



# 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 1st September

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

6pm Wellspring - sung worship and quiet Bible reflection

### Sunday 8th September

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

### Sunday 15th September

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am United Worship with Chris Pain from OMF

5pm Forest Church

@ Adventure Pirate

6pm BCP Evensong

### Sunday 22nd September

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am CW Holy Communion

@11 Informal All-age Worship

### Sunday 29th September

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://smlm.co.uk/alpha) for more details.

**Stephen**

## Ride & Stride 2024 - Saturday 14th September

Get in touch with Cathy Neyland

([cathy\\_neyland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cathy_neyland@yahoo.co.uk)) if you want to join a cycling group from Lytchett Matravers for this fun charity event. Cathy has also set up a 'JustGiving' page to help you support the team and give to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust for who this is their main fundraiser each year.

<https://www.smlm.co.uk/2024/08/30/ride-and-stride/>

## 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.

**September** Friday 27th

**October** Monday 21st

All morning services also available online: [www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/](http://www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/)

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

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## *Military Wives Choir - 21st September 7pm*

Join us for an enjoyable evening in the church - Tickets are £15 including refreshments and available from

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Bill & Elizabeth clevegoldcarters@yahoo.co.uk

## *Visit of Chris Pain on September 15th at 10am*

Chris Pain, who is a missionary with OMF, is visiting us at 10am on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Chris, and his wife Kesia, work in Japan. We look forward to having him with us and hearing him speak about his work and life in Japan. We have been connecting with Chris for a number of years and supported various projects out in Japan. We would love to gather after the service for a bring and share lunch together, to get to know Chris a bit better and to show him our welcome and hospitality. If you would like to be part of the Bring and Share lunch on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> please sign up on the sheet at Church

## *Bell-Ringing News*

The summer months has seen our bell tower busy with our own regular practices, ringing for a number of weddings as well as funerals, and an unusually high number of requests from visiting ringers to come and ring our lovely bells at St Mary's. Most notable was the recent, successful full peal rung to commemorate the late Alan Bentley, who I am told gave very generously of his time to help re-establish a band of ringers at the church.

*Kris Knudson, Tower Captain*

## *Advance Notice*

This year our 'Thursday morning Home Group' will be organising an event whereby the church will be open over a couple of weekends in early December for a 'Festival of the Nativity' – a display of Nativity scenes reflecting the timeless message of the birth of Jesus – God's greatest gift to all people. More details next month!



## *Prayers*

We pray for children and teachers starting a new term, particularly those starting new schools.

We pray for our community of Lytchett Matravers, and the Diocese of Salisbury.