



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family

We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

10th January 2016

Worship Today

Sunday 10th January

**8am BCP Holy Communion
(Methodist Church)**

**10am Morning Worship
(Methodist Church)**

11am

*St Mary's @11 Informal
Service
(Rectory)*

In the coming weeks

Sunday 17th January

**8am BCP Holy Communion
(Methodist Church)**

**10am Morning Worship
(Methodist Church)**

11am

*St Mary's @11
No Service*

**6pm Evensong
(Methodist Church)**

Sunday 24th January

**8am BCP Holy Communion
(Methodist Church)**

**10am Morning Worship with
Anglican Holy Communion
(Methodist Church)**

11am

*St Mary's @11
Gathering and Worship
(Rectory)*

Thank You from the Mephams

Dear St Mary's Church and PCC.

We wanted to write and say thank you so much for your wonderful generosity and love with our leaving party and gifts. We are starting to settle into our new home but will miss so much about St Mary's and Lytchett. We have already put the Ikea voucher to use to buy some much needed bookcases. Thank you so much. Ali, Kat and family.

Thank You from Veronica and Douglas's children

To the congregation of St Mary's

We would like to say a sincere "Thank You" for all your many, many kindnesses to us all as a family over this sad year, but also for all your Christian care and love shown to our parents Douglas and Veronica throughout their time in Lytchett Matravers. It meant so much to both of them to have found a spiritual home where they could both worship and serve others. Your kindness and care as they journeyed through their different illnesses at the end, your friendship and practical help as well as your prayers have been an immense blessing to us all. Thank you too for organising the refreshments and the most beautiful and uplifting worship at both of the celebrations. Your contributions and the loving and generous manner in which they were offered was a tremendous blessing to us but also echoed our parents testaments. Your care created a wonderful community in which to honour both of their lives and faith.

As you move into a time of searching for a new minister please be assured of our prayers and we will return to spend time with Mum and Dad at their beautiful place of rest by the hedgerow, it could not be more perfect, they loved nature and loved Lytchett.

God bless you all in 2016. With our love. Sarah and Bruce (Douglas and Veronica Horton's children)

Messy Church

Messy church has been put on hold for a few months to regroup and find enough volunteers. Please contact

Mat Riddell 07743 720175

News Sheet

We are aiming to produce a News Sheet each week but would like those who can to access it from the website but will also try to email out to all those who agree.

Click on **News**
Then click on **Recent News**

If you are unable to get the news this way then please ask a member of the PCC or phone **01202 632858** and we will make sure you get a printed version.

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Prayer Focus

- For members of our Church Community and those known to us
- Our churches Together family
- Doris Ames recovering from a fall
- Sheila Ball
- Janet Greenfield
- Jeanette Gillard
- Arthur Haddon
- Praise God for the continued healing for Kat Riddell
- Need for new treasurer ASAP

Important Meetings

This week there are some important meetings in the church which we would really appreciate to be surrounded in prayer.

Tuesday 12th at 1.30pm

Meeting with the Archdeacon about the heating needs and a new vicar.

Tuesday 12th at 7pm

Meeting of PCC with the Rev. Rob Richards who will support us through the interregnum.

Thursday 14th at 7.45pm

Ordinary PCC meeting with no doubt lots of decisions from the previous two meetings!

“New Year, New You?!”

If you think the new year has inspired a clear out in the wardrobe and have clothes to get rid of then Elizabeth Carter is having another collection as a way of raising funds for the Church Heating project. Please either deliver to Clevegold, Deans Drove or phone Elizabeth on 01202 625296 if you need them collected.

Churches Together

St Mary's church is looking for 2 new members to represent us for Churches Together in the village. Please contact one of the people on the left if you would like to join this exciting group within our village.

This Easter, on March 25th (Good Friday) and 26th, the Lytchett Matravers Family of Churches is planning an exhibition in the Village Hall on the theme of 'Home'.

Please share your thoughts! If you think you might be interested in taking part in any way, please contact Adrian Russell on 01202 623225, or **preferably by email** – adrian.russell@thelighthouse.org. *by Sunday 17th January*

Grant Fundraising

The PCC are looking for someone to help co-ordinate and complete applications for our Grant Fundraising for the heating. If this is something you think is just up your street please contact one of the people on the left.