

Welcome to

St Mary's

Ferndown

25th 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: Emma Taylor
Theme: The Promise - Getting Ready

Preacher: Phil Taylor

9.00am - Holy Communion
(in Church)

Leader: Patches Chabala
Theme: Right Relating - Families
Reading: Ephesians 5: 21 to 6: 4 (page 1,176)

Preacher: Sarah Pix

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

10.45am - Morning Worship
(in Church)

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

Preacher: Sarah Pix

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

6.30pm - Hungry
(in the Beacon Café)

Leader: Patches Chabala
Theme: Prayer of Daniel
Reading: Daniel 9: 1-19 (page 895)

Preacher: Tony Moore

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)

"Power House" (children aged 3 to school year 7) - in the Hall

6.30pm - SOUL (13-18s) in the Beacon Room

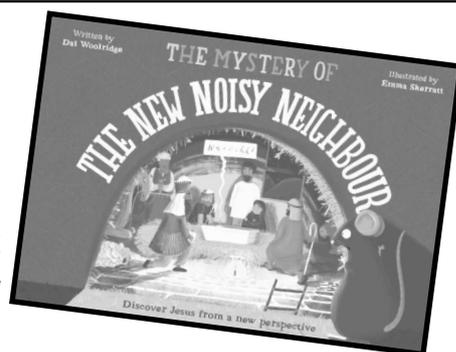
Welcome to Timothy Deall and his family and friends as he is dedicated at our 10.45am service this morning.

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 are now being displayed in shops around Ferndown (courtesy of Mouse's knitted friends!) and there are 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, when children will be asked to hand in their cards. There will also be a prize draw at the end of the service. Please take some cards to give to friends and family.

Children are also encouraged to dress up in Nativity costumes for this service.

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.

Ferndown's Big Questions Answer Sessions concludes



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.

"Christmas Wrap-it-up"

Mon 3rd December, 3-4.45pm in the Hall
Cost £2

Come along with your child and enjoy a mince pie and a cuppa while they choose a present and wrap it to give to you or a family member at Christmas. (includes refreshments, gift and wrapping)

Appeal for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

We need lots of mulled wine and mince pies to share after our Carols by Candlelight services on Sunday 16th December. If you would like to donate any, please bring them to the church kitchen by Friday 14th December. Thank you.

We have heard the sad news that Dorcas Field died recently. Her funeral will be tomorrow (Monday) 26th Nov at 10.30am at Poole Crematorium.

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.

Blessing Bin - Christmas Treats

The Bus Stop Club are asking for donations of "Christmas treats" to go into hampers for those in need who live on the Heatherlands Estate. Please put any donations in the Blessing Bin at the back of church over the next two weeks. Thank you.

Flower Arrangers Meeting

Tues 27th Nov 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.

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 this Thurs, 29th Nov, 10am at St Mary's. All those who knew and loved Beryl are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards in The Beacon Room.

2019 Calendars

These are now available to buy from Hugh & Valerie at coffee time on Sundays. £6 each. Proceeds will go to the St. Mary's Care Fund.

Saltmine Theatre Company presents
"The Nutcracker"

Next Sunday, 2nd December, 5-7pm
at St. Nicholas Church, Wareham Rd, Corfe Mullen
Tickets £5

A family-friendly Christmas show based on the festive classic, The Nutcracker. Go on an adventure with Clara to the magical Land of Sweets and discover whether mending something on the outside can fix what is truly broken.

For a preview of the story and to purchase tickets online, visit www.parishofcorfemullen.church/nutcracker or call in at the Parish Office, 30 Wareham Road, on weekday mornings.

(Please note tickets are NOT available from St. Mary's Church Office)

Prayer Diary

Monday: Pray for the final session in Ferndown's Big Questions which has the potential to be contentious. Pray for good, humble, considerate discussion, and that the whole evening will point to Jesus and to His goodness and mercy.

Tuesday: Pray for the PCC as they meet this evening, that the Holy Spirit will guide and that we will hear His voice.

Wednesday: Continue to pray for those involved in Brexit negotiations and for the nation as the process moves on. Pray that at a time of uncertainty, we will seek the Lord and his plans for us.

Thursday: Pray for the people in your street - those that you know, those that you smile at and say hello to, those who you don't know, those that you find unfriendly. Ask the Lord if there is anyone you could connect with to invite to a Christmas service.

Friday: Pray for the work of the Bible Society in promoting biblical literacy and distributing scripture around the world.

Saturday: Pray for the people of Yemen suffering terribly from the ravages of war and food shortages. Pray for those working to bring relief.

Sunday: The King is coming! Pray that prayer from Revelation: Come Lord Jesus! The day approaches when we see the fulfilment of all that has been promised. Pray for our services today as we enter Advent - that we will be expectant for the risen Lord Jesus to stand among us.

PRAYER FOCUS

“Lift up your heads oh you gates! Be lifted up you ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.’ *Psalm 24:9*

*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*

Services Next Week ...

Thursday 29th November 2018 - 10.00am - Holy Communion in Church

Sunday 2nd December 2018

9.00am - Breakfast Church in the Hall

9.00am - Morning Worship in Church

10.45am - Family Communion in Church

6.30pm - “Hungry” in the Beacon Café