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St Mary's News

Welcoming, Connecting, Blessing, Growing, Stewarding

Everyone is welcome to our regular Sunday services:

Sunday 2nd November
8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am CW Holy Communion with hymns
3pm All Souls' Memorial Service
6pm Wellspring – sung worship and quiet bible reflection

Sunday 9th November
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Remembrance Service @ Village Hall
followed an act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 16th November
8am BCP Holy Communion
10am United Service of Worship
3pm Forest Church @ Adventure Pirate
6pm BCP Evensong

Christ the King Sunday 23rd November
8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am CW Holy Communion & Baptism with hymns
@11am Informal Worship for all-ages

Advent Sunday 30th November
8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am CW Holy Communion with hymns

Connecting - you can connect remotely to our services through the church website: https://www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

Prayer Wall

If you want prayer, or to pray for someone, please do visit the prayer wall on the church website: www.smlm.co.uk/prayer

Fundraising at St Mary's

For many years we have been blessed with an enthusiastic and hard-working fundraising team to stage events such as the 'cream teas' which allow us to invite our local community to experience the "St Mary's welcome" which we like to offer. These events also bring a financial blessing which helps enormously with the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful (but expensive to maintain) listed building. And they did it all without a proper, functioning kitchen!

However, the now diminished team needs our help. A precedent has been set in recent years - through two successful concerts and a Christmas Nativity display - for anyone with a passion and desire to help with fundraising to give it a go! And it has got even easier now that we have a fantastic new kitchen! If you have an idea and can enthuse others to help you then do let us know. It would be particularly good if we could stage a 2025 Christmas event which draws in the local community.

Do speak with Stephen, Elizabeth or Karen if you would be keen to get involved.

Thank you!

Thank you all for the generous and kind donations for the church stall at the NJWI Christmas Fair.
All of your contributions were greatly appreciated.
With the best of wishes
The Fundraising Team

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Growing -Small Groups
Thursday Home Group
Meeting fortnightly to share fellowship and faith can be a great way to explore our Christian faith more fully and share support with others. Our current group meets on a Thursday morning, for more details contact David or Ruth Mason by phone 01202 625865
or email familydmason@yahoo.com

Monday Beta Group
This is on occasional Mondays. Speak to Stephen for more details.

Can you give Mary and Joseph a home for the night this Advent?
It's that time of the year when the knitted sheep are being prepared, a big thank you to Angela and Karen for preparing our woolly friends.
During Advent our knitted nativity set will be travelling around the village, and a bit further field, arriving back in Church on Christmas Eve for our nativity service.
It is a wonderful way to mark the season of Advent and reflect on the reality of the journey.
If you would like to give the knitted nativity set a home for a night please let me know and I'll add you to the list.
If there are particular days that would work best, such as when you have younger people in the house, then please let me know that too and I'll do my best to accommodate your request.
Stephen

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Connecting - Each month we share news from the church community. If you have any news you want to share, please email newssheet@smlm.co.uk You can read the news on the church website, or sign up to receive it via email: www.smlm.co.uk/subscribe