



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

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

*** 8am services at church
All other services online only**

Sunday 10th January

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

Sunday 17th January

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

Sunday 24th January

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

Sunday 31st January

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

Sunday 7th February

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

Sunday 14th February

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

www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

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

A Verse To Reflect On

Psalm 46 begins with the verse: '**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble**'.

This ancient verse reminds us of the importance of coming back to God, especially when times are difficult. I am reminded that going through struggles is far better done close to God than far from him. As we enter another lockdown I would encourage you, again, to draw strength from God, to lean on him and feel his loving arms holding you up.

Later on in the psalm we read '**Be still and know that I am God**', here is another reminder that times of stillness and times of inactivity can be times when we know God for who he is. Times of stillness and quiet can be times when we sense God's presence and his peace with us.

Finally I am reminded of the Wise Men, the Magi who we remembered this week. The Magi must have had struggles on their long journey to Jesus. The magi had just a glimpse of God's presence - a bright pinprick in the sky which they faithfully followed across field and fountain, moor and mountain, until they saw it rest over the place where Jesus was.

Let us continue to look for glimpses of God working around us and in us, and take encouragement from the glimpse we get of his love and care. We can then share these glimpses of God with others as this New Year begins. Bless You.

Stephen

Zoom Sunday Coffee

We recognise the value of fellowship and will continue to offer a Zoom virtual coffee time after the 930 service for those that want to make themselves a coffee and chat to others from the church. This worked well in the Summer for a number of weeks and we hope it may be a valuable lifeline again for those that would like to join in.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5091174507?pwd=UFByeDJFbndMdi9vek t3OG9oSHdOUT09>

The meeting id is 509 117 4507

Passcode: 633010

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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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Pray For

- All with Covid-19 or other illnesses who are in hospital or recovering at home
- All affected by the lockdown, especially those who feel isolated
- All the parents having to manage with home schooling
- May the children maintain their learning levels until school resumes
- For all the young people who will miss exams this summer
- May they all have fair appraisals of their work and efforts.

St Mary's Bellringers

As most of you know St Mary's Bellringers are keen to continue ringing however they can even though they can only ring one bell for a service when we are not in lockdown. We did enjoy having a cheer when we were ringing the handbells at Christmas – thank you. We are continuing to learn and make progress and have fun! Most of this is on a virtual platform called Ringing Room. We hope to make a recording of how we do this next week so look out for us maybe at the end of a service so you can hear and see what we get up to!!...Socially distanced of course!

You can see more of what we have been up to on the church website.
<https://www.smlm.co.uk/bellringing-through-covid/>

Debbie

Church Calendar

<https://www.smlm.co.uk/events/calendar/>

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