

SMLM

St Mary's News

Welcoming, Connecting, Blessing, Growing, Stewarding

Welcome to our new look news sheet for 2025! We are trialling this new format - please do let us know what you think!

Welcoming -everyone is welcome to our services:

Sunday 5th January

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
6pm Wellspring Worship

Sunday 12th January

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
@11 Informal All-age Worship

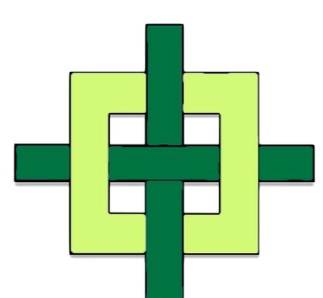
Sunday 19th January

8am BCP Holy Communion
10am United Worship
5pm Forest Church
@Adventure Pirate
6pm Evensong

Sunday 26th January

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am CW Holy Communion
@11 Informal All-age Worship

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



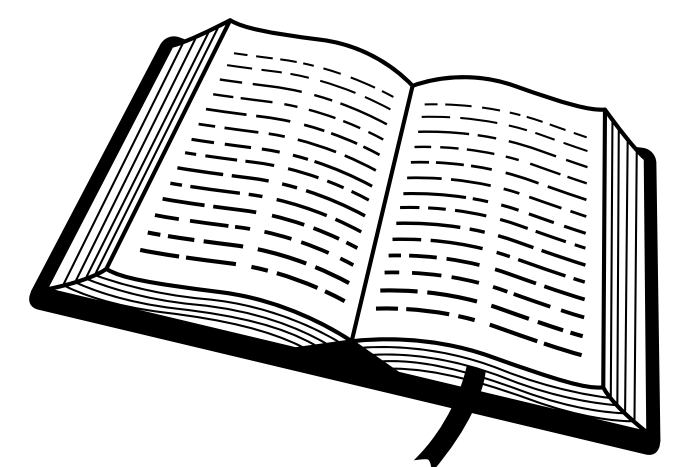
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Growing -Fortnightly Home Group: There is a home group connected to St Marys that meets in the village on Thursday mornings. This is a time of fellowship and Bible study. If you'd like to come along, the dates for January are: Thursday 9th & Thursday 23rd. Please do ask Stephen or David for more details if you'd like to attend.



Growing -Monday Home Group

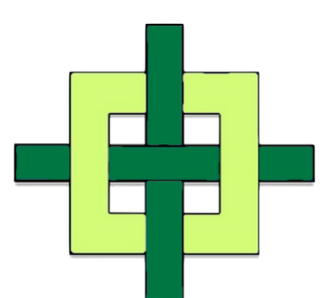
Stephen will be running a short course at the Rectory on a Monday afternoon 1-3pm for 5 sessions through January and February. This is following in from the recent Alpha Course but we would welcome anyone who would like to be part of a small group to get in touch. The sessions will run on various Mondays beginning on 20th January. Please speak to Stephen if you are interested.



Welcoming -Christmas Nativity display

We welcomed many visitors to church during the times that we were open for the display of Nativity scenes. Everyone was utterly delighted to be greeted by the life-sized display at one end of the church whilst at the other, there were scenes small enough to fit inside matchboxes! Very many thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways – lending Nativity scenes, making cakes, serving refreshments, welcoming visitors or donating crafted items for sale. In addition to the many connections made with members of the community, just over £500 was made for church funds which will help towards the upkeep of the building.

The Thursday Home Group



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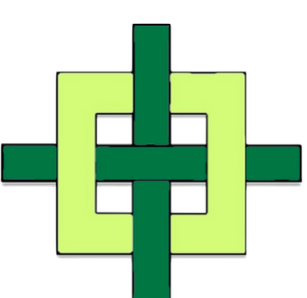
Blessing - Festive Train Rides at the Rectory!

Thank you to the elves, Andy and Lou, for creating and serving an amazing warming soup, whilst the train rides happened. Thank you to all who came, brought mulled wine, sausage rolls and biscuits. Well done to all the children who had a ride and some their first train driving experience 😊 Also, thank you to those who donated £40 for Julia's House. During the proceedings a stray washing machine front became the focus for a delightful game of 'knock the hat off the elf' with a soggy sponge – thank you to Andy for being up for fun 😊 and Robin for charging 50p per sponge 👍 *Stephen*



Growing - Lent Course Coming Soon

Our annual Benefice-wide Lent course will be starting in March. There should be two identical sessions each week of Lent, one during the day probably in Lytchett Matravers, and one in the evening down at St Dunstons. More details will be released soon.



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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

