

OTTERY ST MARY PARISH CHURCH

Part of the Otter Vale
Mission Community



Sunday 17th October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

This week's St Mary's Musings has been recorded by Graham Harry and will be available from Sunday 17th at <https://www.otterystmary.org.uk/online-services>

10.00am

Morning Service

John Ward

Reading: Mark 10: 35-45

Hymns:

Lord Jesus Christ, sung by Colin Tindal

432 Rejoice the Lord is king

186 Great is Thy faithfulness

Choir Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter)

3.00pm

Baptism of Lila Rose Beatrix Findlay

Rev Canon Dr
John Hall

The Collect

**God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty may be changed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Giving – As we are currently unable to pass a collection plate around in services, there is plate at the back of church for your giving, or you can use the card reader at the crossing. If you'd like to sign up to the Planned Giving Scheme, please speak to our treasurer, Phil Whitlock, 01404 814840.

**Next Sunday – 10am Morning Service with Rev Canon Dr John Hall
6.30pm Choral Evensong with John White**

Mission Statement: "To know Christ better and to make Christ better known"

Church Diary for the w/c 18th October

Mon 18 th	2-3.00pm 7.30pm	Tots' Time, Dorset Aisle Bell Ringing Practice
Tues 19 th	10-11.30am	Coffee & Chat, Dorset Aisle
Weds 20 th	8.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer Governors' Meeting
Thurs 21 st	10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Rehearsal for the Licensing Service Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice
Fri 22 nd	11.00am	Funeral Service for Myra Risk, Church

Praying around Ottery – This week please pray for Patteson Drive, Coleridge Road, King's Avenue.

Charity of the Month – Mission Aviation Fellowship

For over 75 years, MAF has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts, enabling more than 2,000 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief, long-term development and Christian hope to thousands of communities.

This year, they are playing a crucial part in the worldwide COVAX inoculation programme. Due to their vast experience with cold-chain flights (that is, the delivery of refrigerated or frozen vaccines) they are increasingly being asked to help with 'last mile' deliveries.

You can support Mission Aviation Fellowship via our card reader in church, by cheque payable to "Ottery St Mary PCC" and posted to our treasurer at Keppel Gate, Higher Ridgeway, Ottery St Mary EX11 1TJ. Please write MAF on the back of your cheque. Or by BACs to The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ottery St Mary Sort Code: 09-01-29 Acc no: 36273067, using MAF as your reference.

Next Sunday (24th) is Bible Sunday and we will be taking a retiring collection for the Bible Society. The card reader will be set up for contactless donations or please remember to bring some money with you. More information about the Bible Society and their work will be in next week's sheet.

A letter from the PCC

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who supports the church financially and thank you for continuing to be generous through these last difficult months of COVID and vacancy.

Giving money to the church is both a spiritual and a practical issue. We give of ourselves to God of our time, talent and treasure in response to his incredible generous giving of love and sacrifice to us. That's the spiritual underpinning. Practically the mission and ministry of the church must be paid for.

As we are part of a national church, giving money doesn't just mean we pay for "our Vicar", as well as cover the considerable outgoings associated with running a church. We lift our eyes beyond the local and pay into what is called the "Common Fund". This pot of money ensures that every mission community can have the best number of clergy possible, and parishes that can afford to pay more help subsidise poorer parishes to ensure they too have clergy.

In Ottery we have not met our Common Fund obligation since 2014, and this year there will be a shortfall of £14k.

We are privileged to have a full time incumbent once again, but we do need to be able to cover the costs of that for long term sustainability of the post and look to being generous towards other parishes too.

Please could you review your giving to the life and work of the church.

If you are not already doing so, the most efficient and effective way you can give is by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. You can join online, or by a simple telephone call – you do not need to contact your bank. You simply decide how much, and how often, you wish to donate; whether (if you are a taxpayer) you wish to Gift Aid your donations; and whether you wish to increase your donations each year by the rate of inflation. Once your application has been processed, your payments will be automatically processed by Direct Debit on the first of the month, and reach our church account a few days later. We receive the 25% Gift Aid from the government automatically each month, which really helps our cash flow and simplifies our administration.

Once again - thank you.

If you would like to know more, please contact Di Passey who attended a Diocesan Synod meeting last Saturday and can give some budget information.

Church News and Notices

In our prayers – John and Sally Sweeting, Gill and Michael White, Dorothy Ward, Jayne Costello, Hazel Abley, Pat Cottrell, Patricia Jackson, Anne Decent, Ruth and Barrie Swift, Derek Baxter, Pat Roy, Rosemary and Ken Dafforn, Stephanie Wimms. Please pray for the family of Jeanette Swallow, who has died, and for the family of Myra Risk whose funeral is on Friday. Pray for Lila, being baptised today.

All Souls Service - We are so pleased that this year we intend to hold the All Souls Service. This will be on Sunday October 31st at 3.00pm in our Church. If you wish a loved one's name to be remembered at the service, please will you let Sue in the office know, either by telephone or e-mail. This service is valued so much by those who have been bereaved. The service will last around 45 minutes with readings, hymns, prayers and a time of reflection. We hope that you will feel able to attend.

Mothers' Prayers - We are pleased to inform you that we shall be holding fortnightly sessions at "The Secret Garden House" in Saddler's Lane, starting Friday October 15th at 10.30am. Rosie is unable to host us now, but Claire Bakehouse and Anne Decent, together with June Woodward have had an introductory session, & would like "old" members to join us, and there may be others in the community who would like to attend and to pray for our own children and for children all over the world. There are Service Books available; if you want further details, you can phone me on 01404 813810, or just turn up. Look forward to seeing you. Anne Decent.

Katie Drew from MMUK will be a guest speaker at an online talk on **Climate Change and Food Security on Monday 18th October 6pm to 8pm** organised by Global Centre and DDE (www.globalcentredevon.org.uk). This is part of a series of talks "A FAIR COP: from Climate Crisis to Climate Justice" in the lead up to COP26. Contact Katie for more details mission@mmuk.net (01404) 851491

Licensing Service for Rev Lydia Cook - Monday 25th October 7pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. It is likely to be a full church, with little social distancing. We request that face-coverings are worn and warm clothing might be advisable as we will have the main doors open for ventilation.

New service time: From Sunday 31st October, our main morning service will be starting at 10.30am.

Evening Prayer: Starting from Tuesday 26th October, Lydia will lead Evening Prayer in church at 5pm (Monday-Thursday). Anyone is welcome to join her.

8am Holy Communion – we will have our first 8am service since the first lockdown on Sunday 14th November and thereafter on the second Sunday of each month. Please note this will be a Book of Common Prayer service.

Mission Community Advent Carols – Last year we had a wonderful on-line Advent Carol Service, hosted by West Hill. This year, we can come together in church once again. The date for your diaries is Sunday 28th November, 6.30pm, at Ottery St Mary Parish Church.



Refreshments Rota – We would like to start offering refreshments after Sunday services again. Sue Clayton organises the rota – but at the moment she is the only one on it! So, if we are going to go ahead, we desperately need a few more willing volunteers. If you think you can help by joining the rota, please have a word with Sue Clayton after church or leave a message with the church office.

Help for the homeless – As the nights are getting colder, St Petrock's are asking for donations of sleeping bags and rucksacks, and 'Smile at a Stranger Help for the Homeless in Devon' are asking for winter gloves, hats and scarves. Donations can be delivered to Secret Garden House, Saddlers Lane (01404 – 811272) or to the church office.

Join a guided pilgrimage along the Patteson's Way in East Devon, led by Preb Simon Franklin on Saturday 30th October - Walk the 8-mile route or meet at the churches along the way for prayers and reflections. Book your place (and a packed lunch if required) with Katie Drew (01404) 851656. There is a poster in the porch setting out the route and timings for the day, which starts with a service at St Andrew's Feniton at 11am.

Friends of the Church – Due to present restrictions, we have agreed to postpone our Annual General Meeting which is normally held in October until early in 2022 when we will be seeking new members to join our small committee, including appointing a new chairman as the present chairman is not seeking re-election. The new date will be announced in due course. However we have decided to proceed with our Annual Choral Evensong and this will take place on Sunday 7th November at 6.30pm. The preacher for this service will be our newly installed team rector, Rev Lydia Cook. All are welcome. If you are interested in becoming a member of our committee, or even our new chairman, please make contact with David Roberts, 01404 813961.

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