



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

8th January 2017

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

Matthew 3.13-17

Isaiah 42.1-9

11am St Mary's @11

In the coming weeks

Sunday 15th January

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10:00am Joint with Methodist
at Methodist Chapel

John 1.29-42

Isaiah 49.1-7

11am St Mary's @11

6pm Evensong

Sunday 22nd January

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

Matthew 4.12-23

Isaiah 9.1-4

11am St Mary's @11

Sunday 29th January

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

9:30am Holy Communion

Matthew 5.1-12

Micah 6.1-8

11am St Mary's @11

Christmas Day Service

If you were away for this service we hope you had a very happy time but you missed a treat so we thought we would give you an insight of Stephen's rendition of a favourite Christmas tune. We joined Stephen on his guitar and sang it all the way through from the first line.

On the twelfth day of Christmas

My true love sent to me,

Twelve heaters heating

Eleven @11s

Ten trees a' sparkling

Nine advent carols

Eight brides blushing

Seven babies baptised

Six bells a-ringing,

Five cream teas,

Four candles bright,

Three messy crafts,

Two knitted lambs,

And a **Partridge in the rectory.**

Annie's India Presentation...continued

Having returned to Delhi, we had time for a shower and lunch before we were taken to the CanKids Hospice where we painted the top floor and stairwell for them. This is the kitchen and restaurant area and we were using gloss paint in 36 degrees temperatures - I started in plastic gloves on my hands but after less than an hour I raised my hands and the water ran down from the gloves and down my arms onto my t shirt so the gloves went!

Come and hear the whole story of my 11 days in India on **Sunday 5th February** at 2.30pm at St Mary's with the trek into the Himalayas followed by afternoon tea and then the painting at CanKids and visits to the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal in the second half. **Tickets £5** to include tea and all profits go to the church for the next stage of the re ordering.

Please let me know if you are interested in tickets.

Many thanks **Annie**

News Sheet

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Prayer Focus

- Anne Jones & family mourning the death of Bob this week
- The Alpha Course starting soon 18th Jan
- Graham Stanfield making a good recovery from surgery
- Children and teachers going back to school

PCC meeting held on 13 December

We discussed a number of matters related to the church building – it is important to remember that getting heating is only the start of what we hope to achieve and not an end in itself. Stephen asked everyone who uses the church to let him know how they use the chancel space (or would like to use the space) and why, possibly including photographs for illustration, to help us determine what we would like to do as we have to submit our proposals before the end of 2017.

Jo Sepkes-Jones has updated the Church's safeguarding policy which has been read and approved by Heather Bland, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Jo would initially like everyone in a position of responsibility in the church to attend a training session on safeguarding at one of the sessions being offered around the diocese in the next few months.

How about making a resolution to help out on one of our welcome/service rotas this year? We could in particular do with more people to read and to lead prayers during the 09:30 service, but any help would be welcome! Please let Riette know if you would be able to do one "turn" every few months – the @ 11 team will also be looking to setting up a rota for their meeting. **Riette Hodson**

Bellringing

We now have at least 6 people **learning bell ringing** including 2 teenagers so if your New Year's resolution is to take up a new activity then why not give it a go. We are training on Wednesday and Friday from 4-6pm and Saturday from 10-12am on most weeks. Contact Debbie **01202 632858** or Annie **01202 622512** for more information **Debbie Phipps**

Alpha

I am excited that a number of people have already shown an interest in being part of the **Alpha course** that starts **18th Jan** 7.30pm at St Dunstan's Church Upton. I always find Alpha a great experience, both hearing the questions that people bring and seeing people of all stages of faith moving closer to Jesus. This Spring we are using a newly recorded set of talks endorsed by Bear Grylls, you can hear his story here: alpha.org.

Please think about who you could bring along to this course that we are running in partnership with Upton church. If you are interested then please email or call me. **Stephen**