

## Prayer Diary

**Monday:** Pray for Open Doors as they meet today to celebrate Christmas. Pray that all those attending will enjoy all the events, and draw near to Jesus.

**Tuesday:** Pray for the homeless population of our local area, concentrated around Bournemouth. Pray for all those churches and other agencies such as Faithworks, who are reaching out to them with the love of Jesus and providing food, clothing and shelter. Ask God to show you how you might help.

**Wednesday:** Pray for the Christmas services beginning this week - for the Guides Carol Service this evening and Ferndown Civic Service tomorrow. Pray for revelation of the truth and goodness of Jesus, and that the services will be joyful and thought-provoking.

**Thursday:** Praise God for all those who give of their time to minister in the Beacon Café! Ask him to bless them as they go out together this evening.

**Friday:** Pray for the leaders of our nation as we head in a new direction post-Brexit. Pray for the UK, that there would be a mighty revival and that hearts would turn back to God.

**Saturday:** Pray for housebound believers who can no longer enjoy the fellowship of coming out to Church. Pray for grace, and perseverance and that the Lord would bring them a word of hope and encouragement.

**Sunday:** Pray for the Children's Christmas service this morning. Pray that we would sense the Lord's presence, that he would be glorified and that we would all understand more of why Jesus came.

### PRAYER FOCUS

'No word from God will ever fail.' Luke 1: 37

*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)*

#### Monday Prayers

Every Monday, 12-12.30pm in the Church Lounge

## Services Next Week ...

Thursday 7th December 2017 10.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday - 10th December 2017  
NO Breakfast Church  
9.00am - Morning Worship  
10.45am - Children's Christmas Worship  
6.30pm - "Hungry"

## Welcome to

St Mary's

3rd December 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
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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: Ann Scouse  
Theme: Christmas Special

9.00am - Morning Worship  
(in Church)

Leader: Ray Forbes Preacher: Sarah Pix  
Theme: Worship Fully  
Reading: Luke 1: 39-55 (p.1,026)

10.15am - 10.40am Refreshments served in the Beacon Café

10.45am - Family Communion  
(in Church)

Leader & Preacher: Sarah Pix  
Reading & Theme: (as for 9am Church service)

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

Leader & Preacher: Patches Chabala  
Theme: Expecting the Kingdom  
Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13 (p.994)

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

☆ ☆ Sparklers (self-help crèche - 0-3s) ☆ ☆

NEW LOCATION! - In the Café with live link from church

Platform (children aged 3-14) in the Hall

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

### Prayer Gathering

This Tuesday, 12th December at  
7.30pm in the Beacon Room

Do join us as we pray together in preparation for Christmas. Please note that there is a school concert in the church that evening so parking will be limited. Please use Tesco car park if you can. Thank you.

Christmas cards - now available to buy from the bookstall at the back of church.

### Harvest Appeal Thank You

We have received a letter from Release International expressing their thanks for the funds raised through our Harvest Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal.

### 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.

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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

### Civic Service

This Thurs, 7th Dec at 6.30pm in Church  
All are welcome to attend this event.


### The Lighthouse Club

This Sat, 9th Dec at 2pm in the Hall

Join us for friendly chat, refreshments, games, craft and much more.

We have heard the sad news that David Hanson has died. His funeral will be at St. Marys on Monday 11th December at 1pm.

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!