



# 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 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*

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*

## Sunday 31st December

8am BCP Holy Communion

*Stewart Timbrell*

10:00am Holy Communion  
and Baptism

*Luke 2.22-40*

## Sunday 7th January

8am BCP Holy Communion

*Stewart Timbrell*

9:30am Holy Communion

*Ephesians 3.1-12*

*Matthew 2.1-12*

11am St Mary's @11

*Matthew 2*

## Christmas Message

What an incredible year it has been, my first full year in the parish and the time has just flown by.

We have seen many great events in the church that have drawn people into our wonderful building and into fellowship with us. Our links have grown with **Lytchett Minster** and **St Dunstan's** through the **Alpha** and **Lent Courses** and we've connected more with the **school** through regular assemblies and our **Churches Together** events go from strength to strength.

The recent tree lighting outside Tesco Express was an example of collaboration with church, shop and school that was very well received by the community. The re-launch of two small groups linked to St Mary's has brought another dimension to our Church community alongside our regular prayer group and various activities we support during the week.

We end another year thanking and praising God that he has answered our prayers and stirred the hearts and minds of those who have given so generously and enabled us to reach our **hundred chair donation** target a week before the chairs arrive.

As we celebrate the birth of our saviour, the one who brings joy to the world, I pray that the same joy will be our strength as we set out to meet new challenges in 2018.

Continuing to seek God's will and for him to light our path let us pray together inspired by David's words in Psalm 63:

*O God, you are our God, we seek you, our souls  
thirst for you;*

*our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.*

*So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.*

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, our  
lips will praise you.*

*So we will bless you as long as we live; We will lift  
up our hands and call on your name.*

Thank you everyone for your support and commitment to St Mary's this year. Happy Christmas!

**Stephen**

## News Sheet

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

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## Prayer Focus

- All who are fearful about Christmas
- Jill Everitt, Nicola and Diana and families on the death of David
- Graham Stansfield having more treatment
- Our outreach to others through Christmas services
- Sheila Ball that the wound would heal

## Prayer Meetings

There will be no prayer meeting on **Wednesday 27th December**. Prayer will still happen in our own homes so please join us in your own way. May you enjoy the Blessings of this joyous season. Prayer together as usual on **3rd January at 9.30 am** at 11 Old Pound Close

## Festival of Angels

Over 500 angels greeted our visitors! With many lovely comments from visitors as they walked into the festival which was created by local individuals, groups, organisations and businesses. Thank you for joining in, especially letting your angel be part of our porch display.

Thank you to all of you who participated in this event. Bakers, jam makers, helpers and crafters. And of course, those who visited. A warm welcome was given and all visitors appreciated the fellowship within our church. We welcomed over 120 visitors many of whom kindly gift aided their donations, so a final figure of monies raised is difficult to estimate, but will be **between £800- £1,000**, which will go towards the repair and upkeep of the church.

Small prizes were given, kindly donated by Tesco's, for those with the closest guess to 540. The beautiful painting of the church by a local artist was purchased for £50 and goes to a local resident.

We look forward to organising events in 2018! We will 'keep you posted'!

Best wishes **The fundraising team**

## Diary Dates

[Click on the link below to see the full calendar](#)

### December

17	Sun	6 pm	SMLM	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>
24	Sun	4pm	SMLM	<b>Nativity</b>
24	Sun	11pm	SMLM	<b>Midnight communion</b>
25	Mon	10am	SMLM	<b>Christmas Communion</b>

### January

7	Sun	7:30pm	Rectory	<b>Alpha course</b>
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