

Welcome to St Mary's

Ferndown

9th December 2018



2ND 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 - Holy Communion
(in Church)

Leader & Preacher: Sarah Pix
Theme: Be Prepared! The Promise
Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 (p. 697)

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

10.45am - Children's Christmas
Worship *(in Church)*

Leader & Preacher: Emma Taylor
Theme: The New Noisy Neighbour

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

6.30pm - Hungry
(in the Beacon Café)

Leader: Patches Chabala Preacher: Andrew Harmer
Theme: The Coming of the King
Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p. 694)

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)

NO children's groups today - All-age service

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



Christmas Services at St. Mary's - "Follow the Star"

Next Sunday (16th December)

9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Morning Worship
4.30pm Carols by Candlelight
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight
*(both services will be followed by
mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall)*

Sunday 23rd December

9.00am Morning Worship
10.45am Morning Worship
6.30pm Hungry (with Holy Communion)

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

3.30pm Christingle
11.00pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.00am All Age Service
11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December

10.00am New Year Celebration Service

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards 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.

Individual Christmas Cards are also available to buy in the Café for £1.50 each - all of this money will go directly to St Mary's.

Ministry in Wool

Tomorrow, Mon 10th December
at 10am in the Cafe.
All knitters welcome.



Beacon Café Vouchers

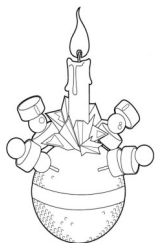
Why not buy your friends and family vouchers for the Beacon Café this Christmas?

They are available from the Café in £5 increments.

Help needed assembling Christingles

Friday 21st Dec, 2-4pm in the Hall

If you can help, please let Emma Taylor know or contact the Office.



This Tuesday,

11th December at 7.30pm
in the Beacon Room



Come along to pray as a Church family for Ferndown, our church and the world, and to praise the Lord for who He is and all He's done. We will also be praying specifically for our Christmas services .

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Appeal for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

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



Service rota availability sought for January/February/March 2019

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

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.

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.

Every Day with Jesus (Bible Notes)

The January/February edition is now available to buy from the bookstall at the back of Church.

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.

There is an online petition requesting the government to consider removing VAT for works on existing church buildings. (Currently only listed buildings can apply for an exemption.)

You may be aware that if 100,000 signatures are found for any petition then the government have to consider the issue and make a decision.

If any in your church wish to sign such a petition it can be found at:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/225494>

Prayer Diary

Monday: Continue to pray for those in authority as the Brexit discussion are on-going in parliament. Pray particularly for the debate in Parliament that is programmed for tomorrow. 'Lord, where there is division in our land let your Church proclaim the reconciling love of Christ, where there is hatred let your peace reign. Amen.

Tuesday: Come together with others to pray for our Christmas services, at 9.30 am or at 7.30 pm. Pray that the Lord will be glorified and that all will clearly see and experience Jesus as we worship together this Christmas.

Wednesday: 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it'. Pray for those involved in climate care, and scientists who are looking for ways to reduce the effects of climate change on the planet.

Thursday: Pray for the 3:16 Christmas service this evening.

Friday: Pray for the work of Compassion and our local Faithworks Wessex who we are supporting with our Christmas giving this year.

Saturday: Pray for the families facing difficulties this Christmas because of their financial position. Pray particularly for CAP clients receiving hampers, and other local families supported by the Bus Stop Club and the Blessings Bin gifts.

Sunday: Carols by Candlelight. Who are you bringing? Pray for a great celebration of the love of God shown to us in Jesus, and that those who don't know Him yet will see that He is real, and that He is good.

PRAYER FOCUS

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'.

Isaiah 9: 6

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 13th December 2018 - 10.00am - Holy Communion in Church

Sunday 16th December 2018

9.00am - Holy Communion in Church

10.45am - Morning Worship in Church

4.30pm & 7.00pm - Carols by Candlelight in Church