



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

19th March 2017

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell

10:00am Joint with Methodist
at Methodist church

Psalm 72.1-19,

*John 17.20-24. The Prayer
Course – 'Intercession'*

11am St Mary's @11

Luke 18

6pm Evensong

In the coming weeks

Sunday 26th March

Mothering Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

Psalm 23

*Mark 14.32-38. The Prayer
Course – 'Perseverance'*

11am St Mary's @11

TBC

Sunday 2nd April

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

Psalm 63.1-8

John 10.1-10.

*The Prayer Course –
'Listening'*

11am St Mary's @11

Mat 18.12-14 John 10.11

Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

Psalm 91 Matthew 21.1-11.

*The Prayer Course –
'Warfare'*

11am St Mary's @11

Matthew 21.1-11

St Mary's Vision Morning March 4th



My first **Vision Morning** with **St Mary's Church** was a lively and energising session. The location was Lytchett Minster Parish Church, a flexible space that enabled us to gather as a large group, meet around tables in smaller groups and to share fellowship over tea, coffee, croissant and hot cross buns.

Taking **Matthew 5.13-16 - Salt and Light** as our guiding passage of scripture we opened in prayer and praise. Then in small groups we thought about our **identity** as a church community, our **strengths, limitations, opportunities** and **threats**. The result of this task has been on display in the church over the last few weeks.

After this we gathered again and began to look at the **values** that were suggested by the congregations at the start of January. With the **values** broadly grouped into 12 we sought to establish which 3 were at the core of St Mary's and then how we might prioritise the others, again this has been displayed in the church.

Our third session involved thinking about how each of us finds **different ways of drawing closer to God** - some through nature or celebration, others through quiet or caring for others. This helped us see the diversity of approaches among our church community and then led into a time of thinking through ideas for the future.

We used post-it notes to make **suggestions** and put forward **ideas** that could help us nurture our **spiritual growth**, make the most of our strengths and begin to use opportunities that we had identified earlier. We closed with another time of prayer and praise as we offered all that we had done to God.

After the weekend I sent a summary of the sessions to a number of our families who were unable to be with us, with the hope that alongside all the 'grown-up' responses there will also be thoughts, ideas and guidance from the younger members of our Church community. Once these have all been gathered in I hope to begin sharing a **vision for the next few years at our APCM**, with the PCC and the wider church community.

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Prayer Focus

- Patsy still experiencing pain
- For those who have attended the Alpha Course
- For Sheila and Reg Ball in the continuing challenges with Sheila's health
- For Chris starting at a new school

St Mary's Vision Morning March 4th – Cont.

I do feel that we are in an exciting position as a church and my prayer is that with foundational values and a shared vision in place we can build on our strengths, reduce our limitations, counter any threats and make the most of the opportunities before us. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to help and contribute during a thought-provoking and stimulating morning.

Stephen

St Mary's History Talk

Thank you to everyone who helped, in whatever way, and came and supported the talk 5th March.

It was so nice to see 87 people in church, listening to the interesting talk on the history of the church. Shirley has such a lot of local knowledge to share.

Lots of people said what a lovely church St Mary's is. Some said they were inspired to paint and do other art work with the church as the focus!

This first fundraising event of the year raised £510, which will go towards the repair, upkeep and development of St Mary's.

With thanks to you all

The Fundraising team

Clothes Collection



I am doing another collection of clothes to raise funds for the church works. Please can you deliver them to Clevegold or call me on 01202 625296 if you want them collected. Some stuff will go to a car boot sale on the 28th March so please all donations by **27th March**.

Elizabeth

Diary Dates March/April

24	Fri	7.30 pm	SMLM	PCC Meeting
25	Sat	4.00 pm	SMLM	Messy Church
26	Sun	8/9.30/11	SMLM	Mothering Sunday <i>Clocks forward 1 hour</i>
5 Apr	Wed	7.30	SMLM	Annual Church Meeting