

## St. Mary's Youtube Channel:

[bit.ly/Stmaryschurch](https://bit.ly/Stmaryschurch)

Sunday service Premiere's each week at 10am, then available to view at the same link after that as a replay.

## Arrival Of Our New Rector And His Family

The interregnum is almost over! In just over two weeks, on Monday 14 September, Edward Bowes-Smith will be Licensed and Inducted as our Rector and we will have an opportunity to welcome him, his wife, Liz and their children Hannah, Joshua and Hester. It is vitally important that, even with the constraints imposed by the Government to stem the spread of Covid-19, we unite in marking this historic occasion and in launching a new phase of ministry at a time when the good news of the Kingdom of God is so desperately needed across the world.

There will be two services on 14 September: at 11.00 am, a formal service of Licensing by Bishop Alan and Induction by Archdeacon Guy; then at 7.30 pm, a Parish Welcome Service, a less formal occasion where we can get to know Edward and the family, pray for them and celebrate their arrival.

You will be able to participate in both services by means of a live-streamed broadcast on the Parish and St Mary's YouTube channel. **YOU MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO JOIN THE 7.30 pm SERVICE IN THE CHURCH!** We are eager to bring together a small congregation of up to around 70 people that represents the church family – singles, couples and families – alongside representatives from our wider Chesham community.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND IN PERSON, PLEASE SEND AN "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" TO [warden.paul.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:warden.paul.stmarys@gmail.com) BY 8 SEPTEMBER, stating how many seats you would like (they must all be within your household).** We cannot guarantee places at this stage but will do our best to accommodate you. We will let you know about your seat(s) on 10 September.

The Welcome Service will be conducted within the prevailing Covid-mitigation guidelines which include social-distancing, track and trace, hand sanitation, temperature checks, one-way system and compulsory wearing of face masks. These are all rather strange within a church environment, but necessary to protect us all. One significant step towards "normality" will be the inclusion of live music by our wonderful choir and musicians, complying with robust measures advised by the Royal School of Church Music.

It is unlikely that places will be available to attend the Licensing and Induction Service at 11.00 am as, for legal reasons, we will be restricted to 30 people. Most seats are reserved for friends from St Peter's, Lincoln (Edward's former parish), representatives from the seven district churches of our parish, official officers of the Diocese, our patron and other invited guests. As mentioned, the service will be broadcast as it happens via the YouTube Channel.

## St Mary's Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday 2nd September, 8pm

We'll be meeting again on Zoom, as with previous weeks. The link is [bit.ly/Stmprayer](https://bit.ly/Stmprayer)

- please also check the weekly e-mail for further details.

*St Mary's, Chesham and St John's, Bellingdon, form one 'District' in the Parish of Great Chesham. The other Church of England Churches in our team are St John's, Ashley Green; St George's, Tylers Hill; Emmanuel, Chesham; and Christ Church, Waterside. We also work as partners in "Churches Together for Chesham".*

St Mary's  
Going Growing Serving



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## Online Services today

10.00am **Morning Worship** led by Hannah Martin  
Jean Corfield speaks on "Jesus empowers fellowship"  
Readings : 2 Chronicles 30:21-31; Acts 2:42-47

## St John's Bellingdon

10.00am **Morning Worship** led by Tim Yates  
available on [bit.ly/Cheshamchurches](https://bit.ly/Cheshamchurches)

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things  
of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever  
Amen