

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.

21st February 2010
The First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Hebrews 9: 11-15</i> <i>John 8: 46-end</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Mike Archer</i>
9.15 am & 11.00 am	All-Age Worship	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Mike Archer</i>
5.00 pm	Evening Communion	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Norman Thorp</i>
7.00 pm	Evening Worship <i>What does it mean to follow</i> <i>Luke 9: 51-62</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Barry Hampson</i>
<u>Wednesday 24th February</u>		
10.00 am	Wednesday communion service	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Mike Archer</i>

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.

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:

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 for ever.

Please pray:

Sunday 21st February

- for the teaching ministries on Sundays and in Mid-week groups
- for Mike and all who attend the Network course commencing in church this week

Monday 22nd February

- the refreshment team: Lisa Pye
- for the family of Scout Leader Stephen Young, aged 18, from Sevenoaks Kent, who died after falling through a snow shelf in the Cairngorms, Scotland

Tuesday 23rd February

- for the Chair of Finance: John Penny
- for the families of those who died or were injured in the train accident in Halle, Belgium

Wednesday 24th February

- for the parish church cleaners: Carolyn Proctor
- for Pope Benedict as he deals with the situation involving Irish Priests in paedophile allegations

Thursday 25th February

- for the audio visual teams: Stephen Walker
- for peace and stability to be restored in Somalia as clashes between government troops and Islamic extremist group al-Shabab intensify

Friday 26th February

- for all who serve & attend All Saints Roman Catholic & St Andrews Baptist Churches
- for Bletchley based charity Toybox working with street children in Latin America

Saturday 27th February

- for all who lead and receive throughout New Wine Women's day today at City Hall Westminster, London
- for an end to the Taliban using women and children as human shields as they battle an Afghan-Nato offensive

prayers compiled by Steve Poulter

NOTICES—EVENTS

- **Network Course:** if you put your name down, you're assured of a place on the course. Please come along on the night that suits you best. If you didn't put your name down, please feel free to come along and join the course anyway. Thanks, Mike.
- **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.
- **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
- **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
- **Stewardship Giving – Still time to return giving forms!:** Forms back by 28th Feb. Please leave in the Church collection plate or Church Office
- **Food Cupboard:** In January we supplied 23 food parcels to 34 adults and 43 children. We are very short of sugar, long life milk and tinned potatoes and would appreciate gifts of these items. Thank you."
- **The Weigh In:** Starts again on Thurs 4th March in the church hall 6.30pm. For more info contact Jill Collins 01296 712980 or Sue Fletcher 01908 502544.
- **Reality TV—love it or loathe it?!** If you are over 18 and would be interested in taking part in a research project exploring how Christians watch Reality TV please contact Catherine Butt on revcatherinebutt@yahoo.co.uk to find out more.
- **When I survey:** A series of Lent Meetings based on the York Course Notes all held at Freeman Methodist Church, Bletchley starting on Wed. 24th Feb. at 7.30pm. You are welcome to join these reflections starting with coffee and fellowship
- **Camp Motivation:** (affiliated to Scripture Union) are looking for a qualified Windsurfing Instructor (who is also a committed Christian) to join our team on our Easter Revision & Activity Christian holiday. See website for details <http://www.westrntonholidays.org.uk/holidays/motivation-2010>. Or contact Dom & Crystal Meering on 0117 9077235
- **Sri-Lanka Charity Supper:** Friday 5th March 2010, 7.45pm at Amirth Soorabi Restaurant, 1 St Leger Court, Great Linford, MK14 5HA. 3 Course Meal & Junction 14; with Ladies Barber Shop Chorus. Ticket £17.50p. In aid of the displaced children of Sri-Lanka. Hope Outreach UK & the Mayor of Milton Keynes. Tickets from Angela 01908 377581 or Margaret 019080 670226
- **Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning & Recipe Swap:** Friday 5th March, 10-12 Church Hall. Refreshments, Traidcraft stall & Fairtrade recipes to sample and swap. If you have a recipe to swap please bring it along. All ages welcome.



PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Week Commencing Sunday 21st February	11.00 am 7.00 pm	Ignite—All Age service @ St. Mary's C4 Soul Survivor Watford. Meet at church hall 5.pm.
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	Food Cupboard — 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 28th February	10.45 am 7.00 pm	Ignite @ St. Johns C4 @ SYNERGY. 7pm @ St Andrews Baptist Church, Bletchley.

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