



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! A self help crèche is available during our 10am services. As we are celebrating worship with family services the children will remain in church.*

Induction Loop in operation. *If wearing a hearing aid, please turn to position T*
LARGE PRINT SONGSHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR WELCOME TEAM

Sunday 20th December

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Children's Family Worship

Leader: Martin Howard Preacher: Anne Hansford

Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall after the service



Carols By Candlelight

Today at 4.30pm and 7.00pm

Do come and join us for one of our popular carol services.

Mulled wine, juices and mince pies will be served in the hall after each service.

If you are able-bodied please can you park in the Tesco car park so that those who are less able can park in the church car park.

Sunday 27th December

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Family Service

Leader: Martin Howard Preacher: Tony Thornton

Theme: Jesus loved his Father's House Reading: Luke 2: 41-52

Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall after the service

7.00pm – Hungry Contemporary Service

Leader: Larry Austin Preacher: Debbie Austin Theme: God is Faithful

Come and join us for Bible Teaching and contemporary worship.

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

Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age to see, with her, our great
salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect for The First Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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
Rev. Sarah Pix (Associate Minister)	Tel. (01202) 890798	Day off: Wednesday
Mary Tyler (Children & Families Ministry)	Tel. (01202) 861516	Day off: Friday

PASTORAL CARE AT ST MARY'S

If there is a pastoral matter that you would like to talk about or if you would like to request prayer or a visit please contact Brian on 01202 512093

HOME COMMUNION – *If you know someone who cannot come to church and would like to receive communion, please contact Brian and he will be happy to help make arrangements.*



Christmas Services at St Mary's Church



Sunday 20th December

4.30pm and 7pm

Carols by Candlelight

Both services followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall



Christmas Day Friday 25th December

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Family Service

11am - Short Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th December

4.00pm - Crib Service

11.30pm - Midnight Communion

Sunday 27th December

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Family Service

7pm - Hungry Contemporary Service

The St Mary's Staff Team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and every blessing for 2010. Thank you for cards and gifts and for all your love and support throughout the year. God bless you!

Martin and Liz

Martin & Liz Howard

Sarah & Christopher Pix

Ann

Ann Barber

Barry and Trish

Barry & Trish Lomax

Mary

Mary Tyler

Tracey

Tracey Nicholls

Kate

Kate Smith

DOES GOD EXIST?

- YES
 NO
 PROBABLY

THE ALPHA COURSE – January 2010

This is a great opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment.

**Introductory Supper – Wednesday 13th January 2010
at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Hall**

Alpha will then run every Wednesday at 7pm until 24th March
*Pick up an Alpha leaflet from the back of church
or the hall foyer for full details and booking form.*

AN EVENING WITH “THE VICAR OF BAGHDAD” – Canon Andrew White will be speaking at St John's Church Wimborne on Monday 28th December, 7.30pm. See poster in hall foyer and flyers at the back of church for details.

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!)

LEARNING FOR DISCIPLESHIP COURSES – The Diocese are running four courses at local venues starting in January 2010: For details of these courses and booking information see the poster on the foyer notice board.

SCHOOL ARTS WEEK – Parley First School need sweet and chocolate wrappers (foil or cellophane), old candles, off-cuts of fabric and circular cheese boxes for this event. If you can help a box will at the back of church next Sunday to deposit these items. The last date for collection will be **10th January** 2010 unless we meet our target before then in which case we will let you know! Thanks - Connie Wilson

SMALL GROUP LEADERS – Please can you contact Jo White with any updates to your group details (time, venue, leaders, members etc) Tel. 894004 or e-mail josie.white@talktalk.net – Thank You

SPANISH EXTRAVAGANZA – Following the success of our fundraising meal evening last year, the Ferndown Cancer Research UK committee are pleased to announce that there will be a Spanish Extravaganza evening on Friday 22nd January, 7pm for 7.30pm start at St Mary's Paris Hall. Tickets are £17.50 for a three course meal, available from the office, Pam Bentley and Martin Dunn.

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION – Please note that there will be no service of 10.30am Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. However, there will be a service the following Thursday (31st December - New Years Eve).

GIRLS NIGHT IN - Friday 5th February

7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall

A fun evening of information, inspiration and motivation with our award-winning speaker and image consultant Gayna Cooper.

Tickets are £5 (includes a glass of wine) available from Liz Howard (Tel. 876552).

Also available: Mini consultations with Gayna on Sat 6th Feb (10-11.30am) - £50 each (includes colour swatches) Only 4 spaces — speak to Liz to book ASAP

Diary for next fortnight . . .

Morning Prayer Meetings will be held in the Choir Vestry on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd and will recommence on Monday 4th January.

Parish Office - Please note that the office will be closed from Christmas Eve up to Friday 1st January inclusive. The office will reopen on Monday 4th January.

The crèche and children's groups will recommence on Sunday 10th January.

Wednesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Worship band practice in church
Thursday 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Friday 25 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10.00am 11.00am	Christmas Family Service Short Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th	8.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion Family Service Hungry Contemporary Service
Wednesday 30 th	7.30pm	Worship Band Practice in church
Thursday 31st	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 rd	1.00pm	Fill The Gap Lunch in the hall

Sermon Notes

