

## Prayer Diary

**Monday:** Happy Christmas! 'Thank God for his indescribable gift!'

**Tuesday:** Pray for protection over family life. Pray that this time of family gathering will lead to deeper relational connection, understanding and healing of rifts.

**Wednesday:** Pray for those feeling lonely this week.

**Thursday:** Pray for peace in the world at the end of a year in which there has been an increase in unrest and global threat. Thank God for the hope and security we have in Him.

**Friday:** Pray for all those working in the NHS over the holiday period, from cleaners to consultants. Ask God to sustain and strengthen them with wisdom, patience and compassion. Thank God for the blessings of freely available health care.

**Saturday:** Pray for the leaders of our nation and for a return to the Lord and His ways.

**Sunday:** On this last year of the day, spend some time thanking God for the ways in which you have experienced his love, goodness, favour and faithfulness in 2017. Commit yourself to Him for the coming year.

### PRAYER FOCUS

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3: 22 & 23)

*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** - 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 for the next two weeks ...

No Thursday Communion on 28th December

Sunday 31st December 2017      10.00am      **New Year Celebration Service**

Thursday 4th January 2018      10.00am      **Holy Communion**

Sunday 7th January 2018      9.00am      **Breakfast Church**  
9.00am      **Morning Worship**

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

10.45am      **Family Communion**  
6.30pm      **Hungry**

## Welcome to

St Mary's



24th & 31st 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

**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 on Christmas Eve (24th December)

10.00am - Morning Worship      Leader: Sarah Pix      Preacher: Patches Chabala  
Reading: John 1:1-18 & 3:16  
Theme: Love Fully  
*(followed by refreshments served in the Beacon Café)*

3.30pm - Christingle      Leader & Preacher: Sarah Pix

11.30pm - Midnight Communion      Leader: Patches Chabala      Preacher: Sarah Pix  
Reading: John 1: 1-18      Theme: Life Begins

## Service on Christmas Day (25th December)

10.00am - Family Service      Leader: Sarah Pix      Preacher: Patches Chabala  
*(Followed by Holy Communion (said) at 11.15am)*

## Service on New Years' Eve (31st December)

10.00am - New Year Celebration Service      Leader & Preacher: Patches Chabala  
Theme: Life Begins  
*(followed by refreshments served in the Beacon Café)*

### Groups for Children and Young People

Sparklers (self-help crèche - 0-3s)  
In the Beacon Café with "live link" from church  
NO Children's groups - Activities in the Beacon Café

**Calendars** - Thank you to those who bought calendars. £380.00 was raised which will go towards the Beacon Project Loan Fund.

### Giving Envelopes for 2018

These are now available to collect from the back of Church. *Thank you.*

### 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 last Sunday. If not, please do take one from the back of Church.

### Start back dates for groups at St. Mary's ...

**Mothers' Union** - Thurs 4th Jan (2.30-4pm - Beacon Room)  
**Sparkles** - Mon 8th Jan (9.15-10.45am - Hall)  
**Ministry in Wool** - Mon 8th Jan (10-11am - Beacon Café)  
**Open Doors** - Mon 8th Jan (11.30am-1.30pm - Hall)  
**Toddlers** - Tues 9th Jan (1.30-3pm - Hall)  
**G-Force** - Thurs 11th Jan (5.45-7pm - Hall)  
**3:16** - Thurs 11th Jan (7.15-8.30pm - Hall)  
**Lighthouse Club** - Sat 13th Jan (2-4pm - Hall)

### Every Day With Jesus Bible Notes

These are now available to buy from the Bookstall at the back of Church.

### January Service Rota - If you

serve at St. Mary's and have not received the latest rota via email, please check the pigeon holes in the Hall Foyer for your copy. Thank you.

We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who have given so generously of their time and energies this festive season to make our Christmas services & events run smoothly, the whole site look wonderful and provide welcome and hospitality to all in Jesus' name. You are such a blessing to St. Mary's and to all those God has brought through our doors - sincere thanks to each and every one of you!



### 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).

### Prayer Gathering

Tues 9th January at 7.30pm in the Beacon Room. Come and join us as we pray for our church, community and world.

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

#### Newcomers' Afternoon Tea

Sat 13th Jan 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** - please check the pigeon holes (in the Hall Foyer) for any cards that may have been posted there for you.

### Beacon Café opening hours over Christmas & New Year

Sat 23rd Dec until Mon 1st Jan - CLOSED  
Tues 2nd Jan - Open 8.30am to 4.00pm  
*(CLOSED weekends & Bank holidays)*

### 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.