

# St Mary's Church Stow-Cum-Quy

**NO SERVICES IN THE CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The Benefice has been holding online Services every Sunday morning at 10am. If you have not had any details of these and would be interested in joining please let one of the Church Wardens know and we will arrange for details to be sent to you. In order to join these you will need to have access to a computer or mobile device. There is also the opportunity to chat over a coffee and biscuits following the service.

**The Church continues to be alive and active  
Even though our buildings remain closed.**

We are sorry that we are unable to hold services in our church. Information can be found regarding usual fundraising, bible study, social activities and services on:

- o **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/angleseychurches](http://www.facebook.com/angleseychurches)
- o **A Church Near You:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice/>
- o **Website:** [www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](http://www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

## Sustaining financial support to our church in difficult times

With no services being held in the church the weekly income from collections will have a financial impact on our church.

If you feel you are able to make a donation to the church at this time rather than cash being given and handled by the church treasurer, donations can be made directly by bank transfer. Account details are as follows:

Stow cum Quy Parochial Church Council  
Account number: 65420683  
Branch code 08-92-99 The Co-operative bank

**Contact Details:**  
Rev'd Sue Giles Tel: 01223 812726 [suethetic@btinternet.com](mailto:suethetic@btinternet.com)

**Church Wardens:** Bill Watts, 6 Orchard Street, Stow-cum-Quy  
Tel: 01223 811063. Email: [bill.watts5@btinternet.com](mailto:bill.watts5@btinternet.com)  
Mike Hatley, 48 Station Road, Lode. Tel: 01223 812652  
Email: [Mike\\_thejudge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Mike_thejudge@yahoo.co.uk)



## Help Wanted:

A working party for cleaning up in the Churchyard had been planned during May, however this has had to be put on hold. A few people have gratefully come forward and offered to work alone carrying out maintenance and tidying up around the churchyard. If there are any other volunteers please contact one of the church wardens who will be happy to let you know what work is required.

## IMPORTANT UPDATE – CHURCH FETE

Date Re Scheduled

**Quoy Church Fete**

**Sat Sept 12th**  
**2:00 pm**

**the Orchard off  
The Avenue**

**Usual  
Attractions**

## Request for Prayers

Over the lockdown period, Dave Male has been praying very specifically for Quy village through Facebook. Every week he has asked people on the Quy Facebook page to let him know anything or anyone they would like prayer for. This is very much for everyone in the village, with or without faith. The number of those who have made contact with him over the weeks has steadily increased. We would like to extend this to those who don't have Facebook. If you know people who like prayer and would rather not use Facebook then please leave a message on 01223 779822 or email on [heathermale1@googlemail.com](mailto:heathermale1@googlemail.com)



Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line –available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly for those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions

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### Information regarding Bottisham Medical Practice:

Please keep yourself updated on any changes by either visiting the Bottisham Medical Practice website or by telephoning – 01223 810030

## Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

Sadly, all our meetings and events are cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Mothers' Union has produced a website page with a variety of resources to help everyone pass the time whilst we are experiencing social distancing or self-isolation.

<https://www.mothersunion.org/resources-support-us-challenging-times>

Blessings from the Anglesey Group to all readers

## Help in the Community

In Quy several people have come forward to offer their services to anyone who cannot leave their house due to self-isolating or have been advised to remain at home.

The Parish Council are coordinating any requests for help. If you are in need of any assistance please contact one of the following:

Emmi Nicholl – [emminicholl@gmail.co.uk](mailto:emminicholl@gmail.co.uk)

Ray Jakes – 07747000676 or 01223 812422

Tracey Thorby – [parishclerk@stowcumquy.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@stowcumquy.co.uk)

Flag flying above the church for  
VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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## In the Community

### Coffee Mornings

Usually held every Tuesday in the Village Hall Annex from 10.30am to 12 noon. We will inform you when this event is able to resume.

### Foodbank Collections

**Quy Food Bank**  
Will be reopening from June 1st  
All donations will be taken to  
Newmarket Open Door

Donation Boxes in  
Quy Shop and  
Front Porch of  
No 6 Orchard Street

DONATION  
BOX

## General Information

The Annual Meeting for all Parishes has been postponed. Meetings will take place before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. All existing office holders will remain in post for the time being.



## Anglesey In Stitches

While we are unable to meet in person, Anglesey in Stitches knitting and crafting group is meeting by Zoom on odd-dated Tuesday evenings (8pm) and even-dated Thursday afternoons (3pm).

Our June meetings are:

Thursday 4th June, 3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 3pm

Tuesday 9th June, 8pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8pm

The group draws its membership from the Anglesey villages of Lode with Longmeadow, Stow cum Quay, Bottisham, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior and anyone is welcome to join us whether or not you would normally be free to meet at these times.

We work on our own projects and are also joining in with the Anglesey Benefice quilt project and with making scrubs for local hospitals and care homes.

If you would like to join us, please email Clare Wilkes ([clarewilkes33@btinternet.com](mailto:clarewilkes33@btinternet.com)) and say whether you would like to join on Tuesdays, Thursdays or both.

News from The Anglesey Group of Parishes.

We have been in lockdown since the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and familiar sights in the village such as the school (though it may partially open in June), the pub and the church have also had to close.

Some people have asked why the churches in our villages are closed? The simple answer is that the government has decreed it and our vicars and church leaders are bound to comply. That said, people see churches shut and think they are dormant. That is far from the truth but it raises the question 'What is church?' Church is not the building, church is the people who have responded to God's call to honour him and do good in the world, in other words, to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.

In the current climate the church has two main roles, to support the community pastorally and spiritually. Many volunteers from the church and the wider community support the struggling food bank in Newmarket. They facilitate shopping from the local shops, collect prescriptions and are working with the church schools, liaising with staff and working as governors. In this way they maintain and strengthen links to ensure the children know that our vicar and the church family still care for their wellbeing and have not gone away. Funerals are still taking place, although within current attendance restrictions and pastoral support is still being offered to the isolated or lonely or grieving amongst us.

The second role of the church is to offer spiritual help and guidance to any who want it. A worship service is available on a Sunday morning at 10.15am. There are various small groups which offer the opportunity to study the Bible and ask questions such as 'where is God in the Corona Virus outbreak?' During the week there are opportunities for prayer and quiet reflection, on-line or on paper, in addition to children groups. There was a service for VE Day with a video produced by staff and pupils at Swaffham Prior primary school and there will be a service for Ascension Day. All are available via Zoom and we would be delighted if you wanted to join us in any of these virtual meetings.

These are tough times but we can be comforted by the words of Christ who promised never to leave us, never to forsake us. Whether the buildings are open or closed, the church's role is to fulfil that promise and bring light into dark days.

Liz Butler

If you would like further details of how to access and participate in any of our activities please contact Mike Procter LLM Tel 01223 813963 or Liz Butler LLM Tel 01223 811726