

Zoom gathering: Hosted by Mark and Amy Williams

Sunday 28th June (to be run fortnightly after that)

5pm

40 minutes long

All welcome. Try it and see if it works for you- there is no pressure to come back!

Vision: We have experienced rushing around for far too long and we realise we are not alone in this. We understand that life can be really busy (in a good way) but that it can also be exhausting. As part of the Lockdown, we have been able to prioritise more time for prayer, worship and seeking God's will.

We feel called to create a gentle, family friendly space for ANYONE to experience the love of God. We urge you to gather your family together (it's fine for them to be doing crafts, playing with Lego, colouring or something else that's calm to help you all to wind down at the end of the weekend). As a family, we have found ourselves making amazing bacon and egg sandwiches on a Sunday whilst we watch/ engage with Church- this is also okay!

This is not just for families- it really is open to anyone. Feel free to invite people along if you feel they would benefit from this type of gathering. We want to be 'family' together.... whatever that looks like!

We have been praying for discernment, checked with Mike and PCC and had encouragement to go ahead with this.

Our heart is to gather people, share a Bible- based message, share testimonies (including our own) and to pray for the week ahead.

Practicalities:

The Zoom Link will be sent out via e mail. If you don't know how to use Zoom, please phone us on 860230 or 07725595555 and we will help you to get on.

We are more than happy for one or all of you to be visible on Zoom but there is no pressure for you to have your whole family in their Sunday best sat on the sofa!

We want to be really obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit and so do not want to impose a tight structure on this gathering. We do however, want it to be as accessible for people as possible.

Format: (So you know what the gathering will look like ...)

1. **15 minutes worship** (to play before the Zoom- this will be available on the St Mary's Facebook page or on the website. Ideally, you could play this at 4.40pm which would give you time for a cuppa before the gathering).

This is optional but we will be worshipping for 15 minutes before the Zoom gathering to help us to prepare. We'd love you to join us in this.

2. **Testimonies** (an opportunity for a few people to share stories about how God has been working). These will be pre-arranged. Please message us before the meeting if you have something to share – we'd love to make this gathering a time where we grow together. There may be a chance to share things during the meeting without them being pre-arranged but we will need to explore the messaging on Zoom as we go along!
3. **A short (ish!) Bible- based message.**
4. **An opportunity to pray** – we will lead this but we'd like to explore how we can use Zoom to link people up to pray too.

We love God and we believe he is doing something new in this place and with our Church family. We believe God is bringing us into a time of refreshing and a time of refining and that he is providing different ways for us to meet with him whilst our buildings are closed. We would love you to walk with us in this new venture and we pray that you will be blessed.

Mark and Amy