

Welcome!

Welcome to St Mary's! Please take a Welcome Leaflet from your pew or the back of church. So that we can get to know you better please complete and return the reply slip and we will send you an invitation to our next Newcomers Event.

Children's Groups Meeting This Sunday

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)

Hearing Aid? If wearing a hearing aid, please turn to it position **T**
Large Print? Large print song sheets are available from our welcome team.

Today's Services

8.00am – Service of Holy Communion

9.15am and 11am – Services of Family Communion

Leader: Sarah Pix Guest Preacher: Stephen Bell

Reading: Revelation Chapter 1: 4-18 Theme: "Growing Churches"

7.00pm – Hungry Contemporary Service in the Hall

Leader: Martin Howard Guest Preacher: Stephen Bell

Today we are delighted to welcome Stephen Bell as our guest speaker.
Stephen works for the European Christian Mission and is based in Croatia.

Contacts

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Keep up-to-date with St Marys' Ferndown online – see our website!

<http://stmarys-ferndown.org.uk>

St Mary's Prayer Link - Would you like to send & receive prayer requests?

Join the St Mary's prayer link network - stmarysprayer@fastmail.co.uk



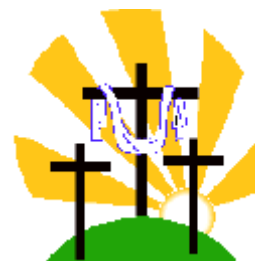
FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – What will you SWAP?

As we reach the end of Fairtrade Fortnight we would like to draw your attention to the fabulous range of Fairtrade products now available in your local shops. To give you a “taster” (literally!) there will be a **Fairtrade Tasting Table in the hall during coffee time today.**

You will also find lots of useful information on how to SWAP some of your everyday items for Fairtrade alternatives. Come and have a nibble!

Easter Leaflets 2010

Easter is a mere four weeks away so let's share the Good News that Jesus died and rose again that we may be forgiven and truly live! The leaflets publicising our Easter Services are now available at the back of church. Please do take some to deliver in the roads in and around where you live. There are plenty spare to share with family, friends and colleagues too.



Do take some and let Ferndown know that 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4given!

*A huge THANK YOU to the 11 volunteers who came last Thursday to collate the leaflets into bundles. They managed the collation in 40 minutes flat!
It just goes to show that many hands do make light work!*

Church Events This Week

TUESDAY

LYNNE'S CONVENT EXPERIENCE – Lynne will give her presentation on her placement last Summer from 7.30pm – 9pm in the Hall. This will be followed by a time for questions and answers. The evening will close with Night Prayer (convent style!) followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

THURSDAY

MIDWEEK SERVICE IN THE HALL – Do come and join us for our informal midweek service this at 2.30pm. There will be tea & cakes afterwards. Transport is available on request – please contact Geoff Noel via the office on 897087

FRIDAY

CHOIR PRACTICE – A reminder that we will be meeting in the Choir Vestry at 7.30pm to practice the music for Sunday afternoon.

RWANDA PRESENTATION EVENING – Following Carrie-Anne Harmer's recent trip to Rwanda she would like to warmly invite you for tea, coffee and biscuits as she shares some of her experiences of seeing God at work. This will be held on at 7.30pm in the Hall – Do come along!

SATURDAY

THE LIGHTHOUSE CLUB – Come along for friendly chat, crafts, entertainment and refreshments in the hall from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Come and join the fun!

Other Events and Notices

ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR HOMEWORK CLUB? - Help is needed with the Homework Club for Boys from 4pm to 5pm on Tuesdays during term time, meeting at the Bus Stop Club at Turbary Church. This is a Faithworks Ferndown project. If you would like to know more please contact the office on 897087.

CAR PARK – Please may we remind that you that parking space near the church and hall entrance should be used by disabled or less mobile people only. If you are able-bodied please park at the further end of the car park or in Tesco.

CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE MEETING – Tuesday 23rd March, 7.30pm at Moordown Baptist Church. Institute staff members will speak about concerns facing Christians today: religious liberty, sanctity of life, Equality Bill etc. See flyers in hall foyer for more information.

FLOWERS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES – The St Mary's Flower Arrangers are appealing for donations of Spring flowers and small amounts of greenery. Please bring your horticultural offerings to the church on Friday 12th or Saturday 13th March. Thank you.

G-FORCE – Please note that there will be no G-Force meeting this Thursday.

MAKE A MOTHERS' DAY THIS SPRING!

Why not give a gift to support a needy mother or carer in the third world?

The Mothers' Union will supply you with a beautiful card, depicting your gift, which you can give to your mother or to keep in memory of her. There are catalogues with gift ideas at the back of church along with order forms. Please place your order by 11th March to ensure your card arrives in time for Mothering Sunday.

STEVE WILKINSON'S ORDINATION - Steve would be delighted if some of us can attend his ordination on Sunday 4th July at Bristol Cathedral. If you might like to attend, please let the Office know soon so we can see if lift sharing is possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARISH MAGAZINE COLLATION –I am on the hunt again for a team of volunteers to collate, fold and staple the Parish Magazine this Friday at 2pm in Venue 1. If you would be available and willing please add your name to the sign up list at the back of church. Tasty refreshments will be provided of course! Many thanks – Tracey

Events next week...

*Prayer meetings in the **youth room** every week day (except Weds) 9.00 -9.30am*

Tuesday 9 th	7.30pm – 9pm 7.00pm	Convent Experience Presentation in the Hall PCC Meeting at the Rectory
Wednesday 10 th	6.30pm	Children's Band Practice in Church
Thursday 11 th	2.30pm – 4.30pm 7.30pm	Midweek Service in the Hall Deanery Synod Meeting in the Hall
Friday 12 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Rwanda Presentation Evening in the Hall Choir Practice in the Choir Vestry
Saturday 13 th	10.30am – 2pm 2pm – 4.30pm	Marriage Preparation Day in the Youth Room Lighthouse Club meets in the Hall

PRAYER FOCUS

- Praise God for the PCC leadership team and ask God to guide them clearly as they meet on Tuesday
- Pray for the Holy Spirit prayer time at Alpha on Wed eve, that all will be filled to overflowing!
- Pray for the Deanery Synod meeting at St Mary's - and for John Holbrook our Rural Dean
- Pray for all couples getting married at St Mary's, and for Martin and Sarah taking the Marriage Prep day on Saturday
- Thank God for all the people who work in Ferndown and keep our local economy going
- Pray for Mary Tyler, Ann Barber and Andrew Harmer preaching next Sunday

Sermon Notes

