

Welcome!

A warm St Mary's welcome to you! If you are new or visiting St Mary's please make yourself known to us - We hope you will feel at home here. Please take a **Welcome Leaflet** from your pew or the back of the church and hand in the reply slip if you wish.



NEWCOMERS EVENING This Monday, 8pm - 9.30pm in the hall
If you are new to St Mary's please speak to a member of our welcome team at the back of church or the office for more info about this event.

Children – We are delighted to welcome all children to St Mary's! Our crèche and children's groups meet during both of our morning services. The children and young people are normally in church for 10-15 minutes before going out for their groups. They will return to join us for the final song and the end of the service.

Crèche: 0-3 yrs (Vestry) **Rockets:** 3-5yrs (Venue 2) **Comets:** 5-8 yrs (Hall)
Ignite: 8-11yrs (Venue 1) **Pathfinders:** 11-14yrs (Youth Room)

Induction Loop in operation. If wearing a hearing aid, please turn to position **T**

LARGE PRINT SONGSHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR WELCOME TEAM

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.15am & 11.00 am – Morning Worship

Theme: Advent – Looking to the Second Coming
Leader: Martin Howard Preacher: Barry Lomax
Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

*Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits
in the hall between the services from 10.25am – 11.10am*



7.00pm - HUNGRY Contemporary Service

New Sermon Series: Hidden Warfare **Theme: "Battle Orders"**

Leader: Martin Howard Guest Preacher: David Betts
Come and join us for Bible Teaching and contemporary worship.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices and donuts will be available after the service.

St Mary's Church Contacts

Parish Office: St Mary's Church, Church Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9EU
Monday – Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm Tel: (01202) 897087

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Rev. Martin Howard (Team Rector) Tel. (01202) 876552 Day off: Friday
Mary Tyler (Children & Families Ministry) Tel. (01202) 861516 Day off: Friday

Collect for Advent Sunday

*Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you. Amen.
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen*

Advent Reflection Leaflets

Prepare your spirit for the Christmas season with this prayer & reflection guide from the Evangelical Alliance – Available now from the back of church and the hall foyer

A warm St Mary's welcome to
Georgina Miller and all her family & friends
as we celebrate her thanksgiving at our 9.15am service today.
We are also celebrating the baptism of Annabella Pix at our 11am service
and we would like welcome all her family and friends visiting us today.

BIBLES AND BIBLE STUDY NOTES – LAST CHANCE!



During coffee time and after the 11am service today there will be a wide selection of Bibles and Bible Study notes available for you to browse through. All these resources are available to order – simply fill out an order form from the book stall. There are also copies of a Bible Reading Plan to help you read the Bible in a year.

CAR NEEDED – following her car being written-off in a recent accident, Elizabeth Chinn is in desperate need of a reasonably priced small vehicle (Ford Fiesta or similar would be ideal). If you can help please contact Elizabeth via the office.

CHILDREN'S BAND – Our Children's Band will be playing in the Christmas Family Service on the 20th December. If there are any budding musicians (from school year 3 up) who would like to join, Mary Tyler would love to hear from you – please call 01202 861516. Thank You!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DISPLAYS If you would like to sponsor one of our Christmas window displays please speak to Ann Jones or contact the Office.

Christmas Leaflets – Now Available!

Our Christmas leaflets have been collated into bundles for all the roads in our Parish, plus there are plenty more for you to take to give to friends, family, neighbours and colleagues. Many hands do make light work so please do take some to deliver if you can – why not share the delivery with a friend or with your small group? Thank you for your help in sharing the real reason for the season!

COLLECTION OF AID FOR RWANDA – Carrie-Anne will visit Rwanda with the Christian children's charity, Compassion, in January next year. She would very much like to take lots of the following items with her. Please leave your items in the plastic crates at the back of church --- exercise books, colouring crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, coloured paper, footballs (deflated), football pumps and hessian reusable bags (no plastic bags allowed in the country!)

FLOWER ARRANGERS MEETING – This will be held on Tuesday 8th December, 10.30am at 153 Golf Links Road. Please make a note in your diaries.

MEN'S GROUP PUB NIGHT – Calling all chaps! Come and join us for a drink and a chat (and a meal if you like!) this Wednesday, 7.30pm at The Pure Drop, Wimborne Road, Ferndown. No need to sign up – just turn up!

MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS CONCERT – The Ferndown MU invite you to a Christmas Concert performed by the choir of Ferndown First School this coming Thursday, 2pm – 4pm in St Mary's Hall. Teas will be served afterwards. All are welcome but please RSVP to Monica Gillings via the office by 30th November. *We would also appreciate the offer of cakes for this event – if you can help please ring Monica for further details.*

PRAYER POWER HOUR

This Thursday (3rd December) 8pm-9pm in the Hall

Come and dedicate some quality time to spend with God and with each other in prayer. You may even want to consider fasting to help you really focus on connecting to God. All are welcome to join us as we pray together for our church and community. As we enter the season of preparation for Christmas take some time to just be with God. Please find your Prayer Focus Card for December in your welcome sheet. Further copies are available at the back of church & in the foyer.

SARAH PIX - Sarah officially begins work next Sunday Sarah will be preaching at both services of Family Communion at 9.15am & 11am and in the evening at the youth-led Contemporary Carol Service at 7pm. Please do try to come to one of these services to welcome and support Sarah as she joins our leadership team.

SHOE BOXES – Thank you to everyone who brought in a shoe box for the Samaritan's Purse appeal – an amazing 180 boxes were collected. Thank You!

SMALL TABLES MISSING – A number of the small square GO-PAK collapsible tables normally stored in the hall have gone missing. If you have borrowed a small table and have forgotten to bring it back please can you do so ASAP. These tables are very expensive to replace so any returns would be much appreciated.

Other Notices & Local Events



*Ferndown Concert Brass presents
A Christmas Concert
Friday 11th December, 7.30pm
At St Mary's Church, Ferndown*

Join us for an evening of festive music & carol singing with our local brass band!

Tickets are £4 – includes mince pies and mulled wine.

Available from the Parish Office – 01202 897087

LIVING IN FREEDOM PRAYER APPOINTMENTS – If you have undertaken “The Living In Freedom 1” course at Hampreston you are welcome to book in for a prayer appointment this Wednesday. The slots are 9.15am, 10.15am, 1pm, 2pm, 8pm and 9pm. To book please contact Louise Horlock via the office on 897087.

TWC TRADERS WIMBORNE - An opportunity will arise early in 2010 for someone with shop management experience to join a team of Fairtrade enthusiasts. The aim is to take TWC Fairtraders (Wimborne's Fairtrade Shop) into its next stage of development. Contact Liz Wood via the office for details.

Diary for next week . . .

Prayer meetings in the choir vestry every weekday (except Thurs) 9.00 -9.30am

Monday 30 th	11.30am	Funeral of Margaret Townsend
Tuesday 1 st	10am – Noon 2pm – 3.30pm	Painting Group meets in venue 1 Toddlers meet in the hall
Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm 7.30pm	Worship band practice in church Pathfinders leaders meeting in youth room
Thursday 3 rd	10.00am 10.30am 2pm – 4pm 5.45pm – 7pm 8pm -9pm	Craft Group meeting in youth room Holy Communion in church MU Christmas Concert in the hall G-Force meets in the hall Prayer Power Hour in the hall
Friday 4 th	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Practice in church
Sunday 6 th	1.00pm 7pm	FTG Christmas Lunch in the hall Youth-led Contemporary Carol Service

Sermon Notes – Advent: Looking to the Second Coming



God's time v. 36

God's mercy and judgement vs. 37-41

God's warning vs. 42-44