

St Mary's Church

Stow-Cum-Quy

NO SERVICES IN THE CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Church Opening

It was the intention for St Mary's Quy to be unlocked each Wednesday and Sunday, however following recent Government measures this has not been possible.

Message from the Archbishops:

**"The Church continues to be alive and active
but our buildings must close**

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

**Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended,
all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.**

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.

Also at this time we would usually make our Easter Gift Aid Appeal. This goes a long way to helping with the upkeep of our beautiful church. We appreciate that as a result of the current Covid-19 situation many families will be having to deal with their own financial difficulties and therefore we have decided not to make the appeal at this time.

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 09-92-99 The Co-operative bank



who is continuing to work and keep us safe



Upcoming Events

July 11

Church Fete

Please keep this date in your diary and we will let you know should this event not go ahead.

Important News

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

Church Wardens:

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Stow-cum-Quy

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Information regarding Bottisham Medical Practice Dispensary Service:

At the time of this magazine being distributed repeat prescriptions are still continuing to be delivered to Quay Post Office for collection. If there really is **no other alternative** and you are not already signed up for this service then please contact the surgery direct. Please be aware that the turnaround for repeat prescriptions has now been increased to **72 hours** and that the Dispensary Service is **closed between 1 and 3pm** every day. This is due to the unprecedented demand on the dispensary service. Please keep yourself updated on any changes which can be made by visiting Bottisham Medical Practice website.

More Important News – staying connected

Radio, TV and online services:

- The Archbishop of Canterbury will be leading a service on Radio 4 at 8.10am, and on local BBC radio at 8am each Sunday.
- BBC 1 Songs of Praise at 1.15pm each Sunday.
- If on Skype please contact Sue who will be trying to connect at 7pm each Sunday.
- 7.15pm Wednesday evening Compline and Lent Groups – please contact Mike Procter to join the Skype group for this: mike@procter.com

Please find out more about the Benefice usual fundraising, bible study, social activities and on-line services on:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/angleseychurches
- A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice/>
- Website: www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk
- If you would like to speak to the vicar, please call Revd. Sue on 01223 812726

Prayer for a Pandemic

By Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable,

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

Remember those that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.



Easter Cross on Church Green

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

A real need – please help!

Thank you to all those in Quay who have in the past generously donated to Newmarket Open Door food bank. The facility is closed at the moment, but your donations are still welcome as we will reroute them to villagers who may need support over the coming weeks and months. Please drop off donations at the village shop. If you find yourself in need of support please contact:

Emmi Nicholl –

emminicholl@gmail.com or

Ray Jakes: 07747000676

Help in the Community

In Quay 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

Ray Jakes – 07747000676 or 01223 812422

Tracey Thorby –

parishclerk@stowcumquy.co.uk

