

Welcome to

St Mary's

Ferndown

23rd & 30th December 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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St. Mary's Contact Details

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Open Hours: Mon - Fri 9.30am- 4.30pm

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| Rev. Sarah Pix - Team Rector | (01202) 890798 | Day Off: Wednesday |
| Rev. Patches Chabala - Team Vicar | (01202) 895099 | Day Off: Friday |
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| Lynne Rees - Pastoral Care Co-ordinator | (01202) 871936 | Day Off: Saturday |

Services on Sunday 23rd December

9.00am - Morning Worship
(in Church)

Leader: Ray Forbes
Theme: Be Prepared! Mary
Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

Preacher: Sarah Pix

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

10.45am - Morning Worship
(in Church)

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

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

Leader: Patches Chabala Preacher: Will Pyke

Services on Christmas Eve (Mon 24th Dec)

3.30pm - Christingle

Leader: Sarah Pix

Preacher: Emma Taylor

11.00pm - Midnight Communion

Leader: Sarah Pix

Preacher: Patches Chabala

Service on Christmas Day (Tues 25th Dec)

10.00am - Family Service

Leader: Emma Taylor

Preacher: Sarah Pix

(followed by Holy Communion (said) at 11.15am)

Service on Sunday 30th December

10.00am - Family Service

Leader: Sarah Pix

Preacher: Tony Thornton

Theme: Carols & Communion

Reading: Luke 4: 14-30

(please note - there will be no refreshments this Sunday)



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).

Thank you to everyone who put in such a lot of time, effort and creativity to make our Carols by Candlelight services so special! We are grateful to every single one of you! Many people have commented on the beauty of the church, and on how much they valued the service. Please continue to pray that the seed that was sown will bear much fruit.

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.

If you serve on a Sunday at St. Mary's, and haven't received the Jan, Feb & Mar rota's via email, please collect your copies from the pigeon holes.

Beacon Café opening hours over Christmas and New Year

Sat 22nd until Tues 1st Jan - CLOSED
Wed 2nd Jan - Open 8.30am to 4.00pm
(CLOSED weekends & Bank Holidays)

Huge thanks to Diane Newton for all her hard work and support as our Parish Safeguarding Rep. Diane and Richard have been a blessing to us in so many ways - they have provided training for a number of us, as well as helping with advice on workstations in the office. They have been a part of our family at St. Mary's for a number of years, but have now moved down to Somerset. Although we will miss them greatly, we pray that their new home and community will be a place of great blessing and joy!

Christmas Cards

Please check the pigeon holes (in the Hall Foyer) for any cards that may have been posted there for you.

Church Office Christmas Closure

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

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.

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

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).*

Prayer Diary

Monday: 'No word from God will ever fail'. Pray for the wonderful opportunities that we will have today at Christingle and Midnight.

Tuesday: 'Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.' Happy Christmas! Let's celebrate the love of God revealed in Jesus.

Wednesday: 'She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.' Pray for those who don't feel that they have a place this Christmas.

Thursday: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." Pray for those who don't yet know peace with God and pray for nations where war rages.

Friday: 'The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.' Thinking back over the past year, praise God and give thanks to him for all that you have heard and seen of God, and all the ways you have seen his faithfulness.

Saturday: 'They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh'. Thank God for the gift of Jesus! What will you give him?

Sunday: 'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' Praise God for the rescue he has sent. He is strong to save!

PRAYER FOCUS

'Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.'
Ponder with the Lord, lifting to Him all that lies ahead in the New Year

If you have anything you would like prayer for, or would like to receive prayer requests, please email St. Mary's Prayer Link: prayerlink@stmarys-fendown.org.uk

Services for the next two weeks ...

No Thursday Holy Communion on 27th December

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| Sunday 30th December 2018 | 10.00am | Family Communion |
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| Thurs 3rd January 2019 | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
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| Sunday 6th January 2019 | 9.00am | Morning Worship |
| | 10.45am | Family Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Hungry |