

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.

7th March 2010
The Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Ephesians 5: 1-14</i> <i>Luke 11: 14-28</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> Catherine Butt
9.15 am & 11.00 am	Family Communion <i>The father of us all</i> <i>Romans 4: 13-25</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> Mike Archer
7.00 pm	Evening Worship <i>Approaching Jerusalem</i> <i>Luke 13: 22-35</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> Barry Hampson
<u>Wednesday 10th March</u>		
10.00 am	Wednesday communion service	<i>Preacher:</i> Mike Archer

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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 7th March

- for all involved in the Weigh in: Jill Collins and Sue Fletcher
- with love, support and encouragement for Mike and Catherine as they continue to shoulder the main responsibilities of St. Mary's as a much smaller than desired clergy team

Monday 8th March

- for the Good News: Pete Ager
- for the family and friends of Stephanie Bellinger, 24, and her eight-month-old daughter Lily, killed, allegedly by Stephanie's partner Anthony Marsh, 21, in Wotton, Hants

Tuesday 9th March

- for the Lay Minister in training: Andrew Walmsley
- for the people of Chile after the earthquake which has claimed 700+ lives and destroyed many communities

Wednesday 10th March

- for St Mary's Art Group: Brian and Vicky Govier
- for parents in Falluja, Iraq, who have seen a rise in the number of children born with defects, and attribute the fact to weapons used by the USA during the past six years

Thursday 11th March

- for H2H (Halfway to Heaven Group): David and Diane Young
- for fruitful discussion between the United Nations and the Democratic Republic of Congo over plans to withdraw peacekeeping troops from the area

Friday 12th March

- for the Ministries of Christian Churches in Milton Keynes
- for the needs of young people in rural England as a lack of jobs, housing and social exclusion are driving them from the countryside

Saturday 13th March

- for all who serve and attend Freeman Methodist Church and St Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church
- against IRA splinter groups continuing to cause harm to the Northern Ireland peace process

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 07961 026587.
- **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."
- **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.westruntonholidays.org.uk/holidays/motivation-2010>. Or contact Dom & Crystal Meering on 0117 9077235
- **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
- **St. John's Place -** Next meeting **Thursday 11th March** 10.30am at St Mary's. 'Hope for Sri Lanka', with John & Margot Smith as speakers.



PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Week Commencing Sunday 7th March	10.45 am 7.00 pm	Ignite @ St. Johns 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 14th 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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