

SMLM

St Mary's News

Welcoming, Connecting, Blessing, Growing, Stewarding

Welcoming -everyone is welcome to our services:

Sunday 2nd February

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am Holy Communion
+ Baptism

Sunday 9th February

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

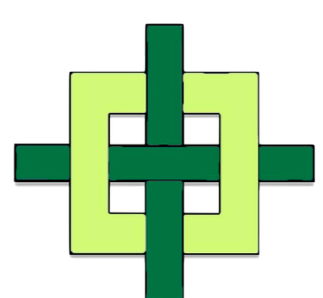
Sunday 16th February

8am BCP Holy Communion
10am United Worship
3pm Forest Church
@Adventure Pirate
6pm BCP Evensong

Sunday 23rd February

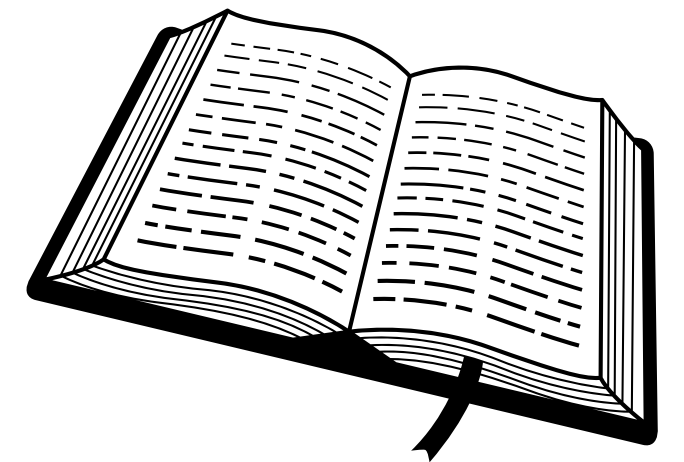
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9:30am CW Holy Communion
@11 Informal All-age Worship

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



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Blessing-Thank you to all Parish magazine deliverers who have collected subscriptions in January and returned the monies so promptly. Around 70% of subscriptions have been collected over the last few weeks. It seems that most people still do prefer to pay us in cash, so your 'door knocking' efforts are very much appreciated.



Growing -Small Groups

Thursday Home Group

Meeting fortnightly to share fellowship and faith can be a great way to explore our Christian more fully and share support with others. Our current group meets on a Thursday morning, for more details contact David or Ruth Mason by phone 01202 625865 or email familydmason@yahoo.com

Monday Beta Group

A new group, following our Alpha course last term, has started. This is on occasional Monday afternoons 1-3 at the Rectory continuing on January 27th and ending on March 3rd. Speak to Stephen for more details.

The Lent course for the Benefice will be starting on Ash Wednesday March 5th, there will be 2 similar sessions each week - one from 12.30-2pm at St Mary's and then one from 7.30-9 at St Dunstans. All are welcome to join in.

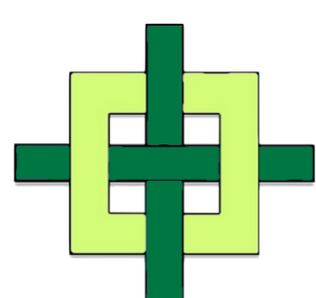
An advertisement for a course. At the top left, it says 'Premier. UnBelievable' in a speech bubble. Below this is a row of five people's faces: four men and one woman, all smiling. Below the faces is a red banner that says 'Apologetics Course'. The main title 'CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY' is in large, bold, white letters on a dark background. At the bottom, on a yellow background, it says 'Evidence for God. Answering objections.'

2025 Lent Course Details

Starting Wednesday 5th March

Everyone is welcome to join as we learn together from world-leading experts on the case for Christianity. Faith and reason go together. Find out about the evidence for Christianity in this apologetics course using teaching from *Unbelievable? the Conference* on atheism, God, science, suffering and Jesus.

 12.30pm at St Mary's, Lytchett Matravers
7.30pm at St Dunstans, Upton 



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Stewarding - Thank you to everyone who contributed to all that happened at St Mary's church over the Christmas period. I look back and remember it as a time of joy and a time of great teamwork. I hope it was a joy-filled celebration for you too.

We were able to celebrate together, celebrate with the Church family in Lytchett Matravers, and celebrate with others who joined us for various special services and events. Alongside our celebrations we were able to raise over £660 for charity. This money has gone to charities locally, nationally and internationally. Here is a breakdown of what we were able to give away from our special service/event collections:

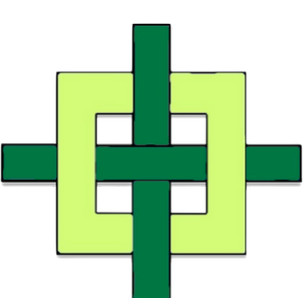
- £91.65 to Children's Society
- £63.65 to Action for Children
- £80.00 to OMF in Japan
- £40 for Julia's House
- £394.23 to Routes to roots

Thank you for your hard work and generosity.

Stephen and the PCC

Connecting - Dates for your diary:

- Feb 2nd - 6-8pm New Wine Celebration at Blandford Forum Parish Church
- Feb 12th - 2.30pm Forest Hill Hymn Singing at Forest Hill Nursing Home
- Feb 26th - 12noon Community Lunch at Youth Hall/Community Centre
- March 5th - 12.30pm Lent Course begins at SMLM (+ a similar session 7.30pm Upton St Dunstans)



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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

