



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

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
10am Christmas Communion
for all ages

Sunday 6th January

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

Sunday 13th January

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

Sunday 20th January

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell
10am Joint All-Age Service
with Methodists and @11 at
Methodist Church
6pm Evensong

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family

We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

Christmas Message 2018

Thank you for being part of St Mary's Church Community this year. As I reach my third Christmas as Vicar here I am grateful for all who have found their home at St Mary's and all those who help to embody our values of Blessing, Belonging and Believing. As we continue to offer a warm welcome, and as we share fellowship together I see us all drawn deeper in our relationship with one another and with God.

This year, as well as our home groups continuing to meet, there have been two alpha courses that have helped more people to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment. We have begun hosting a 'Praise and prayer' service every other month, which is adding to our variety of worship and also acting as a meeting point for members of the three churches in the benefice. We hope this service will continue through 2019 as well as our annual joint Lent course.

Looking forward we will be saying goodbye to Jean de Garis and family at Easter as he moves on to a new post and we pray for him as he leaves as well as for the congregations he leaves behind.

At St Mary's we continue to balance our work to restore with our desire to re-imagine. Our two windows are now back in place with wonderfully restored stonework surrounds. In the chancel we hope to install new choir frontals this year once we have raised the required money. In the tower we hope to see the new ladder installed and then, as the donations and trust applications come together, we hope to have the bells removed from the tower to be overhauled and refitted, ready for the next 150 years. We also hope to be upgrading our sound system this year, as well as restoring a tomb in the church and some in the churchyard that are becoming unsafe. As ever we are keen to keep in step with God as he lead us into the future.

Do pray with me that the light of Christ will shine into each of our lives this season and that it will shine through us into the world as we celebrate the birth of our saviour together. All in all it looks like 2019 will be another exciting year at St Mary's, Happy Christmas to you all.

Stephen

News Sheet

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Prayer Focus

For Our Prayers

- Vi still hoping to come home soon
- Bill and Elizabeth's friend Rosie who is still too ill to come home for Christmas
- For those missing loved ones at Christmas
- For open hearts and generous spirits for all of us in the busyness of Christmas

Praise God

- For repaired windows
- For freedom to worship

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**

Burns Night

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

Taize service

St. Dunstan's Church would like to invite our members to join them, for a 6pm Taize service on 30th December, as we rejoice at Christmas and look ahead to the new year, using songs from the Taize community and including a time of silent reflection.

Stephen

Diary Dates

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

December

Sun	23 rd	4pm	St Mary's	Christingle, Crib, Carol and cake
Mon	24 th	4pm	St Mary's	Nativity Service
Mon	24 th	11pm	St Mary's	Midnight Communion
Tue	25 th	10am	St Mary's	Christmas Day Communion
Sun	30 th	10am	St Mary's	Christmas Communion

January

Mon	7 th			Small Groups begin
Tue	15 th		St Mary's	PCC Meeting
Sun	27 th	4-6pm	St Mary's	Messy Church