



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

Services

Sunday 5th May

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

6pm Wellspring -

Sung worship & quiet bible reflection

Sunday 12th May

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

Pentecost Sunday 19th May

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am United Worship

@ Methodist Church

5pm Forest church

@Adventure Pirate

6pm BCP Evensong

Trinity Sunday 26th May

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

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

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

Growing

'Learning, as disciples, through prayer, study and application, taking God seriously, whilst not taking ourselves too seriously.'

The fourth of our values is Growing and we can understand there are different aspects of growth. As a Church we would love to see growth in numbers. We pray to see more people gathering on a Sunday and, since the Covid pandemic we are seeing a gradual increase in our main weekly congregation.

However, an equally important growth is our development as disciples, as a collective body and as individuals. We learn and grow by connecting to God through prayer - as he encourages us in Psalm 46 to 'Be still and know that I am God'. We also need to learn by studying beyond our Sunday services, on our own and together, and apply what we're learning in our lives - where the 'rubber hits the road'. We have put our faith in an incredible and amazing God who loves us and wants the best for us. As we study and apply God's word we can know God's Holy Spirit with us and recognise that he lifts us when we fall, and loves us even when we fail. As we grow in our knowledge of God we will grow in our knowledge of ourselves and how he is calling us to serve him.

Stephen

Prayers

We pray for the ongoing conflicts around the world. We pray for our young people as they start their exams.



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Thy Kingdom Come

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

May 9th - 19th May 2024

'Let's talk to God about people before we talk to people about God'

It is time to think about who you might pray for, and who you might invite – for a chat, a coffee or to Church. If anyone would like to hold a specific event do get in touch. For more details and resources including digital prayer diary and reflections see:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

In our Benefice there is a 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer gathering at St Dunstan's on **9th May (Ascension) at 7.30pm**. Come along and join this ecumenical prayer movement.

Stephen

Cream Teas & Plant Sale

Our first cream tea with a plant sale is fast approaching. Please can you think of us as you gather together plants and start springtime gardening and donate any spare plants you may have?

Plants can be dropped off with Ann Robinson, Dean House, Deans Drove. Or phone 01202 625635 to arrange delivery or collection.

With our thanks for your support

The fundraising team.

Many thanks

Jackie

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week runs from **12th - 18th May**. I will have red envelopes to hand out as people come into Church. Please take one or some to pass onto neighbours, who may be interested. They can then be filled in and left at one of the drop off points listed on the envelope.

Sheila