

# Welcome to

# St Mary's

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## Ferndown

18th November 2018



**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).

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## Services Today

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

Leader: Sarah Pix      Preacher: Christopher Pix  
Theme: The Promise - Operation no more tears

9.00am - Morning Worship  
*(in Church)*

Leader: Ray Forbes      Preacher: Patches Chabala  
Theme: Right Relating - Enemies  
Reading: Matthew 5: 38-48 (p.970)

10.00am - 10.40am      *Refreshments served in the Beacon Café*

10.45am - Morning Worship  
*(in Church)*

Leader & Preacher: Patches Chabala  
Theme & Reading: (as for 9am Church service)

6.30 - 7.00pm      *Refreshments before "Hungry" Service*

6.30pm - Hungry  
(with Holy Communion)  
*(in the Beacon Café)*

Leader & Preacher: Sarah Pix

### Today's Groups for Children and Young People at our 10.45am service

Sparklers (0-3s) in the Beacon Café *(with live-link from church)*

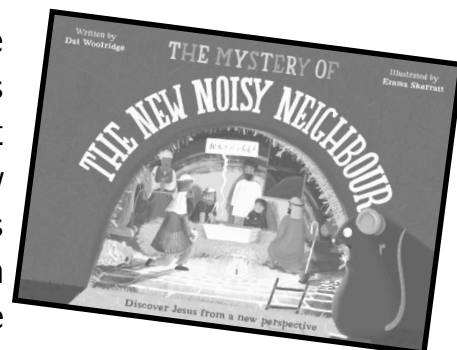
"Flame" (for children aged 3 - Year 3 at school) - in the Hall

"Recharge" (for children in School Years 4-7) - in the Beacon Room

6.30pm - "SOUL" in the Beacon Room

### Christmas Outreach to Children and Families Solve the Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour!

This Christmas we will be encouraging children and families to take part in solving the mystery of the new noisy neighbour. Mouse is living in a stable in Bethlehem and he wants to find out more about his new noisy neighbour who has come to stay! Clues to the mystery will be displayed in shops around Ferndown (courtesy of Mouse's knitted friends!) and there will be cards for children to write down the clues to complete the mystery Bible verse – the last clue will be given at our Children's Christmas worship service at 10.45am on Sunday 9th December.



We will encourage the children to hand in their cards at this Service, and there will be a prize draw at the end. If you would like to donate a prize or contribute financially towards one we would love to hear from you! Please contact Emma Taylor or Ann Scouse or Tracey Nicholls via the Church Office or at church on Sunday.

### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards from Keith Jones with a Christian message are available to buy from the book stall at the back of church. Please put monies in the black box on the side of the book stall. If you need change, please contact the office. Thank you.

### Christmas Shoe Boxes

A big thank you to everyone who filled a Christmas shoe box to go to children around the world who wouldn't ordinarily get a present at Christmas.

In total 120 boxes were donated from St. Mary's.

### Ferndown's Big Questions Answer Sessions continue



Mon 19th Nov – What's being a Christian like, do you have to go to church?

Mon 26th Nov – What are the views of God and the Church on homosexuality?

All are welcome to these sessions which will be held at 7.30pm in The Beacon Café at St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Ferndown BH22 9EU. Refreshments will be provided.

### Flower Arrangers Meeting

Tuesday 27th November at 10.30am  
in the Spring

This meeting is for anyone involved in decorating the church with flower arrangements for Christmas. Please speak to Ann Jones for more information.

### This Tuesday, 20th November at 2pm in the Church Lounge



To sit in silence with others is unusual. It might seem a waste of time when there is always so much we could be doing. But to stop and rest in God's presence is never time wasted. It actually strengthens us for the busyness of life. *All welcome.*

**Thanksgiving for the Life of Beryl Harris** – It was Beryl's wishes to have a private cremation but we will be holding a thanksgiving for her life as part of our Holy Communion service on Thursday 29th November, 10am at St Mary's. All those who knew and loved Beryl are most welcome to attend. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards in The Beacon Room.

### Christmas Lunch Planning Team Meeting

This Tues, 20th Nov at 6.30pm in the Beacon Cafe

This meeting is for all those involved in helping with the lunch on Christmas Day here at St. Mary's.

### Ferndown Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 24th November WE NEED YOU!

Next Saturday we will be taking part in the start of the Christmas celebrations to share the real meaning of Christmas. The event will run from 1pm – 5pm and we are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

10.30am – Meet at St Mary's to load up cars, drive to Penny's Walk to set up gazebo and stall  
1pm – 3pm – Meet and greet (give out leaflets and sweets), craft activity with children  
3pm – 5pm – As above  
5pm – After lights switch on, take down stall and return everything to St Mary's

If you can help with any of the above we would love to hear from you. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Tracey in the Office.

### Christmas Services Postcards



Postcards with details of all our Christmas Services are now available. Please take some and invite your friends and family to St. Mary's this Christmas.

## Prayer Diary

**Monday:** Pray for the UK concerning issues of Brexit. Pray for the Prime Minister and the Cabinet for wisdom and discernment .

**Tuesday:** Blessed is a nation whose God is the LORD and righteousness exalts a nation. Pray for the UK to turn back to God so the times of refreshing may come.

**Wednesday:** Thank God for the well attended Remembrance Service. Pray that the gospel that was preached may find room in the hearts of people.

**Thursday:** Pray for the family and friends of those who died in the wildfire in the town of Paradise in California. Pray for God's comfort, presence and healing.

**Friday:** Pray for those in our community living in all kinds of fear. Pray for God's divine peace and trust in Him. "The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear, The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid."

**Saturday:** Pray that Christians worldwide will continue being faithful in making Jesus known wherever they are. Pray for courage and anointing.

**Sunday:** Pray for our hearts to be ready to encounter God in a new and fresh way.

### PRAYER FOCUS

"Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart fail;  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."  
*Psalm 73:25-26*

*If you have anything you would like prayer for, or would like to receive prayer requests,  
please email St. Mary's Prayer Link: [stmarysprayerlink@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprayerlink@gmail.com)*

### Services Next Week ...

**Thursday 22nd November 2018 - 10.00am - Holy Communion in Church**

#### **Sunday 25th November 2018**

9.00am - Breakfast Church in the Hall  
9.00am - Holy Communion in Church  
10.45am - Morning Worship in Church  
6.30pm - "Hungry" in the Beacon Café