

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



EASTER 2023



HOLY WEEK

Sunday 2nd April ~ Palm Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion9:30am CW Holy Communion@11am Informal All-Age worship

Tuesday 4th April ~ Holy Tuesday

7:30pm Holy Week Meditation through words and music led by Churches in Harmony Choir

Thursday 6th April ~ Maundy Thursday

6pm Bring & Share Meal for St Mary's Church family

Friday 7th April ~ Good Friday

10am All-age Service ~ Making Easter Gardens together **2pm** Reflective Hour ~ Remembering Jesus on the Cross

Sunday 9th April ~ Easter Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion10am All-Age Communion Service with Easter Trail

Sunday 16th April

8am BCP Holy Communion10am United Worship with Methodists@ St Mary's Church6pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd April

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am CW Holy Communion
@11am Informal All-Age Worship
(5pm Forest Church @ Adventure Pirate)

Sunday 30th April

8am BCP Holy Communion9:30am CW Holy Communion@11am Informal Praise & Prayer

All morning services also available online: www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

You can find more dates & events on the online Church Calendar:

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



Prayers

Give thanks to God for giving His son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, for the resurrection and gift of eternal life. Pray for joy in the unity of families and friends as they come together over the Easter holidays.



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Diary Dates!

Spring *must* be here soon... and the fundraising team have been planning events for the forthcoming year. As always, our popular cream teams are top of the agenda! This year, the dates are: June 4th, July 9th & August 13th. All on a Sunday afternoon at St Mary's.

Our June tea incorporates our ever popular plant sale. As you begin summer planting, please remember us with a spare pot to donate! We are also asking for <u>larger types of empty pot plants</u>. If you have one you do not require, please let us know. Contact anyone on the fundraising team, or ring Ann 01202 625635

As always, if you can support us by helping on these dates, and/or supply a cake please do let us know. We have other events throughout the year, so keep a look out! Thank you to everyone who supports our events.



The Fundraising Team

Course "Test Drive"

We have been offered the opportunity to work with The Lighthouse Church to evaluate and give feedback on a couple of short courses which they have developed for use by home groups. The first session for one of the courses "Intro to the Bible" will take place on Monday 17th April from 7-8:30pm hosted by Jayne and Karen. There will then be three further sessions. Do please let us know if you would like to join us. There may well be the option for another small group on a different day if there is sufficient interest.

Jayne & Karen

APCM Update

Our APCM on Sunday 26th March was attended by 21 church members (3 more than last year) with 13 apologies. Karen Hesketh and David Mould stood down at the end of their three year stint on the PCC and Bill and Elizabeth Carter have completed their spell as Diocesan Synod members. Our new PCC (elected until 2026) are Bill Carter and Ed Peel, while Karen Hesketh has stepped up as Diocesan Synod representative for the next three years. Ed has agreed to replace Alan King as Electoral Roll officer. Our membership now stands at 96 of whom 9 live outside the parish.

Riette Hodson

Thanks

It continues to be a privilege to be the Vicar at St Mary's. Thank you so much for the generous gifts Carrie and I received at the APCM, we shall thoroughly enjoy planning and looking forward to our trips to the Theatre, on the Swanage Railway and to Costa Coffee.

Stephen & Carrie

News Sheet

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