



# 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

## 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### *Worship Today*

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January

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

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

11am

St Mary's @11

No Service

**6pm** Evensong

(Methodist Church)

In the coming weeks

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

Sunday 31st January

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

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

11am

St Mary's @11 Walk and  
Lunch  
(Rectory)

## PCC meet retired Vicar Rob Richards

This week the PCC had the privilege of sharing a very special evening, having a meal together and starting discussions about how we go about finding a new Vicar for our Church in Lytchett Matravers. We were led in this by a retired vicar Rob Richards from Wareham. We all found it a very positive experience but also challenging, as change can be daunting. We pray that we will address the needs of the Parish to the best of our ability and respect each other and the different ways we wish to worship. We hope you all will feel able to share your thoughts with any of the PCC as we strive to represent you.

We will be giving out a questionnaire next week to ask what you think is good about St Marys and what you believe is really important for you.

## Meeting With The Archdeacon

The fabric team met with the Archdeacon The Ven Antony MacRow-Wood and the Rural Dean / Team Rector on Tuesday afternoon at St Mary's to explain where we are with the reordering. Having explained the path we have followed over the last 12-18 months, we showed Anthony around the church so he had a good idea of what a lovely center of worship it is and how it could become more flexible in its use. We adjourned to a warmer environment to discuss the options and at the PCC meeting last night he asked us how we would feel if the first phase was a temporary heating system which could be put in place relatively cheaply, so the church wouldn't need to close and then work out what the ideal long term solution is together with fundraising for a larger project. The PCC felt that would be a good option but now it has to be put to the DAC. Please pray for a workable solution.

## What are we doing this week or in the future?

The Church calendar is now being kept up-to-date. Please let one of the contacts know if you would like to include an event. Visit the website – click on **Events** then click on **Calendar**

## 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

The News Sheet is now being emailed to 46 people. If you would like to get the News sheet in this way then contact Debbie (See below)

Or visit

[www.smlm.co.uk](http://www.smlm.co.uk)

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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## Social Media

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/StMarysLM](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysLM)

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/StMarysLM>

## Prayer Focus

- Jane Dennes and her family at the sudden passing of her father
- 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

## Fundraising Dates For Your Diary

March 12th Lytchett's got Talent

April 16th Car Boot Sale

May 14th see us at the village Fair on the Tea Stand

June History of churches and choral event

June 5th Cream Teas

July 3rd Cream Teas

August 7th Cream Teas

September 9th–11<sup>th</sup> Flower Festival

## PCC Meeting

The PCC had a very constructive meeting on Thursday. A summary of this will be given on the next News Sheet.

## Prayer Meeting

Parish Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. at 11, Old Pound Close. We meet to pray for the Parish and also for any personal concerns you may have; Please join us if you wish

## Mission Shaped Missionary

This 6 week course, run by Paul Bradbury from the Mission Shaped Missionary team, is an opportunity to help us consider what church is and to equip us to think about what our church in Lytchett Matravers might look like now and beyond. The course has a different focus each time (for example on 13th January the discussion was about working through what the essence of church is) and, through a series of prompts and inputs, encourages participants to respond and share openly and honestly. It is open to all but I would encourage those interested in coming along to commit for the remainder of the duration of the course. <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/>

Next meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Ian 01202 623858