



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

Sunday 3rd October

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

9:30am Holy Communion

Harvest Festival

11am @11

Sunday 10th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry available

11am @11

Sunday 17th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10am Worship Service with
Methodists

No @11

Sunday 24th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am @11

Sunday 31st October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am @11

www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

31st October at 3pm

We are holding a service to commemorate the faithful departed or '**All Souls' Service**' at St Mary's Church on 31st October at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend as we gather to remember loved ones who have died, there will be a chance to light a candle in memory of someone. If you would like a particular person to be remembered and their name to be read out during the service, please contact **Pam Baker** (01202 623299) pam-b@hotmail.co.uk with the name of the person or people you would like remembered.

Stephen

Messy Light Party

31st October at 5.30-7

We are hosting a **Light Party** at St Mary's Church on 31st October starting at 5.30pm. We will spend time thinking about the importance of light, sing some songs, have activities and crafts linked to this time of year, and then we hope to provide some **light** refreshments to finish. All ages are welcome to gather with us as we celebrate the light of Christ. Do let me know if you are hoping to come along and also if you want to help in any way.

Stephen

Cheeky Monkeys

..is looking for supporters

Margaret (who runs the group) is keen to have some Church members along to chat and serve coffee.

If you can help on a **Thursday afternoon** in the Village Hall from 1pm-2.30pm during term time please speak to Stephen, Ann or Elizabeth.

Stephen

Ride and Stride 2021

Thank you to all who raised or donated money for this event on 11th September. As a Church we managed to raise around **£260** which will go towards the **Dorset Historic Churches Trust** for their work in giving grants to Churches that are seeking to sustain and renew their old buildings. We had riders and striders around Blandford, Purbeck, Wimborne and the Tarrant Valley. The weather was perfect and a number of us managed to finish off with a trip down to our church and enjoy the hospitality being provided for our Open Day.

Stephen

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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Prayers

Give thanks for

- The changing season as we see the beauty in God's creation of the autumn colours in the trees and hedgerows

Pray for

- Students beginning or returning to university. May God give them the energy to fulfill their tasks, inspire their direction and gently lead them to their destiny.
- Those dealing with illness. May they seek healing from God whenever sick or depressed and know that He will comfort their mind, body, and spirit. In Jesus' name.

Church Open Day

It was great to be able to open the Church on Saturday, 11th September, and for the people of the Church to welcome a steady stream of people from the village community into the sacred space. Thank You to everyone who contributed cakes, time and energy to this day. As Vicar, I am privileged to be able to visit St. Mary's Church most days, to pray, worship, meet others, tidy up, move chairs, etc. I try never to forget all who have gone before me, from those who began building the Church 800 years ago, to all who have worshipped and maintained the Church over the subsequent years.

It was good to welcome people in and let them see how we have enhanced the building through the works this Summer. In one sense, it was a case of 'come and see what you can't see', as the works enabled removal of much of the redundant electric wiring on the walls as well as hiding away of the A/V system and livestream wires and speakers etc. We also took the opportunity, whilst the scaffolding was up, to redecorate the walls and Chancel ceiling. We think the resultant look is one which shows the Church to be a warm and welcoming place, ready for times of reflection, worship, prayer and fellowship. The Open Day also gave an opportunity for the Bellringers to show their new camera and screen that enables anyone to come and watch action from inside the belfry without having to climb two ladders and crawl into the space in the tower.

The Church building is a witness to the many who have worshipped and served over the years but above all it is a witness to the God who meets the people and encourages them to take a living hope into each new day. We look forward to welcoming everyone who wants to join us for worship on a Sunday in our wonderful Church.

Stephen

Church Calendar

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

OCTOBER

2 nd at 7pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
3 rd at 9:30am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's
24 th	Stewardship Sunday	
31 st	Clocks go back 1 hour	
31 st at 3pm	All Soul's Service	St Mary's
31 st 5:30-7pm	Messy Church Light Party	St Mary's