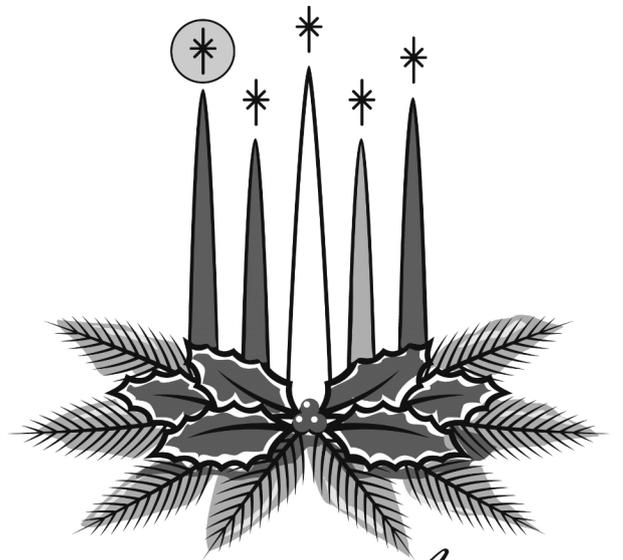


Welcome to

St Mary's

Ferndown

2nd December 2018



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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 - He's Here

Preacher: Tony Thornton

9.00am - Morning Worship
(in Church)

Leader: Patches Chabala
Theme: Be Prepared! Wedding Banquet
Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14 (p.990)

Preacher: Tony Moore

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

10.45am - Family Communion
(in Church)

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

Preacher: Tony Moore

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

6.30pm - Hungry
(in the Beacon Café)

Leader & Preacher: Patches Chabala
Theme: The Promise to Abraham
Reading: Genesis 2: 15-18 (p.22)

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

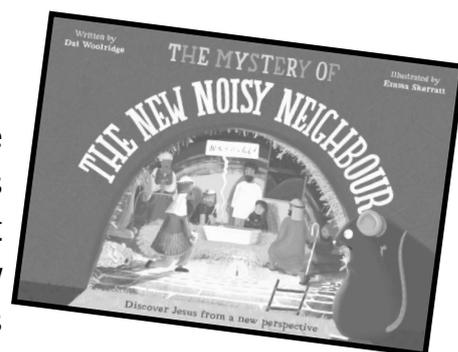
6.30pm - SOUL (13-18s) in the Beacon Room

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

This Christmas we are 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 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. *Thank you!*



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.

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 by the end of this week. Thank you.

We are so grateful we are for all the messages, cards and care that we have received after losing Alison's dear sister, Mary, who is now safely with Jesus. You are all our wonderful supportive Church family, and we thank God for you all.

With our love
Alison and Sarah Hartley.

The Lighthouse Club

This Sat, 8th December at 2pm
in the Hall



Join us for friendly chat, refreshments, games, craft and much more.

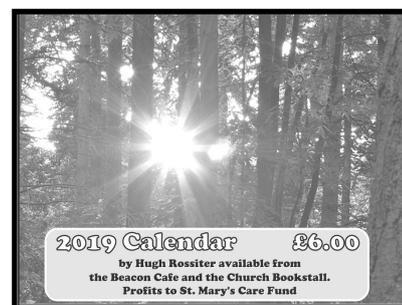
"Christmas Wrap-it-up"

Tomorrow (Monday 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)

2019 Calendars

These are now available to buy from Hugh & Valerie at coffee time on Sundays and from the bookstall at the back of church during the week. £6



each. Proceeds will go to the St. Mary's Care Fund.

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.

Cookery Book

Cookery books by Jim & Marjorie Woodhouse are available from the bookstall at the back of church. £5 per copy. All proceeds go to the work of Sue & Simon Morgan in Uganda.

Stephen & Tabita Bell (ECM Ministries)

Copies of their latest newsletter are available at the back of church. Please take one if you would like one.

NEW - December edition of Spotlight

The December edition of Spotlight is now available. Pick up a copy from the back of church, or view it via St. Mary's Church website:

www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk

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.

December Service Rota

If you serve on a Sunday at St. Mary's and haven't received the December rota via email, please collect your copy from the pigeon holes. *Thank you.*

Prayer Diary

Monday: Pray for our Government and all in authority. Pray for the World Leaders of other nations as the Lord leads you.

Tuesday: Today our Christmas services begin in earnest! Pray for all those who are involved in preaching, leading and worship leading over the next month, that the exceptionally good news of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, will be proclaimed clearly and with power.

Wednesday: As the Brexit crisis continues, pray for wisdom for our leaders, reconciliation between individuals, prosperity for our future and that the nation would turn to God.

Thursday: Pray for Simon & Sue Morgan in their work to provide clean water to those most in need, and in their Mission Direct work. Pray that the Lord would bless, sustain and encourage them.

Friday: Pray for the team in the café headed up by Paul and Lauren. Ask God to pour out his blessing on the kingdom work that happens there, day in and day out. Pray that He would strengthen the team, and that others would be called to work alongside them.

Saturday: Pray for our local community. Pray for Jean our Mayor and our councillors. Ask God to give them His wisdom. Pray for those most marginalised in our town, that we would be able to demonstrate the love of Jesus to them.

Sunday: Pray for the Children's Christmas Worship this morning. Ask the Lord to bring in lots of families as we hear the story of the New Noisy Neighbour. Pray for a great morning together, and fruitful time.

PRAYER FOCUS

'May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.'

1 Thessalonians 3: 12, 13

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 9th December 2018

9.00am - Morning Worship in Church

10.45am - Children's Christmas Worship in Church

6.30pm - "Hungry" in the Beacon Café