



# 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

## During August

**8am** in church AND online

**9:30** in church AND online

**@11** online ONLY

*Depending on COVID updates  
any of these could be changed  
but we would notify you through  
our Newssheet mailings*

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

**To be confirmed**

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** St Mary's @11

[www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/](http://www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/)

## ZOOM Coffee

10:45 St Mary's Coffee

Click on **ZOOM** above or

Meeting ID: 509 117 4507

Password: 633010

## The Alpha Course

**Starts in September – This year we are going ONLINE!**

**What is it?** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian Faith.

**Who is it for?** Alpha is for anyone who is curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Alpha attendees usually come because someone has invited them, have a think about who you might like to invite.

**How does it work?** This year Alpha is going online for the first time. The details are still being finalized but there will be about eleven weekly sessions roughly following this pattern:

10 minute welcome and introduction led by Stephen

30 minute film to watch introducing an aspect of the Christian faith.  
30 minute discussion, not 'grill the vicar' but a chance to discuss, with others, some big questions in a relaxed, respectful environment.

5 minute A short wrapping up time led by Stephen.

There will also be a longer 2½ hour session on a Saturday morning mid-way through the course. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's no problem. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge. But for those who join we can continue the discussion through the week via email if needed.

**Contact Stephen, if you are interested in assisting on Alpha, or if you are interested in joining the course.**

## Home Baked and Produce Stall

The Fundraising Team are holding a produce stall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** 10-1pm at Landers Reach. Our bakers have rustled up some delicious items.

Do come and buy something and let all your friends know too.

*Your support is much appreciated.*

**The 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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Twitter

<https://twitter.com/StMarysLM>

## Give thanks

- To the donors of food for distribution around the village and for those who make it all happen

## Pray for

- Those who are feeling a bit lost or low at this moment and that they will become aware of the presence of God
- God to keep us safe from the virus. Prevent us from becoming complacent and remind us to keep washing our hands, keep a safe distance and wear our masks.

## Ride + Stride

### 12 September 2020

Dorset Historic Churches Trust provides funds to help parishes keep their churches weatherproof, warm and available for worship and wider public use. In 2019 grants totalling £106,500 were awarded to 16 churches. Most of the Trust's income comes from the annual sponsored Ride+Stride. In 2019 £84,623 was raised by participants of all ages and abilities. 50% of all money pledged was returned to the churches nominated by the riders or striders, so everyone benefited.

Ride + Stride will take place this year on **Saturday 12th September** 2020. It will be a modified event to take account of Covid 19 restrictions. This means that churches may not be open, refreshments and WCs may not be available and participants may have to self record their own efforts. This is to minimise any risk of infection between people or contamination of churches.

However it will still be an opportunity for a great day out in Dorset, on bikes, horses or on foot to raise some much needed funds for your church and churches across the county.

If you are not able to take part, you are still able support Ride + Stride by sponsoring one of riders or striders. Remember that half the sum pledged will be gratefully used by the Trust to sustain our wonderful churches and the other half will be given back to the parish that they nominate, or other nominated charity.

**Thank you for supporting this event in previous years. As a church we have received a number of grants from them recently and will be fielding a team of riders and striders again this year. If you would like to help organise a team of riders or striders, or just take part, please get in touch.**

**Stephen**