

Welcome to St Mary's

Ferndown

16th December 2018



3RD 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: Patches Chabala
Theme: Be Prepared! John the Baptist
Reading: Isaiah 40: 3-5 (p. 725) and Luke 1: 8-17 (p.1,023)

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

10.45am - Morning Worship
(in Church)

Leader: Sarah Pix Preacher: Patches Chabala
Reading & Theme: As for 9am service

4.30pm & 7.00pm
Carols by Candlelight

Leader: Patches Chabala Preacher: Sarah Pix
Theme: Follow the Star

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served in the Hall following both these services

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



Next 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

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.

Are you new to St. Mary's?

Newcomers' Event - Tea, Coffee and Cakes
Saturday 12th January from 11am-12.30pm
In the Beacon Café

For more information, speak to a member of the Welcome Team, or pick up an invitation from the Welcome Area at the back of church or the pews.

Christmas Appeal 2018

This year donations from our Carols by Candlelight, Christingle and Midnight Communion Services will be split between the child survival program through "Compassion" and to the work of "Faithworks Wessex" with local homeless people. (see page 4 of "Spotlight" for more details).

Beacon Café opening hours over Christmas and New Year

Fri 21st Dec	Open 8.30am to 4.00pm
Sat 22nd until	
Tues 1st Jan	CLOSED
Wed 2nd Jan	Open 8.30am to 4.00pm

(CLOSED weekends & Bank Holidays)

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 2019 with your Welcome Sheet. If not, please do take one from the back of Church.

Day of Prayer and Fasting Tuesday 15th January 2019

Please put this date in your diary. *(This will be in place of Prayer Gathering which would have been on Tues 8th Jan).*

Tomorrow, Monday
17th Dec, 9.15-10.45am
in the Hall.



Christian fun morning for pre-school children and their parents/carers with crafts, music and refreshments.

This Tuesday, 18th December at 2pm in the Church Lounge

Christmas! A time to wonder at the birth of Jesus, Prince of Peace and Saviour of the world ... or a time to wonder how you will ever get everything done in time!

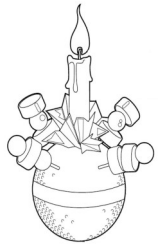


You are invited to take a break from the preparations. Sit down. Relax. Just breathe, and treat yourself to 45 minutes of stillness. Reconnect with the true wonder of Christmas. All welcome!

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.



Church Office Christmas Closure

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Tues 25th December to Tues 1st January inclusive.

St. Mary's Bible verse for 2019

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12 verses 1-2

Prayer Diary

Monday: Pray for the Christmas celebrations in Sparkles and Toddlers this week. Ask God to bless the team, and pray that both parents and children will encounter the love and presence of God.

Tuesday: Pray for our nation at a time of political turbulence. Pray for a turning to Jesus, the Hope of the Nations.

Wednesday: Pray for those in residential care homes this Christmas. Pray for the different services that will take place in those homes - that the Good News of Jesus will encourage and help all those that are there.

Thursday: Pray for our mission partners and those that they serve around the world over the Christmas period

Friday: Pray for those affected by the attack in Strasbourg, and the train crash in Turkey. Lift to God any other tragic situations in the world that are on your heart.

Saturday: Pray for the NHS under increasing pressure over the winter months. Pray for provision, safety of patients and staff, for good management. Ask the Lord's blessing on those working over Christmas.

Sunday: Praise the Lord for His indescribable gift! As we celebrate the last Sunday in advent, spend some time dwelling on the incredible mystery that God became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

PRAYER FOCUS

'In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.
(John 1: 4, 5)

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 20th December 2018 - 10.00am - Holy Communion in Church

Sunday 23rd December 2018

9.00am - Morning Worship in Church

10.45am - Morning Worship in Church

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