

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.

28th February 2010
The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion <i>1 Thessalonians 4: 16-21</i> <i>Matthew 15: 21-28</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Catherine Butt</i>
9.15 am & 11.00 am	Family Worship <i>A righteousness from God</i> <i>Romans 3: 21-31</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Mike Archer</i>
7.00 pm	Evening Worship <i>Workers for the harvest</i> <i>Luke 10: 1-24</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Catherine Butt</i>
<u>Wednesday 3rd March</u>		
10.00 am	Wednesday communion service	<i>Preacher:</i> <i>Catherine Butt</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 God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Please pray:

Sunday 28th February

- for all who lead, learn and have fun at Sparklers, Shine, Ignite and C4
- that the Lord will guide to the Pastoral Care Team, all those within our church family who have needs

Monday 1st March

- for all who give their time in running the crèche on Sundays
- for the family of blind Hannah Fitzgibbon aged 100, stabbed to death, allegedly by her son at the family home in Whitechapel, East London

Tuesday 2nd March

- for the continued work of the Bridgebuilder Trust: Rosie Harriot & Rachel Foster
- that the needs of deaf children are met, as a report by the National Deaf Children's Society states three quarters of local authorities do not recognise that they have a need

Wednesday 3rd March

- for the St Mary's web-site editor: Tim May
- that talks between India and Pakistan may bear fruit including issues over the disputed territory of Kashmir

Thursday 4th March

- for the church valet: Glenda Lyons
- for the Weigh In, which restarts tonight: Jill Collins & Sue Fletcher

Friday 5th March

- for the Ministry to Dovecote Manor & Caton House
- for all attending Women's World Day of Prayer with Dr Mary Cotes in church today

Saturday 6th March

- for the flower arrangers: Hilary Ager
- for the safety of sniffer dogs and their handlers working diligently to unearth bombs in Helmund Province, Afghanistan

prayers compiled by Steve Poulter

NOTICES—EVENTS

- **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
- **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.
- **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.
- **Join us** for a presentation about Christian Aid Climate Change projects in Burkina Faso and Mali, March 3rd, 7.30pm at St Mary's. Free entry, tea and coffee, Traidcraft Stall. Contact Lisa Pye (lisapye@sky.com)
- **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 (out next week) in which I've tried to answer as many of those queries as possible. Thank you: Richard Lyons – Chair of Building Group



PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Week Commencing Sunday 28th February	10.45 am 7.00 pm	Ignite @ St. Johns C4 @ SYNERGY. 7pm @ St Andrews Baptist Church, Bletchley.
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 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Mid Week Communion — St. Mary's Parent & Tods — St. John's Climate change presentation in church 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 7th March	10.45 am 7.00pm	Ignite @ St. John'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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