

## Prayer Diary

**Monday:** As we enter the second week of Advent, try to find a space to listen to the Lord and for Him to encourage and bless you.

**Tuesday:** 'Lord, teach us to pray'. Today we have a day set aside for prayer for our Christmas services. Come and join us if you can at 11am or 7.30 pm, if not, pray at home for all the opportunities that we have as a church across the Christmas season.

**Wednesday:** Pray for those who will struggle this Christmas because of ill health, recent bereavement or family breakdown. Pray that they would meet Jesus in a special way and find new hope, life and light through Him.

**Thursday:** Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Pray for peace in a world torn apart by war and hostility. Pray for the peace which can ultimately only be found in Jesus.

**Friday:** Pray for the performance of the Christmas Angel tonight. Pray for a great time to be had by all those who come along, and that the message of Jesus will be received. Pray for Doug Horley and his team, that everything will go well in the performance.

**Saturday:** This year we are giving our Christmas offerings to MAF and European Freedom Network. Ask God to prosper their work (more info in Spotlight) and pray for all organisations fighting modern slavery, that this terrible practice will end.

**Sunday:** As hundreds of people attend a carol service across the Benefice today, pray for the welcomers on duty - that each person will feel so welcome - and pray for the Good News to be preached and for a harvest to be reaped.

### PRAYER FOCUS

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests'  
(Luke 2: 14)

*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 14th December 2017 10.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday - 17th December 2017  
NO Breakfast Church  
9.00am - Holy Communion  
10.45am - Family Service  
4.30pm - Carols by Candlelight  
7.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

## Welcome to

St Mary's

10th 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

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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

NO Breakfast Church

9.00am - Morning Worship  
(in Church)

Leader: Ray Forbes      Preacher: Patches Chabala  
Reading: Mark 1: 1-8 (p.1,002)

10.15am - 10.40am      *Refreshments served in the Beacon Café*

10.45am - Children's Christmas  
Worship (in Church)

Leader: Sarah Pix      Preacher: Emma Taylor  
The Night the Stars Danced for Joy

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

Leader & Preacher: Sarah Pix  
Theme: Entrusted with the Kingdom  
Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30 (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

**NO Children's groups - All age service today**

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

**Monday Prayers** - Every Monday, 12-12.30pm in the Church Lounge

**Sparkles** - Tomorrow, Monday 11th December, 9.15-10.45am in the Hall. Christian fun morning for pre-school children and their parents/carers with crafts, music and refreshments.

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

**Ministry in Wool** - Tomorrow, Mon 11th Dec at 10am in the Cafe. All knitters welcome.

## 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 this Friday (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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**Day of Prayer - This Tues (12th Dec)**  
We are holding a day of prayer for our Christmas events and services. Do join us to pray that Jesus will be glorified, and that the Good News will be proclaimed powerfully!

11 am Led time of prayer (in The Spring)  
12-2pm Drop-in prayer space with Prayer activities and ideas (in The Spring)  
7.30pm Prayer Gathering (in the Beacon Room)

*(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)*

**Lost Property**  
Please look on the table in the Beacon Foyer (outside the office) to see if there is anything of yours on the Lost Property table. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity shop. *Thank you.*

If you would like to send Simon & Sue Morgan (working with Mission Direct in Uganda) a Christmas card, this is their address:-  
P.O. Box 75, Kisubi, Wakiso District, Uganda, OR  
P.O. Box 342, Rukungiri, Uganda

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**

**This Friday, 15th December at 6.30pm at St. Mary's Church**  
Tickets £5 - available to buy during coffee time today in the Cafe, or from the Church Office (during the week), 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**  
Next Sunday (17th Dec) 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 this 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!