

Welcome to St Mary's Church

If you are new to the church or just visiting,
please introduce yourself to one of the staff team.

14th March 2010
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion <i>Hebrews 12: 22-24</i> <i>John 6: 1-14</i> | <i>Preacher:</i> Mike Archer |
| 9.15 am & 11.00 am | Morning Worship <i>Grace will reign</i> <i>Romans 5: 6-21</i> | <i>Preacher:</i> Barry Hampson |
| 7.00 pm | Healing and Empowerment service <i>Ten lepers</i> <i>Luke 17: 11-19</i> | <i>Preacher:</i> Mike Archer |
| <u>Wednesday 17th March</u> | | |
| 10.00 am | Wednesday communion service | <i>Preacher:</i> Robin Rowles |

Children's groups: If you are new to our church or visiting us, you are very welcome to bring your child/children to any of the groups below. Please take your child along to the group, and make yourself known to the group leader.

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| Refreshments | Served after 9.15, 11am & 7pm services: please stay if you can. |
| Crèche facilities | Through door to the left of the dais, to the end of the corridor and up the stairs. |
| Children's Groups | Groups for 3-11's are held in our Church Hall, leaving together about 15 minutes into the service. During communion services the children start off in the Church Hall and come back in for communion. |
| Young People | IGNITE , a group for young people in school years 7-9. At St John's (11am). On 1st Sunday meet at St John's (11am) and walk to St Mary's for communion. 3rd Sunday at St Mary's for all-age service. C4 for school years 10-13: See parish diary for details |
| All-Age Service | On 3rd Sunday at 9.15 & 11.00am, we all remain together to worship. |
| When you can do with some prayer... | Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are available at 9.15, 11am & 7pm services, and will be wearing blue badges. Please look for one of the team and ask for prayer. |

DIARY

Collect for the week:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please pray:

Sunday 14th March (*Mothering Sunday*)

- for the Bishop of Oxford: John Pritchard
- with thanks for the generosity of St Mary's Church Family in response to the stewardship campaign & chair fund, & for the authors of the anonymous donations allowing Church-on-the-Green to go ahead

Monday 15th March

- for all who lead and receive in daytime small groups
- for an end to the violence against Christian farmers by nomadic Muslim group Fulani, after nearly 200 have been killed near the city of Jos, Nigeria

Tuesday 16th March

- for the ministry in Milton Keynes Hospital: Karen Reeves
- for a positive response to the government's initiative "anti knife crime in schools"

Wednesday 17th March

- for the secretary to the PCC: Pam Lambert
- that the upcoming live TV debates between the 3 main political parties will be fair, just, informative and truthful

Thursday 18th March

- for the food cupboard ministry: Malcolm and Ann Bagnall
- for families who are in debt to fuel companies due to the severe winter months

Friday 19th March

- for the Bridge: John Giles and Richard & Glenda Lyons
- for social networking sites to be more vigilant to content after a series of sexual predators were discovered "grooming" young women and teenage girls

Saturday 20th March

- for the Hope MK outreach team: Dr Sam Muthueloe
- for police forces to improve the way they deal with complaints of anti-social behaviour

prayers compiled by Steve Poulter

NOTICES—EVENTS

- **Small Groups** are a great way of getting to know a few people a bit better, finding a place to belong in our growing church, and having the opportunity to explore how we put our faith into practice. If you would like to find out more about belonging to a small group, contact Catherine Butt on 01908 379008 revcatherinebutt@yahoo.co.uk or Gill Giles on MK 643184 gill-giles@tiscali.co.uk
- **Pastoral Care:** A confidential telephone line is now available for pastoral issues for members of St Marys. The number to contact is 0796 1026587. More information about Pastoral Care is in this month's Good News.
- **St Mary's Choir is back!:** The choir will be leading the evening service on Easter Day. If you enjoy singing and fellowship, come and join us! Everybody welcome. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church or see the Website. Thank you. Kath Barton 01525 261842. barfam@o2.co.uk
- **Church Cleaners:** Please collect your copy of the new rota from the table at the church door. Many thanks, Carolyn.
- **Looking Back – Looking Forward.....Did you raise a question or ask for more information about the chairs?** If so, please see the March Good News in which I've tried to answer as many of those queries as possible. Thank you: Richard Lyons – Chair of Building Group
- **Flower Rota 2010/11:** There are three unfilled dates on the new flower rota where I would be grateful for someone willing to cover the cost of the flowers. The usual donation is between £15 and £20. If you would like to offer, please contact me. Many thanks Hilary 01908 642663



PARISH DIARY

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Week Commencing Sunday 14th March | 10.45 am 7.00pm | Ignite @ St. John's C4 Sundays @ St. Mary's then on to Aaron's house |
| Monday | 11.00 am 1.30pm | The Furnace — St. Marys Little Fishes St. Mary's |
| Tuesday | 6.30 am 9.30am | Men's Meeting — St. Mary's Parent & Tods — St. John's |
| Wednesday | 10.00 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm | Mid Week Communion — St. Mary's Parent & Tods — St. John's More 4 @ Aaron & Rachael's house |
| Thursday | 10.00 am 6.30 pm | Food Cupboard — church hall Weigh In @ church hall |
| Friday | 7.30 pm 8.00 pm | St. Mary's Art Group — church hall Friday Ignite @ St. John's |
| Saturday | 10.00 am | Dream Factory |
| Sunday 21st March | 11.00 am 7.00 pm | Ignite—All Age service @ St. Mary's C4 Sundays @ St. Mary's then on to Aaron's house |

Contact us: The Church Office is usually open: 9.00 am — 12.00 noon Mon. to Fri.
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