



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

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 18th December

7.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd December

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

Wednesday 18th December

7.45am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 24th December

4pm Nativity Service - come dressed up
11pm Midnight communion

Wednesday 25th December

10am United All-Age Communion Service

Sunday 29th December

8am BCP Holy Communion
10am United All-Age Communion 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.

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**

Our Bells are Ringing Again

Our bells are ringing again! Tower Captain Debbie Phipps put the bolt on the last clapper to be fitted on Tuesday November 19th. Ropes were put on and a big tidy up by all our great helpers. Hard hats have now been put away. We had a great band to do a test ring and we proudly put up our new spider. The spider is the hanger for the ropes which was made from one of the old headstocks by Hayden Crumpler for which we are truly grateful.

We wished Oggy our bellhanger farewell and a safe journey back to Loughborough. A big thank you to Oggy for his thorough work getting our bells and fittings back in and to John Taylor & Co for the work done. Back on home ground we had our first full band practice on Friday 29th and rang for 2 services on Sunday.

We would like to thank everyone who helped see this project through whether it was helping the bellhanger, supplying our workers with food and refreshments or supporting and coming to our fundraising events. Without all of these people we would not have one of the best peals of 6 bells in the Salisbury Branch. Our bellringers are delighted and thank you all.

Debbie

News Sheet

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Prayer Focus

Prayers for:

- Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year. The important message is we are not alone and there is light and hope to be found in the God who sits beside us and shares our concerns
- For those who are ill in hospital or at home. May God send healing, peace and comfort.

The Churches Together Lunch

Next one in January as no December Lunch

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**

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**

Diary Dates

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

December		
10 th	PCC meeting	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