

The WOW Section (What's On Where)

St Mary's Annual General Meeting (AGM) THIS THURSDAY, 7pm in Church

For full details of what the meeting will involve please take a yellow leaflet from the back of church or contact the office.

The AGM report booklets are available from the back of church.
The Revised Electoral Roll is also on display.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like your apologies noted please contact the office on 897087. Thank You.

AFRICAN QUIZ EVENING Next Saturday, 7pm in the Hall

In aid of Simon & Sue Morgan's trip to Uganda with Mission Direct.

*£8 per person or £45 for a team of 6
Includes a two-course African meal.*

Tickets available during coffee-time in the hall today from John & Liz LeRossignol and from Steve & Sarah Collins. Alternatively contact Sarah via the office on 01202 897087

FREEDOM PRAYER DAY

If you have undertaken a "Living In Freedom" Course at Hampton you are very welcome to book a Freedom Prayer Appointment on **Wednesday 28th April**. The slots are 9.15am, 10.15am, 1pm, 2pm, 8pm and 9pm.

To book please contact Louise Horlock via the office on 01202 897087

"Why Jesus?" - A five session course on the BIG questions Beginning at St Mary's Church, Ferndown on Weds 5th May 2010

If you know someone who is interested in finding out more about Christianity then this is the course for them. Based on the Alpha Course, "Why Jesus?" covers key topics in a relaxed environment where no question is off-limits. Invitations are available from the pews, the back of church or the foyer. *Who will YOU ask?*

ADOPT-A-COP PRAYER WALK - TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

We have arranged with our local police contacts to hold an escorted Prayer Walk around Ferndown on Tuesday 27th April, meeting in the Hall at 7.30pm. Those unable/unwilling to walk are welcome to pray in the Hall while the walkers are out and about. We shall finish by 9.00pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thanks. *Derek Howshall*

Learning for Discipleship Course - Mission in God's World
Starting in Parkstone this week. See poster in foyer for details.

St. Mary's Church Ferndown

W E L C O M E

Sunday 18th April 2010

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Mary's! *If you are new 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.*

Services Today

8.00am - Service of Holy Communion

9.15am and 11.00am - Morning Worship
Sermon Series: "The Character of God"
Theme: "A Loving God" Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21
Leader: Sarah Pix Preacher: Barry Lomax
Coffee in the hall between 10.25am - 10.55am.

7.00pm - Hungry Contemporary Service in the Hall

Theme: "Fully Alive Church" Reading: Luke 4: 16-30
Leader: Martin Howard
Guest Preacher: The Rt. Rev Graham Kings
(Bishop of Sherborne)
Do stay for tasty refreshments after the service.

Enhancement Project Update

At the 9.15 and 11 am services and at Hungry today there will be a presentation giving an update on the progress of the Enhancement Project. The presentation will also be on display on the screen in the hall during coffee time next Sunday. Please do tell your friends if they can't make church today!

If you wear a **Hearing Aid**, please turn it to position **T**
Large Print song sheets are available from our Welcome Team

Keep up-to-date with St Mary's Ferndown online
www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk

Children's and Young People's Groups

Children are a very important part of our church life here. During the service, children are invited to attend their own groups.



Crèche (0-3s) in the Vestry (through the door at the front of Church)

Rockets (3-5s) in Venue 2 (access via the Hall)

Comets (5-8s) in the Hall

Ignite (8-11s) in Venue 1 (access via the Hall)

Pathfinders (11-14s) in the Youth Room

CYFA (14-18s)
Meets in the Youth Room after "HUNGRY"

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Who's Who

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Team Rector
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Day off: Friday



Rev. Sarah Pix
Associate Minister
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Day off: Wednesday



Mary Tyler
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Tel. (01202) 861516
Day off: Friday



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Pastoral Care Coordinator
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PRAYER FOCUS

- Praise God for so many people from our Church involved in mission trips this year.
- Pray that Jesus will lift our levels of expectancy when we gather to worship him.
- Ask the Lord, "What are you wanting to prune in my life?" Pray for obedience to God in every aspect of life.
- Pray that the people of our town will turn to Christ - and that we will be ready to share our lives with them.
- Pray that the General Election campaign will be filled with positive messages & policies shaped by Christian values.

This Weeks' Events

Tuesday 20th

Painting Group
Where: Venue 1
When: 10am - Noon

Toddlers Group
Where: Hall
When: 2pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 21st

Worship Band
Where: Church
When: 7.30pm

Alpha Session
Where: Youth Room
When: 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd

Holy Communion
Where: Church
When: 10.30am

G-Force
Where: Hall/Youth Room
When: 5.45pm - 7pm

St Mary's AGM
Where: Church
When: 7pm

Saturday 24th
Saturday Group
Where: Hall
When: 10.30am - Noon

African Quiz Evening
Where: Hall
When: 7.00pm

Prayer meetings
in the Choir Vestry on
Tues, Weds and Fri 9.00-9.30am

Take Note

MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI - For information on Ron & Liz Bignell's mission trip with "Reaper Ministries" and prayer points please take a green flyer from the back of church or the hall foyer. Please pray for Ron & Liz and the team as they travel to Malawi this week.

SG CONNECT - The April/May edition of this small group newsletter has been distributed by e-mail and the pigeon holes. Please would small group leaders share this information with your group members.

THANK YOU - "Many thanks to all my friends who supported me with their prayers and good wishes after my accident. I am now well on the mend." *John Allen.*

WESTMINSTER 2010 DECLARATION OF CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE - Christians are being urged to sign this petition to ensure all Parliamentary Candidates 'respect, uphold and protect the right of Christians to hold and express Christian beliefs and act according to Christian conscience' I have signed, and I urge you to do so online or using the form at the back of church. Thanks - Martin Howard.

Parish Share Survey

Each year we are required by the Diocese to complete a survey giving details of how many church members and visitors have attended our services over a five-week period. This information forms part of the data which the Diocese use to calculate our Parish Share contribution.

What we need YOU to do...

Church Members - There is a copy of the church electoral roll at the back of church and in the link corridor. After you have attended a service please put a tick by your name on one of these copies. You only have to do this *once* to indicate that you have attended during these 5 weeks.

Visitors - Please add your name or tick the form provided at the back of church

Thank You for your co-operation