

## Take Note (continued)

### St Mary's New Church Vision & The Beacon Project

Next Sunday sees the end of sermon series introducing our new church vision—“Transforming Ferndown with Jesus”. A key part of fulfilling this vision is The Beacon Project (formerly known as The Enhancement Project). The development of a new cafe area, extended side rooms and landscaped grounds will mean that we can reach out and welcome more people to St Mary's as well as providing improved facilities for our current and new ministries. The possibilities are endless—not because of the building but because of what our amazing God can do!

#### COVENANT SUNDAY—6th June

On Sunday 6th June we will celebrate “Covenant Sunday” and we will all be invited to bring our covenant cards—pledging our commitment to the new church vision. Spare copies of the Covenant Card are available at the back of church & in the foyer)

“Covenant Sunday” will also be an opportunity to commit to supporting The Beacon Project. A pack has been produced for every church member giving details of what is being planned and how we can all play our part in bringing this exciting project to fruition for the glory of God in Ferndown.

*Please pick up your pack from the back of church today (spare packs are available!)  
If you have any queries Martin and Sarah would be very happy to speak with you.*

#### Covenant Sunday Parish Celebration - 5pm on 6th June

*“We had to celebrate!” - These are the words that the father said when the prodigal son returned home and recommitted himself to his father. As we recommit ourselves to our Heavenly Father and to the vision we believe He has given us for Ferndown we also “have to celebrate!” - Do come and join us at 5pm in the Hall for a bring and share tea, worship and a brilliant time of celebration together!*

## The WOW Section (What's On Where)

### St Mary's Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning Next Saturday (29th) 10am –Noon

Join us for coffee and browse our cake, plant and bric-a-brac stalls.

Entrance—Only 50p

### FREEDOM PRAYER DAY

Wednesday 26th May

If you have undertaken a Living In Freedom Course you are warmly invited to make a prayer appointment. Slots available are 9.15am, 10.15am, 1pm, 2pm, 8pm and 9pm.

To book contact Louise Horlock via the office on 897087.

### Upcoming Men's Group Events!

**World Cup Screenings in the Hall (June & July) - All Welcome!**  
**Trebuchet Building Weekend: 23rd - 25th July (Men only)**

*See posters and flyers for full details of these events!*

## St. Mary's Church Ferndown

# W E L C O M E

**Sunday 23rd May 2010**

*PENTECOST*

**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 - Holy Communion**

**9.15am - Morning Worship**

Sermon Series: Catching the Vision (wk 4)

Theme: “Reaching out with Jesus” (Witness)

Readings: Matthew 28: 16-20 & Acts 2: 1-4

Leader: Lynne Morris Preacher: Martin Howard

Coffee in the hall between 10.25am - 10.55am

*After the readings this morning, we will all say together “Thanks be to God” - but as it is Pentecost we would like to encourage anyone who speaks a foreign language to say this response in that language or in whatever tongue the Spirit gives you!*

**6.00pm - Ferndown United Churches  
Pentecost Celebration Tea and Service**

*Join us for cakes and drinks in the hall at 6pm as we celebrate with our fellow Christians from local churches.  
The service will start at 7pm*

Leader: David Reddaway

Preacher: Sarah Pix

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](http://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"

## Who's Who

**Rev. Martin Howard**  
Team Rector  
Tel. (01202) 876552  
Day off: Friday



**Rev. Sarah Pix**  
Associate Minister  
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Day off: Wednesday



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



**Brian Johnson**  
Pastoral Care Coordinator  
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### PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that we will open ourselves to the Holy Spirit having more influence in our lives, replacing dryness with his life-giving water and apathy with the fire of his love!
- Pray for our Covenant Sunday. For all church members to engage and respond to God with commitment, and whatever gifts they can pledge towards the Beacon Project
- Praise God for the blessings we have living in this beautiful part of his world
- Pray for Jean Read (church member) who has been elected as the new Mayor of Ferndown. Ask God to bless her and Fred.
- Ask God to bless Simon & Sue Morgan, and Carrie-Anne Harmer in their forthcoming mission trips

## This Weeks' Events

### Monday 24h

**Sparkles**  
Where: Hall  
When: 10am—11.15am

### Tuesday 25th

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

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

### Wednesday 26th

**Worship Band**  
Where: Church  
When: 7.30pm

**Why Jesus? Course**  
Where: Youth Room  
When: 7.30 - 9.15pm

### Thursday 27th

**Holy Communion**  
Where: Church  
When: 10am

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

**Beacon Team Meeting**  
Where: Youth Room  
When: 7.45pm - 10pm

### Saturday 29th

**Saturday Group**  
Where: Venue 1  
When: 10.30am - Noon

**Flower Arrangers**  
**Coffee Morning**  
Where: Hall  
When: 10am - Noon

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

## Take Note

**BISHOP DAVID'S RETIREMENT GIFT**—If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Bishop David who will be retiring this summer please put it in a marked envelope in the collection plate or hand it into the office.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jean Read who has officially been made Mayor of Ferndown. Please pray for Jean and Fred and all our town councillors as they work for our community.

**CUPBOARDS**—The large white cupboards in the hall are free to a good home but would need to be collected. Please contact the office if you would be interested.

**LYNNE MORRIS** — Lynne will be ordained this summer and there is a change of plan about where she serves her curacy. She will be moving on to Holt Benefice, and a letter with more information is at the back of church. A collection is being made for her. Do make sure you pick up the letter. Thanks. Martin

**MISSION TO MOZAMBIQUE** - Carrie-Anne would like to express thanks, on behalf of Iris Ministries, for the aid and financial donations she has received. Would you pray about weight (only given 20kg!) that she is not charged excess (at £21/kg!) and in Africa is not charged import tax (up to 50% of value!)

**SERVICE & COFFEE ROTAS** - The June-August service and coffee rotas have been distributed via e-mail and the pigeon holes. Please update your diaries and contact your rota coordinator ASAP if there is any problem.

**SG CONNECT** - This month's small group newsletter has been distributed via e-mail and the pigeon holes. Please collect your copy!

**SPARKLES** - A reminder that our fun morning for preschool children will be held on Monday from 10am—11.15am in the Hall. For details please contact Ann Scouse via the office.

**STEVE WILKINSON'S ORDINATION** - Steve will be ordained at Bristol Cathedral at 10am on Sunday 4th July. This will be followed by a celebration at their new home in Neston, Wiltshire, in the afternoon. If you would like to attend this service please contact Steve directly on vicarofdidley@hotmail.com