions and guidance to our congregations. From the statement issued so far we can assume we will be asked to continue with caution. This is likely to require a voluntary wearing of masks and keeping a sensible distance. Hopefully we will no longer have to register for church services, can use all our pews in church and "sing"; but please look for further guidance in next week's newsletter.

This Sunday's services will still take place under the present restrictions.

Our flowers in St. Mary's Church

The beautiful lilac flowers that were in St. Mary's Sunday 11th July were for Juliet Campling and donated by her family.



The joyful colours of the flower displays on Sunday 18th July in St. Mary's were donated in memory of a tiny baby called Helen, on the anniversary of her death. This was done in the knowledge that a wedding couple would benefit on their happiest of days.

The future of this newsletter

Thank you to all who have sent your very positive and constructive views about the future of this newsletter. It is not too late if you still wish to comment. Please send your views to the Parish Office by e-mail or post. Also if you are interested in helping to write and compile the newsletter please let us know. (Parish Office 16 Ilex Way, Goring by Sea, BN12 4UZ)

Prayer Circles

There are people who will pray regularly about any concerns you, your family or friends may have, and will keep all requests confidential among themselves. To request such prayers please telephone either Sylvia on 01903 529743 or Barbara on 01903 240613

Pastoral Visits.

Please let Fr. Keith or Fr. Neill or the Wardens know if you have a personal or pastoral concern or may know of someone in need.

May God bless you and give you peace,

Fr. Keith, Fr. Neill, Gill and Janice



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