

# 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.

**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 communion and the end of the service

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

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LARGE PRINT SONGSHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR WELCOME TEAM

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## 8.00am – Holy Communion

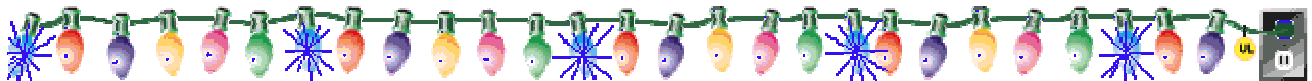
### 9.15am & 11.00 am – Family Communion

Theme: Advent – Longing for God

Leader: Martin Howard      Preacher: Sarah Pix

Reading: Isaiah 26: 1-13

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



### 7.00pm – Youth-led Contemporary Christmas Service

Leader: Keira Nazarin      Preacher: Sarah Pix

Come and join us for Festive worship **in the hall**

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

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## St Mary's Church Contacts

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Rev. Sarah Pix (Associate Minister)

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Day off: Wednesday

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Day off: Friday

### **Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen

**ADOPT-A-COP CHRISTMAS CARD** - This Christmas we will be signing a large card to express our appreciation and support for the local Police. Please add your signature on the sheet at the back of church. *Thanks from Derek Howshall*

**ADVENT REFLECTION LEAFLETS** - Prepare yourself spiritually for the Christmas season with this prayer & reflection guide from the Evangelical Alliance. *Available now from the back of church & the foyer.*

**CAR NEEDED** – 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 CARDS** – A reminder that there is a varied range of Christmas cards available at the back of church. Do have a browse!

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES** – Please would Christmas Choir members note that our practices will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the hall and on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in Church. Thank You.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DISPLAYS** - If you would like to sponsor one of our Christmas window displays there is still time to make arrangements - 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 – Thank you for all your help!

**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, 10.30am at 153 Golf Links Road. Please make a note in your diaries.

**MIDWEEK CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – All are welcome to join us for our informal Christmas midweek service this Thursday (10<sup>th</sup>) starting at 2pm in the church. There will be carols, Bible reading, prayers and a short message. The service will be followed by refreshments. Transport available – call Geoff via the office.

**PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN** – All are welcome to join us at Wickham Court, Eastwood Avenue, this Monday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm where we will pray for the children & young people and for those who work with them in our church and community. Refreshments to follow.

**SPARKLES** – Don't forget that we will be meeting next Monday (14<sup>th</sup> December) from 10am – 11.15am in the hall. All preschool children are welcome to come along for this fun time of Christmas music, craft and play.

**UPDATE ON ARTHUR BALL** – We are very pleased to announce that following a burst appendix Arthur is making a very good (some would even say miraculous!) recovery. Thank you for all your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Arthur as he recovers from the shock of the experience.

## Other Notices & Local Events



### ***Ferndown Concert Brass presents*** **A Christmas Concert** **This Friday, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church**

*There is still time to get your tickets!*

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 – Call in or ring 01202 897087*

**CHRISTMAS WITH THE LIGHTHOUSE CLUB** – All are welcome to join us on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the hall for our special Christmas Lighthouse Club. The Salvation Army will be with us to accompany our Christmas carol singing. For more information contact Dianne Partridge on 01202 874522.



## Christmas Services at St Mary's Church



### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

5.30pm - Christingle Service

*Followed by drinks & mince pies in the hall*

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am** - Children's Christmas Worship

*Followed by coffee and mince pies in the hall*

4.30pm and 7pm - Carols by Candlelight

*Both services followed by coffee  
and mince pies in the hall*

### **Christmas Eve**

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4pm - Crib Service

11.30pm - Midnight Communion



### **Christmas Day**

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8am - Holy Communion

**10am** - Christmas

Family Service

11am - Short Service of Holy Communion

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

8am - Holy Communion

**10am** - Family Service

7pm - Hungry Contemporary Service

*Please note that there will only be one  
morning service at 10am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>  
and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December.*

## ***Diary for next week . . .***

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

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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 2.30pm – 3.30pm<br>7.00pm                               | Prayers for Children at Wickham Court<br>Ferndown Middle School Christmas Concert   |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 10am – Noon<br>2pm – 3.30pm                             | Painting Group meets in venue 1<br>Toddlers Christmas Party in the church & hall  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm – 7.30pm<br>7.30pm<br>8.00pm                     | Children's band practice in church<br>Worship band practice in church<br>Enhancement committee meets in the hall  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am<br>1pm<br>2.30pm<br>5.45pm – 7pm<br>7pm -8.30pm | Holy Communion in the church<br>Christmas Lunch At One in the hall<br>Midweek Christmas Service in the church<br>G-Force meets in the hall<br>PFX meets in the hall |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30pm<br>7.30pm  | Christmas Choir Practice in the hall<br>Ferndown Brass Christmas Concert in church  |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> | 2pm – 4.30pm  | The Lighthouse Club meets in the hall   |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 5.30pm  | Christingle Service in church   |

## **Sermon Notes**

