

Weekly Update: Friday 7th August

Monmouth Group of Parishes

From the Vicar:

Well done to St Maughan's, last week they held the first post-lockdown outdoor service, on the same day that Karen officiated at her first Service at St Nicholas, Trellech and I, my first service with a congregation present at St Thomas'.

It is also wonderful to see people supporting other churches within the Deanery, something that might not have happened without our being locked down and made to worship together online as a whole deanery. This Sunday I will be at St Mary's again for the 10am Eucharist, but this time I will be leading the service alongside my Co-Ministry Area Leader and wife the Reverend Karen.

In the week that lies before us, let us like Peter in our Gospel reading for today, attempt great things for God.

Tim



Dear Friends,

August is a traditional holiday time, although, for many of us, that may involve the ultimate 'staycation' this year. Finding safe things to do close to home or – for the quarantined, at home -that feel a little bit different, offering rest and relaxation, can be creative. The book, craft project or camera that would have been packed can come out to create lockdown staycation memories and an online search can show you inside the Sistine Chapel and other sights for free! Inevitably, it's not the same – like so much of life currently being 'virtually' lived, there is no substitute for the real thing. One exception is the time we put aside for prayer, because when we 'remain here with Jesus, watching and praying, as he asked his disciples in Gethsemane, then God is as close and as real as ever, and we can find rest, peace and a 'holy day' all of our own.

With love and prayers, Catherine



PRAYER

It is not far to go, for you are near;
And, not by travelling, Lord, we come to you,
but by the way of love, and we love you.
Amen.

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be taking place Sunday and next week.

Churches will be open at the usual times for private prayer.

St. Mary's

8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Sunday 9 th August	The Revd Janet Bromley
10.00am	Holy Eucharist	Sunday 9 th August	The Revd Tim Dack with The Revd Karen preaching
10.30am	Holy Eucharist	Wed 12 th August	The Revd Tim Dack

St. Thomas'

9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Sunday 9 th August	The Right Revd Bishop Dominic (please book)
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St. Michael's

11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Sunday 9 th August	The Revd Owen Williams
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Wed 12 th August	The Revd Owen Williams