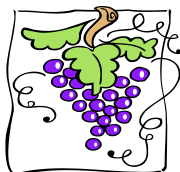


# GRAPEVINE

13<sup>th</sup> September  
2020

## Our Vision:

Letting people know about the love of Jesus Christ



Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning. Desmond Tutu

## Welcome to St Peter & St Mary's Church

There are no limits to God's forgiveness. Did you know that?

No matter what you've done wrong, no matter how far you've strayed, there is nowhere that's too far from God such that He's not able to find you and welcome you back to be part of the family and share in all the good things that come with that.

What a relief to know that we don't have to take the blame when the slate has been wiped clean, so that we can make a fresh start.

If that's a good thing, the sensible response is to want be like that yourself and forgive those who have upset you or have done you wrong.

"How many times shall I forgive my brother or sister?" Jesus was asked. The answer is that it's as many times as it takes for you to let go of all the hurt and resentment that it has caused you to feel.

Jesus doesn't tell us to forgive others to make them feel better. It's for you! As long as you are feeling like the victim you will always experience emotional anxiety and stress. And for it to work, forgiveness is a deliberate decision you have to make. It isn't reliant on your emotions. So decide to do it now.

Choosing not to forgive gets us stuck in our past and that prevents us from moving forward, whereas forgiving 'those who sin against us' means that God can bring us bring to us healing and freedom and peace.

Michael

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**Covid 19** - To make the latest Government Guidelines easier to understand, this week, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's introduced the 'Rule of 6' saying: "You must not meet socially in groups of more than six and if you do you will be breaking the law. This will apply in any setting indoors or outdoors at home or in the pub.... Covid secure venues like Places of Worship can still hold more than six in total. Education and work settings are unaffected" Thankfully the 'Rule of 6' does not apply to Sunday Worship in Church buildings, Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals and the previous instructions remain.

**Christmas Tree Festival** – If you would like to decorate a tree or a windowsill at this year's Festival please email for an application form from [ctf@stowmarketparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:ctf@stowmarketparishchurch.co.uk). Adjustments have been made to comply with all the Government Guidelines, to make everyone's safety a priority. There are a limited number of trees, cut-off date for booking is 5<sup>th</sup> October. Date of next planning meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**Midweek Stewarding** – Can you help to keep the Church open 10am-noon on Mondays and Thursdays? As you look through your diary, if you have the occasional free Monday or Thursday morning to be around for people to come in for private prayer, please let Michael know. Tel 678623

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> after the Morning Worship in Church. There are vacancies for a Churchwarden, Deputy Wardens and Treasurer. Pray that the right people will come forward and also ask whether God is calling you. To find out more please speak to Marion, Michael or Geoff.

**Prayer Meeting** – Prayer Meeting. All are invited to come and pray together for half an hour. Starting at 6:30pm, each Thursday via Zoom. Use the Sunday login details below.

**To view the 9am Service in Church** or watch later search online for Stowmarket Parish Church on Youtube or go to: [https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCUih\\_zTFVjMe1XckXQ0II\\_A](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCUih_zTFVjMe1XckXQ0II_A)

**Join the 10:45am Sunday Service on the phone or Zoom** - we are still meeting on Zoom from 10:30am, with 15 minutes of chat, before the Service starts at 10:45am. You can join by phoning 02039 663 809 and follow the instructions. Meeting ID which is 965 828 3398 # and if asked, dial in with meeting password 615182. The more challenging the questions you bring along, the more help you will receive for the week to come. Why not give it a try?

The Zoom Online Login details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/9658283398?pwd=SjN2V252VGxSSngrSnBOM1JETk1Bdz09> Meeting ID: 965 828 3398 Password: 615182