

Refresh, Renew, Re-engage: Re-building our parishes after lockdown

A collaborative project with the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation of Clifton Diocese and the Pastoral Ministry Office of Northampton Diocese.

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We have two different needs facing us:

- to re-establish our existing communities and ministry groups;
- to reach out to those who have not yet returned and to new people.

What we are going to do at St Mary's:

We have been provided with **Renew, Refresh, Re-engage** resource sheets for a variety of different ministries. Fr Jeremy is going to use the **Renew, Refresh, Re-engage** resource sheets as the structure for 6 meetings, open to all parishioners for reflection and an exchange of hopes, concerns and offers of help for the future. This can then help guide the parish over the next year. You can find the resource sheets on the parish website <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

When? Thursday evenings, 7.30-8.30pm

Where? At the back of the church

Who? Everyone is welcome, whether new to the parish like our friends from Good Shepherd, Batheaston, or those baptised and married here.

16th Sept: Parish ministry What do we want to celebrate? Where are the gaps? Three main priorities moving forward?

23rd Sept: Invitation How can we inspire and encourage people to come to church?

30th Sept: Music Ministry Review, renew, encourage participation by all

7th October: Children's Liturgy of the Word Purpose, preparation, catechists, resources and scripture

14th October: Hospitality Communication, information, welcome, encouraging people to return

21st October: Ministry of the Word Formation and preparation

Please email the parish office Bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com if you intend to come to any or all of the **Renew, Refresh, Re-engage** sessions. You are still welcome if you just come along on the day.

****UPDATE:**** Due to popular demand, we are running five parallel meetings on weekdays at 10.45-11.45am at the back of the church, after morning Mass. These will start Friday 24th Sept for anyone who cannot get to the Thursday meetings.

Fri 24th Sept: Parish ministry and Invitation

Fri 1st Oct: Music Ministry

Fri 8th Oct: Children's Liturgy of the Word

Fri 15th Oct: Hospitality

Wednesday 20th Oct: Ministry of the Word
Formation and preparation



WEBINARS (online talks):

We are joining with Northampton Diocese to offer three webinars to support the **Renew, Refresh, Re-engage** resources through September:

6th Sept: Watch the recording of the talk on Hospitality in Luke's Gospel by Fr Nick King <https://youtu.be/q1tmlqvMS18>

Mon 20th Sept Watch the recording of the session with Jo Boyce on how to refresh our music ministry
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5XbB1n92Fk>

Mon 27th Sept: Avril Baigent & Sarah Adams will reflect on practical steps to help re-build our communities.

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