



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

Sunday 3rd December

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell

9:30am Holy Communion
Isaiah 64.1-9
Mark 13.24-37

11am St Mary's @11
Daniel 6

6pm Advent Carol Service
Methodist Chapel

Sunday 10th December

8am BCP Holy Communion
Isaiah 40.1-11, Mark 1.1-8

10:30am Community Carols
in Village Hall

4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 17th December

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell

10:00 Morning Worship
Joint with Methodist at The
Methodist Chapel

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
John 1.6-8, 19-28

11am St Mary's @11
Nehemiah 8-10

6pm Carol Service St Mary's

Sunday 24th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion
2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16
Luke 1.26-38

11am St Mary's @11
Luke 2

4pm Nativity Service

11pm Midnight Communion
Isaiah 62.6-12, Luke 2.1-14

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Communion
John 1.1-14

Christingle – Sunday 10th at 4pm

It will soon be Christingle again. Christingle means Christ Light. The Christingle has become symbolic in fundraising for the Children's Society and celebrates Jesus Christ as the light of the world. I would like to share with you a poem on the theme of Hope written by 17-year-old James

*As I sit next to you and look up at the sky,
I gaze into the stars and often wonder, why?
Why was it me that this illness fell upon?
Why was it me that had to carry on?
For when I look into the sky now all I see is the void.
I see the fear, the darkness and the hope that it's destroyed.
The void stares back at me and often it will laugh,
but then you turn to me and whisper 'this will pass'
Your hand locks with mine and I begin to ignore the sky,
for I know there's still hope.
As long as I try.*

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Vision Morning

We were privileged to share a Vision Morning within the Benefice and Michael Tomlinson MP and Andrew Mead. Lytchett Minster Headmaster spoke. There are challenges for us all and you can see the full details on the SMLM website. Please look and consider your response.

<http://www.smlm.co.uk/2017/11/26/the-vision-morning-for-our-community/>

Carol service for the Community

Village Hall 10th December 10:30am

We will be gathering as Churches Together in the Village Hall at 10:30am on 10th December for this annual joy-filled event. We would love donations of mince pies and other festive snacks to share with our community on this morning, and if you can help serve them do let me know.

Stephen

A Christmas Tree for the Community

There will be a grand lighting up of a Community Christmas Tree outside Tesco Express at 5pm on Tues 5th December.

News Sheet

If you would like to get the News sheet by email please contact Debbie (See below)

Or visit

<http://www.smlm.co.uk/blog/>

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Prayer Focus

- Jill and David Everett as David's health deteriorates
- Graham Stansfield with new challenges
- Lucy d'Orton- Gibson for wise decisions about care
- The Festival of Angels over two weekends
- The Christmas Services and those who attend
- PCC meeting on 12th December

Festival of Angels

Our community has worked together to create an 'angelic heavenly host' in our church.

Please come and visit this event, and try and count how many angels you can see! (you may win a small prize for the closest answer!). Encourage friends and family to visit too.

We still need your generous contributions of baked items, sweets and goodies, jams and pickles. If you are the 'crafty' type we are also hoping for small home/ hand made items suitable as a gift or decoration. Helpers will also be needed on the day. Our stall last year was very popular, thanks to your kind donations.

Please encourage friends and family to visit!

Thank you all for your support and generous donations.

The Fundraising Team

Sign up to receive the Knittivity for a night

Thank you to Angela and Karen who have prepared the knitted sheep to join Mary, Joseph and the Donkey as they travel around the village this year. The Knitted Nativity, or Posada, is a chance to take precious time in the busy build up to Christmas.

Please let me or Jackie Cannings know if you would like the Nativity at your home for a night, even if you haven't got children it can be an opportunity to reflect, and even invite neighbours to come and see it whilst sharing a cup of tea or coffee with them.

Stephen

Diary Dates

Click on the link below to see the full calendar

December

1-3rd & 9-10			SMLM	Festival of Angels
3	Sun	8/9:30/11	SMLM	Advent Sunday
3	Sun	6pm	Methodist Chapel	Advent Carol Service
10	Sun	10:30 am	VH	Community Carols Together in Village Hall
10	Sun	4 pm	SMLM	Christingle All-Age Service
12	Tues	7.30 pm	SMLM	PCC Meeting
17	Sun	6 pm	SMLM	Carols by Candlelight
24	Sun	4pm	SMLM	Nativity

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