

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family. We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

Services

Sunday 4th August

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

6pm Wellspring - sung worship and quiet Bible reflection

Sunday 11th August

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

Sunday 18th August

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am United Worship

@ St Marys

6pm BCP Evensong

Sunday 25th August

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

Alpha

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?



If so, the Alpha Course might be for you. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds. Each session includes a short film, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts and bring your questions. There's no pressure and no charge. What have you got to lose? It might just change your life. Our new course begins on Monday 9th September from 1-3pm and continues most weeks for 11 weeks. We will meet at The Rectory, Jennys Lane, please contact Stephen if you are interested, or look at smlm.co.uk/alpha for more details.

Stephen



Ride & Stride 2024 - Save the date!

Saturday 14th September 2024

The main annual fundraising event for Dorset Historic Churches Trust is approaching fast. You can participate either by walking or cycling, in an organised group or on your own. Many old churches are open on this date and some even offer refreshments to Riders and Striders! Speak to Stephen if you want more details and a sponsor form. In our Benefice, Lytchett Minster and Upton have coordinators for both walking and riding, who you can contact if you want to join them instead of organising your own group:

Walkers - Eileen Trayler - etrayler@ntlworld.com / 01202 241412

Cyclists - Ian Swinden - ian@swinden.com / 07834 233044

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

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

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Evelyn Hobson

Some sad news to share - our dear friend Evelyn Hobson was peacefully called home to her Lord and Saviour Jesus on Thursday August 1st. The funeral and celebration of her 98 years will be on Friday August 23rd in Southbourne, more details to follow. We give thanks for her faith-filled life of service, and pray that she may rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Stephen

St Mary's Church Work Parties

There are tasks to suit a wide range of experience and there is always a break for coffee / tea and biscuits. I am there between 9 and 12 and you are welcome for as long or little of that time as you are able. All tools etc provided. So if you feel inspired to join in the fun, here are the dates for your diaries.

August Tuesday 27th

September Friday 27th

October Monday 21st



A Big Thank You...

We have had two cream teas this summer season, and we thank all of you who have kindly supported our efforts...Many have baked, many have helped on the day and there are those who have done both... Wow! Some joined us for the first time!

We welcomed many visitors, some who hadn't seen St Mary's before, and they were delighted in seeing our medieval church and also enjoyed sampling the delicious goodies that were on offer.

Thank you all again. Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Our good wishes

The Fundraising Team

Advance Dates for your Diary

September

9th - Alpha course starts 1-3pm Monday afternoons at the Rectory

14th - Ride and Stride - In aid of Dorset Historic Churches Trust

15th - Visiting Speaker Chris Pain from OMF Japan 10am

21st - Military Wives Choir 7pm



Prayers

We pray for the places around the world in conflict. We pray for families as they enjoy the summer weather, and for the visitors to our beautiful county of Dorset.