



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

18th September 2016

Services will be led by our vicar Stephen Partridge unless otherwise stated

Worship Today

Sunday 18th September

8am BCP Holy Communion

10:00am Morning Worship

Joint service with the Methodist at

The Methodist church

11am St Mary's @11

6pm Evensong

In the coming weeks

Sunday 25th September

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

**Baptism service of
Millicent May Green**

11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 2nd October

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

9:30am Holy Communion

Harvest Festival

11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 9th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 16th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

10:00am Morning Worship

Joint service with the Methodist at

St Mary's church

11am St Mary's @11

6pm Evensong

PCC Meeting

Stephen said the principal of his Training College had given him the book titled **Ministry Rediscovered** by Mike Starkey which sought to help churches with **rebuilding**, **resourcing** and **reimagining** their place in their local community; The verse he had been given was Isaiah 61:4 and he felt that spoke to his and our mission at St Mary's for the future ("They will **rebuild** the ancient ruins and **restore** the places long devastated; they will **renew** the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."). Stephen added we needed to **develop a vision** for a church which is creative and courageous whilst being comfortable with itself.

The PCC is applying for **further grants** for the heating but will still have a considerable financial shortfall so keep it coming! The Standing Committee is meeting on Wednesday to decide which quote to accept; work in the church should start on **7th November** and hopefully be complete by **20th November** although evensong that Sunday will be held in the Methodist Church in case of an overrun.

Bill has made a good start with the **Eco Church Survey** to see how Green we are/could be to try and to decrease our carbon footprint as much as possible. While there are obviously things we cannot do (double glazed windows for example) there certainly are areas we could do better in (recycled toilet paper etc.). We are quite keen to see how we can take this forward, and wondered whether there might be someone who would like to **volunteer to be our Green Champion** – you don't need to be on the PCC?

Mat is in the process of setting up an **information point** at the back of the church where we can display leaflets and information about forthcoming events etc. We also intend to leave out blank forms to those wishing to give to the church via Direct Debit.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th October** at the Vicarage, and as always we would love to hear from anyone who would like us to discuss anything on their behalf.

PCC

News Sheet

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Prayer Focus

- Please pray for:
- Those starting university, especially Ben
- The chancellor to grant permission for heating
- Decision about Tenders this week
- Those that are unable to join us and receive communion in their homes

Wednesday Prayer Meetings

21st & 28th September will be held at the Rectory at 9.30 a.m. On Wednesday, **5th October** we will return to Liz's at 11 Old Pound Close at 9.30 as usual.

Harvest Supper (Churches Together)

Friday September 30th at 7pm

The Harvest Supper is essentially a social event in the form of a Skittles evening at the Chequers for the church family - our one and only scheduled event just for fun. However, it does have an element of thanksgiving about it. If anyone has a bright idea for some small informal thing that could pull us together and lift our evening above just being in a pub together, Tim Brown would love to hear it. Maybe it will be just giving thanks for the meal together (which may not be quite as easy or as dignified as it sounds) Also, any ideas for additional pub games or other peripheral activities in between turns!

The Chequers are doing the catering for us – providing a hot meal in a basket. The choice is Chicken and Chips / Sausage and Chips / Scampi and Chips / Vegetarian option. The cost per ticket is £6, and we make our choice of meal on the night. Tickets will be available soon. Phone Tim on **01202 632249**

Rota Duties

Debbie has been doing the Rota for some time since before Ali left and as she now has more work with the website and News sheet would very much like to hand this over to someone. It is all set up and if you can use Excel then it is just a matter of copying and pasting. Please contact **Debbie** if you feel you could do this small job to help in the church administration. Phone **0202 632858**

Churches Together Lunch September 29th

These lunches are held on the **last Wednesday** of every month. Lunch will be served between 12 and 1-30, in the **Methodist Church**. Anyone is welcome young or old, whether or not you are Church members. Proceeds to **charity**.

Jeepers Creepers – Who is Harry Warren?

Wednesday 19th October 7:00 for 7:30

See poster in church porch. More info in next News Sheet.