

## SERVICES TODAY

### NO BREAKFAST CHURCH

#### 9.00am - Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Barry Lomax

Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.724)

Theme: Love Foretold

*10.15am - 10.40am*

*Refreshments served in the Beacon Café*

#### 10.45am - Family Service

Leader: Sarah Pix Preacher: Barry Lomax

Reading & Theme (as for 9am Church service)

**4.30pm & 7.00pm**

#### Carols by Candlelight Services

Leader: Patches Chabala Preacher: Sarah Pix

Theme: Lord is born; Hope is here

*Both services followed by mulled wine  
& mince pies in the Hall*



## TODAY'S GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### 10.45am Service

Sparklers (self-help crèche - 0-3s)  
in the Church Lounge

Children's activities in the Hall

NO CYFA group tonight

## ST. MARY'S CONTACT DETAILS

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**Open Hours: Mon - Fri 9.30am- 4.30pm**

**Please note that the church office will be closed from  
Mon 26th Dec to Mon 2nd Jan inclusive**

**Rev. Sarah Pix** - Team Rector

(01202) 890798 Day Off: Wednesday

**Rev. Patches Chabala** - Associate Minister

(01202) 895099 Day Off: Tuesday

**Mary Tyler** - Children's Pastor

(01202) 861516 Day Off: Friday

**Mike Orman** - Worship Pastor

(01202) 959453 Day Off: Friday

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK ...

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER

10.00am - Holy Communion

*Followed by coffee in the Church Lounge*

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE)

3.30pm - Christingle Service

11.00pm - Midnight Communion Service

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY)

10.00am - All Age Service

11.15am - Holy Communion

## WELCOME TO

St Mary's



## 18TH DECEMBER 2016

**Welcome to our Sunday services!**

A particular welcome if you are new  
or visiting us today.

Our Welcome Team (wearing white badges) will  
be available to give you any information or help  
that you might need.

If you'd like to find out more about St Mary's,  
please complete a "Welcome Card" and place it  
in the offering bag, or hand it to a  
member of the Welcome Team.

Find us online at

[www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook

"Like" St. Mary's, Ferndown's page



## PRAYER FOCUS

**Mon** - Pray for the people of Yemen, facing such hardship. Pray for a good response to the appeal for aid and those seeking to alleviate suffering.

**Tues** - Pray for Christians facing persecution. Pray for safety and protection for those who gather together to celebrate Jesus in their Christmas Services.

**Wed** - Pray for an increase in the Peace on Earth that Jesus came to bring, by reconciling us to our heavenly Father.

**Thurs** - Pray for those who will be working over Christmas - for those in the emergency services, and medical profession, for those who care for the elderly. Pray that they will meet with the Lord even in their work, and that they will know his refreshing and peace.

**Fri** - Pray for those who are fearful this Christmas. Pray for those who have had a breakdown in a significant relationship in 2016 - for the Lord to minister healing and that there would be reconciliations.

**Sat** - In the busyness of Christmas Eve, take time out to read the story of Jesus' birth, and thank Him for his willingness to lay aside the glory of heaven to become Emmanuel, God with us.

**Sun** - Celebrate the birth of our Wonderful Saviour! King of kings, Lord of lords, Prince of Peace, Hope of the nations .

We are have heard the sad news that Dora Hill-Jones died this week. Her funeral will be held at St. Mary's on Friday 30th December at 10.00am.

### PRAYER FOCUS:

That the truth and Good News of Jesus birth would lodge in our hearts in such a way that our lives are transformed!

*If you have anything you would like prayer for, or would like to receive prayer requests, please email*

*St Mary's Prayer Link:*

[stmarysprayer@fastmail.co.uk](mailto:stmarysprayer@fastmail.co.uk)

## Christmas Services at St. Marys

### Today (Sunday 18th December)

9am Holy Communion  
10.45am Family Service  
4.30pm  
& 7pm Carols by Candlelight Services  
*both followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Hall afterwards*

### Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

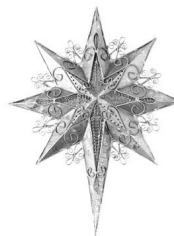
3.30pm Christingle Service  
11.00pm Midnight Communion Service

### Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10am All Age Service  
11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 1st January (New Year's Day)

*(Special refreshments from 10.30am)*  
11.00am New Year Celebration Service



## Help needed assembling Christingles -

This Thurs, 22nd Dec, from 2-4pm in the Hall.  
Please let Mary Tyler know if you can help.  
*Thank you.*



## Are you new to St. Mary's?

### Newcomers' Cheese & Wine Evening

Tues 10th Jan 2017, 7.00 - 8.30pm in the Beacon Café

### Connect Course

"Connect" is for people who are relatively new to St. Mary's. Over the course of 4 sessions we will get to know each other better. Starts Tues 17th Jan 2017 at 7.30pm in the Beacon Room.

*For more information or to sign up for these events, speak to a member of the Welcome Team. Flyers are available on the Welcome Desk at the back of Church.*

## Christmas Appeal 2016

This year our donations from our Carols by Candlelight, Christingle and Midnight Communion Services will be donated to Tearfund's Middle East Emergency Appeal (see pages 14 & 15 of "Spotlight" for more details).

## Christmas Day Dinner at St. Mary's

for those on their own.

*Now we know it's early for Santa to call  
But we're planning Christmas Day Dinner in the Hall.  
It can be a chore to cook for just one  
So turn off the cooker and come and join in the fun  
On Christmas, of all days, don't be alone;  
Please do come and join us – just pick up the 'phone.  
Book a ticket – it's easy, we're so pleased to say,  
Just call Sandy or Liz in the office today!*

Tickets £8 each

## Beacon Café opening hours over Christmas & New Year

Fri 23rd Dec Open 8.30am to 4.00pm  
Sat 24th Dec until Mon 2nd Jan CLOSED  
Tues 3rd Jan Open 8.30am to 4.00pm

*(CLOSED Sundays & Bank holidays)*

**Christmas cards** - please check the pigeon holes (in the Hall Foyer, near "the Spring") for any cards that may have been posted there for you. *Thank you.*

**Breathing Space** - this Tues, 20th Dec at 2pm in the Church Lounge. You are invited to take a break from the preparations of Christmas for 45 mins of stillness.  
*All welcome.*

## Beacon Prayer

Every Monday, 12-12.30pm in The Spring.