

## Prayer Diary

**Monday:** Lift the Office staff up in prayer as they begin the week. Mondays are always busy! Pray for peace and efficiency and that people see something different in the way we work.

**Tuesday:** Pray for the toddler group running today. Ask the Lord for good relationships and fruitful conversations.

**Wednesday:** Pray for our Mayor Cathy Lugg as she works with other councillors for the good of our town

**Thursday:** Pray for those who have been bereaved this year, as Christmas approaches, that they will encounter the Prince of Peace, the Lord of hope, the God of all comfort.

**Friday:** As December begins ask God to show you who you could invite to a Christmas service. Pray for all those preparing for the services - for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit - and that many will come and respond to the Lord..

**Saturday:** Pray for the work of the Bible Society in distributing scripture to those who don't have it. Pray that through their resources, many will encounter the Living Word.

**Sunday:** Come Lord Jesus! As we begin advent pray that we would speed his return by sharing the good news of Jesus and working for the extension of His kingdom.

### PRAYER FOCUS

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

*Acts 1: 11b*

If you have anything you would like prayer for, or would like to receive prayer requests, please email St. Mary's Prayer Link: [prayerlink@stmarys-ferndown.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@stmarys-ferndown.org.uk)

## Services Next Week ...

Thursday 30th November 2017	10.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday - 3rd December 2017	9.00am - Breakfast Church 9.00am - Morning Worship 10.45am - Family Communion 6.30pm - "Hungry"

## Welcome to

St Mary's



## 26th November 2017

### Welcome to St Mary's. It's great to have you here.

If you are new or visiting us today, please visit our WELCOME AREA at the back of the church or speak to one of our Welcome Team (who are wearing white badges).

Find us online at [www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk)

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Open Hours: Mon - Fri 9.30am- 4.30pm

Rev. Sarah Pix - Team Rector	(01202) 890798	Day Off: Wednesday
Rev. Patches Chabala - Team Vicar	(01202) 895099	Day Off: Friday
Mike Orman - Worship Pastor	(01202) 959453	Day Off: Friday
Emma Taylor - Children's Pastor	(01202) 989452	Day Off: Saturday
Lynne Rees - Pastoral Care Co-ordinator	(01202) 871936	Day Off: Saturday

## Services Today

9.00am - Breakfast Church  
*(in the Hall)*

Leader: Emma Taylor  
Preacher: Tony Thornton  
Theme: We are His Masterpiece  
Reading: Psalm 139 & Ephesians 2: 10

9.00am - Holy Communion  
*(in Church)*

Leader: Patches Chabala  
Guest Preacher: Rt. Rev. Karen Gorham  
Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46 & Ephesians 1: 15-23  
(p.995 & 1,173)

10.15am - 10.40am

Refreshments served in the Beacon Café

10.45am - Morning Worship  
*(in Church)*

Leader: Sarah Pix Preacher: Rt. Rev. Karen Gorham  
Readings: (as for 9am Church service)

6.30pm - "Hungry"  
*(in the Beacon Café)*

Leader & Preacher: Sarah Pix  
Theme: The Kingdom Advancing  
Reading: Matthew 11: 1-15 (p.976)

### Today's Groups for Children and Young People

☆☆ Sparklers (self-help crèche - 0-3s) ☆☆  
NEW LOCATION! - In Café with live link from church

Rockets (3-5s) in the Church Lounge Comets (5-8s) in Hall

Ignite (8-11s) & Dynamo (11-14s) in the Beacon Room

7.00pm - SOUL (13-18s) in the Beacon Room

### Monday Prayer Gathering

Every Monday,  
12-12.30pm  
in the Church Lounge  
*All Welcome!*

### Mothers Union

There will be no branch meeting on Thurs 7th December as we will be having our fellowship Christmas Lunch that day. Contact Rita Bretzke on 01202 875154 for more information.

### Christmas Day Dinner at St. Mary's Church, 12.30pm - 3pm

For those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.

Tickets £8.00 (entry by ticket only) available from the Church Office. Spaces limited. Please book by Fri 15th December.



Ministry in Wool - Tomorrow, Mon 27th Nov  
at 10am in the Cafe. All knitters welcome.

### Funeral of Ron Ellis

Ron's funeral will be held on Monday 4th Dec  
in the East Chapel at Bournemouth  
Crematorium at 11.30am followed by  
refreshments at the Bridge House Hotel  
in Longham. All friends welcome. Please pray  
for Janet and all the family at this sad time.

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☆☆ CHRISTMAS SERVICES FLYERS  
☆☆ AND INVITATION CARDS  
☆☆ NOW AVAILABLE!  
☆☆ Do take some to share with family,  
☆☆ friends, neighbours and colleagues -  
☆☆ there are postcards with our Christmas  
☆☆ service times and cards which you can  
☆☆ send as personalised invitations.  
☆☆ *Who will you invite this Christmas?*  
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### Christmas Flower Arrangers Meeting Wednesday 6th December

10.30am in the Church Lounge  
We will be meeting to discuss the  
arrangements for the Christmas floral  
decorations in church - anyone interested in  
helping is very welcome.

### 2018 Calendars

If you have pre-ordered a 2018 Calendar  
these will be available to collect during coffee  
time today and from the office during the  
week. If you haven't yet ordered yours, and  
would like to, please speak to Hugh or Valerie  
Rossiter or a member of the office team

This Christmas prepare to laugh your tinsel-tastic socks off at  
**The Amazing Adventures of Eric...**  
**The Christmas Angel**  
A Hilarious New Nativity  
Panto For All The family  
With Duggie Dug Dug  
and a great cast

### Friday 15th December at 6.30pm at St. Mary's Church

Tickets £5  
Tickets available either from  
the Church Office, or book online at  
[www.wegotickets.com/event/422161](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/422161)  
Selling fast! Don't delay, book today!

### Appeal for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies For Carols By Candlelight

On Sunday 17th December we will be holding  
our Services of Carols By Candlelight at  
4.30pm and 7pm. After both services we  
would like to provide our guests with excellent  
St Mary's hospitality. Please sign up on the  
sheets at the back of church or the hall foyer  
if you can provide mulled wine and/or mince  
pies. Please bring in by Fri 15th Dec.  
We also need volunteers to help set up and  
serve on the day - please do sign up if you  
can help. Many Thanks!