

## Sunday 9th December

**8am** BCP Holy Communion  
**10:30** Churches Together  
 Community Carols in the  
 Village Hall

## Wednesday 12th December

7.45-8.15am Morning Prayer

## Sunday 16th December

**8am** BCP Holy Communion  
*Stewart Timbrell*  
**10am** Joint All-Age Service  
 with Methodists and @11 at St  
 Mary's  
**6pm** Joint Carol Service at the  
 Methodist Chapel led by  
 Churches in Harmony Choir

## Wednesday 19th December

7.45-8.15am Morning Prayer

## Sunday 23rd December

**8am** BCP Holy Communion  
**9:30am** Holy Communion  
**11am** St Mary's @11  
 to decorate the church  
**4pm** Christingle, Crib, Carols  
 and Cake

## Monday 24th December

**4pm** Nativity Service  
**11pm** Midnight Communion

## Tuesday 25th December

**10am** Christmas Day  
 Communion – all ages  
 welcome

## Sunday 30th December

**8am** BCP Holy Communion  
*Stewart Timbrell*  
**9:30am** Holy Communion  
**11am** St Mary's @11

## Sunday 6th January

**8am** BCP Holy Communion  
*Stewart Timbrell*  
**9:30am** Holy Communion  
**11am** St Mary's @11

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family  
 We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

## Carols for the Community

### Sunday 9th December

Churches Together All-Age Service at the Village Hall,  
 service starts **10.30** with seasonal refreshments beforehand.

## Collections Over Christmas

The **Christingle** service collection will go to the **Children's Society**.

The **Midnight Service** on 24th collection will go to the **Wareham Foodbank**

**Christmas Day** collection will go to the **Open Doors Project**

## Carol Service



Take a break from the hustle and  
 bustle of Christmas preparations at **Churches in Harmony  
 Carol Service** on **Sunday 16th December**, 6 pm at The  
 Methodist Chapel. Hear the story of the Coming of Christ  
 through words and carols led by the Churches in Harmony  
 Choir (including a scratch 'gallery' band!) , Rev Sue Gowling  
 and Rev Stephen Partridge. We look forward to seeing you  
 there.

*Jan Watson*

## Bell Restoration Project

As some of you are aware we are progressing with applying  
 for grants to restore our 6 bells. The reason why the bells  
 need to be restored is attached to this newsheet if you get it  
 by email and some printed copies at the back of the church  
 and on the notice board. Any fundraising and grant  
 applications for the bells will not impinge on Fundraising  
 events and grants for other much needed projects within the  
 church and the upkeep and running of the church. To  
 encourage the local community to be involved in the Heritage  
 of our church there are several events planned for 2019 for  
 individual groups and also open to all the community. A  
 programme will be produced in the New Year.

**Debbie Phipps**

## News Sheet

If you would like to get the News sheet by email please contact Debbie (See below)  
Or visit  
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### **Facebook**

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<https://twitter.com/StMarysLM>

## Prayer Focus

### For Our Prayers

- Those whom Christmas is a painful time
- That we would all make visitors really welcome
- For the real message of Christmas to be what people take home from services
- Those who cannot spend Christmas with family and friends

## The Christmas Fair

This brought in lots of visitors on Saturday, many of whom were non-churchgoers. There was a 'buzzy' and social atmosphere, bringing its own 'Christmas spirit'! Advent is certainly time to 'prepare', lots of people were busy buying, eating and drinking tea, but also looking around our lovely church and taking time to read about, and look at the 'knitted' family who were beginning their journey.

With kind and generous donations received on Sunday, we raised approximately £500 towards the repair and upkeep of the church.

The fundraising team would like to thank all our generous congregation and contributors for their support. However you support; donate, bake and make, and of course coming to support events...without this support we could not succeed! A very big thank you for a successful year of fundraising!

**The Fundraising Team**

## Burns Night

January 19th at the Village Hall. Hoots Man! **SOLD OUT!**

## Prayer Meeting

The Prayer meeting on **Wednesday 12th December** at 9.30 am will be at Ann Jones home, 5 Fry's Close (corner of Limekiln Road and Fry's Close). Thank you, Ann. Then returning to 11 Old Pound Close for the 19th December and 2nd January 2019.

## Diary Dates [St Mary's Calendar](#)

### December

<b>Sun</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Village Hall	<b>Community Carols</b>
<b>Sun</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Mary's	<b>Joint All-Age Service with Methodists and @11</b>
<b>Tue</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	St Mary's	<b>PCC Meeting</b>
<b>Sun</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4pm	St Mary's	<b>Christingle, Crib, Carol and cake</b>
<b>Mon</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	St Mary's	<b>Nativity Service</b>
<b>Mon</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	11pm	St Mary's	<b>Midnight Communion</b>
<b>Tue</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Mary's	<b>Christmas Day Communion</b>