



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

5th February 2017

Sunday 5th February

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell

9:30am Holy Communion

Isaiah 58.1-12

Matthew 5. 13-20

11am St Mary's @11

Matthew 6

In the coming weeks

Sunday 12th February

8am BCP Holy Communion
Martin Fredriksen

9:30am Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Matthew 5.21-37

11am St Mary's @11

Luke 12

Sunday 19th February

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell

10:00am Joint with Methodist
and @11 at St Mary's

Matthew 5.38-48

6pm Evensong

Sunday 26th February

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion

Exodus 24.12-18

Matthew 17.1-9

11am St Mary's @11

Mark 1

Annie's Charity India Trip

Thank you to all those who were planning to come to Annie's talk this Sunday, unfortunately she has a chest infection and won't be able to do the presentation this Sunday, please pass this information on to anyone you know who was planning to come but is not on email.

Hopefully we can reschedule a new date to hear about her amazing charity trip when she is feeling better. Thank you for your understanding.

Bell Ringing Congratulations

Congratulations to **Annie** and **Debbie** for passing **ART Training Module 1 Teaching Bell Handling**. Also to 2 of their learners **Cathy Neyland** and **Gordon Paterson** who have passed **Level 1 Bell Handling** and are now able to ring in rounds with the rest of the Band at practices.

Tower Captain

Message from the fundraising team

We have had our first meeting of the new year, and have a program of fundraising events which we hope you will all enjoy, and join in with!

Our first event is a history of the church talk, given by our own local historian Shirley Percival.

And yes, you've guessed...we are asking again for your support. We will be providing **cakes** as **refreshment** and are seeking **support** with baked items. So, as you cook and bake, is it possible to think of a 'spare' one, then pop it in the freezer ready for March 5th?

As always, without your continued support, our events would not raise as much money which enables us to help with the upkeep of our lovely historic church.

With our thanks.

The fundraising team

News Sheet

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Prayer Focus

- Alan and the family mourning the loss of Meryl
- Children and Staff on half term from 11th
- Those attending the Alpha Course
- Continued healing for Patsy
- Those who attended Messy Church

Wanted!!

We are collecting toiletries for a fundraising event later in the year. Toiletries for male/ female/ children gratefully received. So dig out those unwanted Christmas gifts and donate to our fundraising for the up keep of the church.

Heather will be collecting items in church, or you can contact Heather on 01202 949690

Thank you for your support

The fundraising team

Prayer

As we approach Lent I would like to tell you about a couple of prayer focussed activities that are coming together.

Firstly we are running a **Lent course** jointly with Upton and Lytchett Minster, the course is called simply '**The Prayer course**' and will look at different aspects of prayer such as adoration, petition, intercession, perseverance, listening and warfare. We will run two identical sessions - one on Tuesday evening at St Dunstan's and then one on Wednesday lunchtime at St Mary's. The course will involve some input from a DVD, then time for discussion, bible study and prayer. I will be looking to tie in the theme to our Sunday 9.30 service as well.

Secondly the Diocese have asked for a focus on prayer this Lent and have distributed a number of **Prayer booklets** that I will make available at church and can be given to those who are connected to St Mary's but aren't able to join us for Sunday worship. For the technological among you there is also a downloadable **App** which can assist with focused daily prayer too - contact me if you want more details.

Prayer is an essential part of who we are as a Christian Community and I hope you will take advantage of these initiatives to enhance/encourage/inspire you with your own prayer life this Lent.

Stephen