

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family

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

Sunday 6th February

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

9:30am Holy Communion

Preacher - Rev Matt Simpson

11am @11

Sunday 13th February

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am @11

Sunday 20th February

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10am Worship Service

with Methodists

No @11

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th February

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion and

Baptism

11am @11

www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

You make the Church look great THANK YOU

I'd like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our amazing volunteer **cleaning team** who spend time each week making our Church look amazing, for our Sunday services and other occasions too. They work in small teams for a month at a time and are always looking for others who might be able to join the team and wield a duster or vacuum. Talk to **Shelia Newnham** if you want to find out more.

Also I must say **THANK YOU** to those who prepare the **flowers** that add a lovely creative touch to our building. I try to make sure these are visible for those in the building and the folk watching our 9:30 service online. I am sure it takes a lot of skill and care to produce the floral masterpieces that we are treated to. If you are interested in joining the flower team do please speak to **Ann Robinson. Stephen**

A few weeks until Lent

As Lent approaches you may be considering what indulgence to give up, or what new helpful habit to take up. There is a plan to produce another Deanery reflection booklet such as was distributed for Advent, I will update you when I have more details.

Although we don't have an Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's there will be a **Benefice Ash Wednesday** service probably at Lytchett Minster Parish Church. Maybe a focus for your Lent journey might be to find out about a particular charity and its work, either locally, nationally or internationally. Some that we have supported recently are:

Routes to Roots – who work with the homeless in Poole

www.routestoroots.org/charity/

The Children's Society - who work across the UK with children and young people who have suffered in different ways.

www.childrenssociety.org.uk/about-us

Open Doors - who work with persecuted Christians across the world

www.opendoorsuk.org/

Chris and Kesia Pain - who are working with the Missionary Charity OMF in Japan omf.org/en-GB/east-asia/japan/about

Choose Love - who support refugees and put love into action

choose.love

Christian Aid – who are fighting global poverty and have been for over 75 years www.christianaid.org.uk

CanKids – supporting children with cancer and their families across India www.cankidsindia.org

Mosaic - a Dorset based charity supporting bereaved children and young people www.mosaicfamilysupport.org

Book Review

The Church In The Market Place by George Carey

This book was written in the 1980's and yet the messages it conveys are as applicable to today. This was also before he was Archbishop of Canterbury! See the review in the email or ask Elizabeth please.

Please feel free to borrow from us **Elizabeth** and **Bill Carter**

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 signs of a new season emerging with spring flowers popping up
- The caring folk of our village who look out for one another and provide friendship and support

Pray for

- Healing, comfort and peace for those we know and love who are unwell
- Happy gatherings as families enjoy the half term break and a well-earned rest

Thanks from the fundraising team...

A belated thanks to all who were involved in the run up to the Christmas season fundraising. Some of us listened to an interesting and professional talk about '*The Poppy*' just before Remembrance Sunday. A *wreath making* session followed, and those attending were delighted with their personal result. We joined in with the Chequers *Christmas Market*, and the prizes 'won' were very much enjoyed. Our final event saw our talented flower arrangers *decorate the church* for the Christmas season. There was much appreciation of the 'talents' displayed by those visiting. A big thank you to all who supported, in whatever capacity, without such generous support, we could not hold these events. We are indebted to you all for the excellent team effort!

Look out for our 2022 fundraising events during the year.
All good wishes from *The Fundraising Team*

Have you ever considered Spiritual Direction?

What is it? ---- Christian guidance, help and encouragement provided by one person to another - often for those wishing better to discern their life's path or journey at this time in their lives.

Why do it? ---- To meet, one to one with someone of experience and training who can listen to and share some of the ups and downs of the daily faith walk.

How does it work? --- One to one confidential sessions of sharing, where any aspect of our life, relationships and faith walk can be explored together; such that clearer focus, and a more helpful sense of direction may be discerned.

Who is the director? --- I am *Dave Griffiths*. Currently finishing my training in Spiritual Direction at Sarum College, Salisbury. Married, former musician and retired school-teacher, one-time member of a Christian community, independent Bible college graduate and with a CIHE level in Counselling from Southampton University.

Cost? ----- As both a retired man and a finishing student I ask no costs.

Contact? email: 12Dave.g20@gmail.com.

Church Calendar

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

FEBRUARY

13 th	Wedding preparation afternoon	St Mary's
20 th	Wedding preparation afternoon	St Mary's
MARCH		
8 th	PCC Meeting	St Mary's