



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

Sunday 24th November

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

Wednesday 27th November

7.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 1st December

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell
9:30am Holy Communion
11am St Mary's @11
4pm – Christingle
6pm Praise and Prayer
Benefice Service at St Dunstan's

Wednesday 4th December

7.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th December

8am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Community Carol Service at the Village Hall led by the Church Family in Lytchett Matravers - Churches Together.

Wednesday 11th December

7.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th December

8am BCP Holy Communion
Stewart Timbrell
10am Joint with Methodists at the Methodist Chapel
11am St Mary's @11

Wednesday 11th December

7.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd December

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
11am Decorating the church
6pm Carol Service

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family

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

Christmas Cards

We have created two different cards based on the bells. These are selling at £1.00 each or 6 for £5.00 and are available in Church or from **Elizabeth Carter**. Proceeds towards the bells, envelopes included.

Elm Headstocks

We have 5 of our old headstocks which date from **1931** for sale. They can be seen at the back of the church. If you are interested in purchasing some of the history of St Mary's either to make into something or use ornamentally in your garden for example then please contact **Debbie** or **Elizabeth**

Pre-Christmas Church Clean

Why not come and join us on **4th December** to clean and tidy the church after the bell-hanging and before festivities begin. We will be working inside and out weather permitting. There is lots to do and if you come the company will be great!

Stir up help!

As Stir Up Sunday marks advent is upon us...as you begin to prepare for the Christmas season, a plea for mince pies! **Churches Together Carol Service** is serving mince pies to the community. Can you please include a few, in your preparations? They are needed for **December 8th**. They would be much appreciated and greatly received. If you can assist us please contact **Jackie 01202 632298**. Thank you for your support - **Churches Together in Lytchett Matravers**

Christmas fundraising workshop

Would you like to make a Christmas door wreath and enjoy a creative, social time with other church friends? Come along to our workshop event on **Thursday 12th December**. Cost of the workshop is £20 per person with all materials (ring base and greenery) provided along with all refreshments to include a simple homemade soup lunch. All you need to bring will be a few embellishments of choice to finish off your creation. Start at 11am with coffee and mince pies and a demonstration – aiming to finish by 3pm. Contact Ann Robinson **01202 625635** or Ann Manning **01202 623635** **Fundraising Team**

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

Give pray for

- Those who don't want to be alone over Christmas, that they will receive invitations to join in the celebrations
- Those who find the preparations for the festive season a financial burden, that they will rediscover the true meaning of Christmas and take the pressure off themselves to overspend

The Churches Together Lunch

Next lunch is 27th November

These lunches are held on the last Wednesday of every month. Lunch will be served between 12 and 1-30, in the Methodist Church. Anyone is welcome young or old, whether or not you are Church members. Proceeds to charity. **Sheila**

Knitted Nativity

Our expert knitters have pulled out all the stops this year and added shepherds, wise men and a crazy camel to our amazing knitted nativity. This special nativity set, or 'Posada' as it is known, will be travelling around Lytchett Matravers and further afield during December starting after our Christingle service on 1st December. Email Stephen with your details if you want to sign up. **Stephen**

Diary Dates

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

November		
27 th	Churches Together Lunch	12-1:30 at the Methodist Chapel

December		
1 st	Messy Christingle Service	4pm at St Mary's
10 th	PCC	7:30pm at St Mary's
12 th	Christmas Wreath Workshop	11-3 at St Mary's
14 th	Wedding	12:30 at St Mary's
22 nd	Carol Service	6pm at St Mary's
24 th	Nativity Service	4pm at St Mary's

January		
26 th	Service of Dedication	4pm at St Mary's