

Prayer Diary

Monday: At this time of the year, there is increased pressure to buy the best gift for those we love for Christmas and at times we forget what Christmas is all about. Pray that the Good News of our Saviour's birth will be heard amid all the clamour and noise of competing voices. Pray that believers across the nations of the world will be faithful in telling the good news.

Tuesday: It is the small, everyday battles that are often the hardest. Going through the toil of everyday life can be draining. Pray for God's sustaining grace and wisdom as you walk through this day.

Wednesday: Life has so many unknown twists, turns and surprises. Pray that those unexpected moments won't overtake you, but that you will walk in victory and freedom in Jesus name.

Thursday: Pray for people in Ferndown who are hurting and facing some difficult circumstances. Pray for God's healing and restoration.

Friday: Pray for those who are anxious and fearful of the uncertainties of life. Pray that they experience a supernatural breakthrough.

Saturday: Pray for one person to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Sunday: Pray that churches across the world will encounter Jesus in worship a new way.

PRAYER FOCUS

'Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness'

Psalm 115 v 1

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

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

(Please note that there won't be Monday Prayers on 25th December or 1st January.

We will restart on 8th January

Services Next Week ...

Thursday 21st December 2017	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday - 24th December 2017	NO Breakfast Church	
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	3.30pm	Christingle Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Monday 25th December 2017	10.00am	Family Service
	11.15am	Holy Communion (said)

Welcome to

St Mary's

17th 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

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St. Mary's Contact Details

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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

NO Breakfast Church

9.00am - Holy Communion
(in Church)

Leader: Ray Forbes Preacher: Tony Thornton
Theme: Give Fully
Reading: Matthew 1: 18-24 (p.965)

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

10.45am - Family Service
(in Church)

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

4.30pm & 7.00pm - Carols by Candlelight Services
(in the Beacon Café)

Leader: Sarah Pix Preacher: Patches Chabala
Theme: Life Begins

(Both services will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall)

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 - Activities in the Beacon Café

Breathing Space - This Tues, 19th Dec at 2pm in the Church Lounge

Christmas! A time to wonder at the birth of Jesus, Prince of Peace and Saviour of the world ... or a time to wonder how you will ever get everything done in time!



You are invited to take a break from the preparations. Sit down. Relax. Just breathe, and treat yourself to 45 minutes of stillness. Reconnect with the true wonder of Christmas. Everyone welcome!

St. Mary's Christmas Card and Verse for the Year

You should have received a Christmas Card from the St. Mary's clergy and staff team along with the Bible verse for 2018 with your Welcome Sheet today. If not, please do take one from the back of Church.

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☆ Christmas Services Flyers and Invitation ☆
☆ Cards - who will you invite? ☆
☆ 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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Help needed assembling

Christingles - This Fri, 22nd Dec, from 2-4pm in the Hall. Please let Emma Taylor know if you can help. Children welcome to help. *Thank you.*



Are you new to St. Mary's?

Newcomers' Afternoon Tea
Saturday 13th January at 3pm
in the Beacon Café

For more information, speak to a member of the Welcome Team, or pick up an invite from the Welcome Area at the back of church or the pews.

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

Church Office Christmas Closure

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Mon 25th December to Mon 1st January inclusive.

Urgent messages can be left on the office answerphone which will be monitored.

Christmas Services at St. Marys



Today (Sunday 17th Dec)

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

Sunday 24th Dec (Christmas Eve)

10.00am Morning Worship
3.30pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

Monday 25th Dec (Christmas Day)

10am All Age Service
11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st Dec

10.00am New Year Celebration Service

Christmas Appeal 2017

This year our donations from our Carols by Candlelight, Christingle and Midnight Communion Services will be split between "Mission Aviation Fellowship" and European Freedom Network (see pages 4 & 5 of "Spotlight" for more details).

Beacon Café opening hours over Christmas & New Year

Fri 22nd Dec Open 8.30am to 4.00pm
Sat 23rd Dec until
Mon 1st Jan CLOSED
Tues 2nd Jan Open 8.30am to 4.00pm

(CLOSED weekends & Bank holidays)