

Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter - Summer 2019

'Verse for the Year' John 8: 31-32

*Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples.*

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



Coming soon! The Lunch Club



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WELCOME

What are your plans for Summer?
Do you use this time to rest, relax
and recuperate?

God created us all to work, rest
and play - the challenge is one of
balance...and it's ever-present!

Sometimes we can let our daily
work consume our lives, to the
point where not only is there little
time to rest, but time with our
Saviour gets squeezed also!

Yet our lives can only make true
sense when we learn to prioritise
our relationship with Him.

Only in Him and through Him, can
we discover the way He wants to
shape our daily lives, bringing
order, direction and purpose to
them in every area.

Can I encourage you to find time
this summer, to stop, be still and
enjoy God's presence? Allow the
Holy Spirit to speak to you, to
guide and to lead you into a
deeper relationship with Him...
and allow Him to surprise you
with all He has in store for YOU in
the Autumn...

with every blessing - Tim

WHAT'S ON

PRAYER AT ST MARY'S

Monday 'Breakout' @ 7.30pm
(until 22nd July)

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9am
Sunday after the Services
@ 9am and 10.30am

All Welcome!



MID-WEEK SERVICE

Wednesdays @ 9am
Join us as we reflect on a Bible
passage, share Communion,
and enjoy refreshments together.

Welcome to St Mary's

It's great to have you here and we
hope you enjoy being with us.

If you would like us to contact you
with more information about how
you can get involved in the life
of the Church, please fill in a
'Keeping in Touch' card and give to
one of the Welcomers.

Mega-Makers Summer Holiday Club

YOUR CHURCH



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

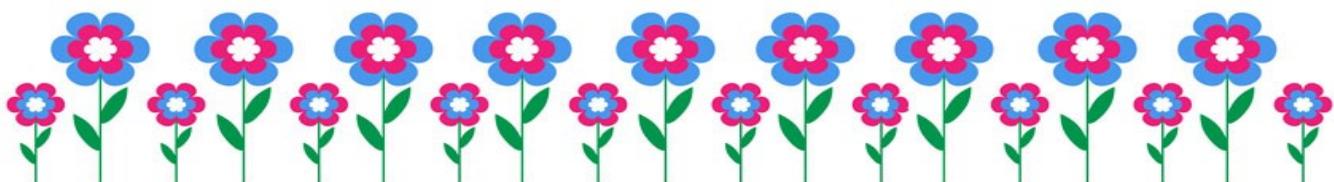
29th - 31st July 2019 @ 9am till 12 noon

Would you be available to help out at this years Holiday Club? If so, please contact Liz Faulkner:

Email: cfcw@eatonsocon.org

**Be fed and be nourished
A time of refreshing
at the next Ladies
Ministry event**

**Bring and Share lunch
on Saturday 13th July
12:00pm - 2:30pm**



At Barbara Jarvis' House: 2 Mayfield, Buckden, Cambridgeshire, PE19 5SZ

**RSVP to the Ladies Ministry team
or contact the church office on 01480 352154**

Summer Afternoon Teas

Sunday 21st July @ 3pm - 5pm

Sunday 4th August @ 3pm - 5pm

Sunday 18th August @ 3pm - 5pm

Sunday 1st September @ 3pm - 5pm



Between mid-July and early September
you are invited to join us
for Afternoon Tea on Sunday Afternoons.
Come and enjoy some great fellowship.
All welcome!



Pastoral Care Team Update

Earlier this year, **Barbara & Ian Sugden** stepped down from leading the Pastoral Care Team. We give thanks for all the care they have given over the past few years and wish them well in their move north - we will all miss them!

The good news is that the Pastoral Care Team work continues under the care of **Roger and Frances Peppiatt**.

Do you know that most “pastoral care” within our church is done informally – i.e. caring for each other when need arises? The Pastoral Care Team acts as a “**safety net**” to try and ensure that everyone within the church is cared for.

Examples of our care include transport for medical appointments, Home Communion (for those unable to attend church), a meal following an illness, and visits or phone call for support.

Our team consists of eight people (all vetted) working under the guidance of the Vicar, and our services are free and confidential.

If you have a need or know of a need, please speak with us, contact the Church Office (01480 352154) or email pastoralcare@eatonsocon.org

Prayers for Mission Partners

Spring of Hope

- For Teresha as she plans a visit to the UK in July
- For completion of partnership agreement with YVCO

McClymonts

- For Allen as he gives dedicated time to his PhD thesis over the summer
- For all those people that are going on Serve Asia programmes this summer especially those going to countries where Christian activity is restricted

Actios

- For Leanne and Elaine as they support children moving to Secondary school in the Autumn
- For the summer holiday period as they prepare for the next school year

Chris and Elaine Hurst

- For the on-going work of rolling out the Nahuatl translation to the churches

Mano Emmanuel

- Give thanks for the successful completion of another academic year
- For the situation in Sri Lanka after the mosque killings and subsequent difficult inter-community relations and political instability

Bell Ringers — Tales from the Spiral Staircase



Eaton Socon church has 8 bells and the heaviest is 108 stone! However, you don't have to be strong to ring Church bells; it is mainly about technique. Bell-ringing requires you to think and use your memory, which keeps the mind active.



There is always something new to learn and different places to ring at. Teamwork is also an important part of ringing too.

At St Mary's Eaton Socon we try to promote the social side of bell ringing, and frequently meet up with both local ringers and with bell ringers from further afield.



Our church is a member of the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell ringers and last April we won the District Striking Competition. We'll be taking part again in the final in September.



If you're interested in learning how to ring, teaching is provided and most beginners are ready within a few months.

Bell ringing is open to everyone (12+) and if you would like to come along to find out more or are a returning ringer please contact:

Michael and Sue Matthews
Tel: 01480 476068

St Mary's Financial Perspective

When you think of St Mary's, finance is probably not high on your list of priorities, even though it is the lifeblood for the ministry, outreach, upkeep, and administration functions of our church. Did you know that around 90% of our income comes from voluntary giving?

2019 began with St Mary's needing to find an additional £19,139 in regular giving to fully resource our ministries. To date, this has reduced to £12,462, for which we give thanks, but we are still praying for our regular giving to increase across the church to meet our financial needs in full - this is our shared responsibility! Would you prayerfully consider increasing your regular giving? Every little helps!

If you wish to start a **regular** gift to St Mary's, there are 2 options available:

- **Direct Debit on 1st of each month through Parish Giving Scheme**
- **Standing Order through your Bank**

Information and set up forms are available in the Church. In addition, both Roy Notley and Gavin Chapman can provide all you need to get started.

If you pay tax and gift aid your donations, we are able to claim back 25p for every £1 you give from HMRC (the only thing the government gives us!)

Other ways to give include: Bank Transfer online; Church Website or Churchsuite; Credit/Debit Card Reader (in Church); Text SMES to 70085 to give £10; Easyfundraising site; Gift Aid envelopes; Cheques payable to Eaton Socon PCC or Cash.

Coming Soon... Alpha Youth Series!



The Craft Group

Formed 14 years ago to make hand crafted items to sell at the Christmas and May Day Fayres, today our group is home to 16 people, of all ages and abilities. Some are members of St Mary's Church, others have an interest in craft, and want to share their skills and friendship with others.

We sew, knit, crochet and our time is always accompanied by a cup of coffee or tea, and a biscuit. In addition to the Two Fayres, we make other items ranging



from trauma teddies for Bedfordshire Police; hats and octopi for premature babies; blankets for the Salvation Army and Christmas Cards for Littlehey Prison.

We meet Tuesday mornings in the Church Hall from 10am. No special skills and materials needed - just come along!

Reflections on the Week of Prayer

Some thoughts from our recent Week of Prayer...

Nanette Hesketh

I was able to engage in a new and more open way.

Maggie Bailey

The focus of Thy Kingdom Come prayers, was to pray everyday for 5 people that they may know Jesus. What an exciting challenge!

At St Mary's, we had the added bonus of following the various prayer stations, prompting and inspiring us to pray. I found through the week, the more I prayed the hungrier I became to read God's Word. A double blessing!

I was also privileged to be one of several thousand to praise and pray together in Trafalgar Square, led by Archbishop Justin Welby. Humbled and inspired, we witnessed the Archbishops and Church leaders united, kneeling in prayer for our country. **Why Pray? Because prayer works!**

CALENDAR

JULY 2019

- ◆ 1st Café on the Green @ 10am
Breakout @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 2nd Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 3rd Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 5th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Friday Club @ 6pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 7th Life Together @ 6pm
- ◆ 8th Café on the Green @ 10am
Breakout @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 9th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 10th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 12th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 13th Ladies Lunch @ 12 noon
- ◆ 15th Café on the Green @ 10am
Breakout @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 16th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 17th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 19th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Friday Club @ 6pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 20th WLTDO? @ 9am
- ◆ 22nd Café on the Green @ 10am
Breakout @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 23rd Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 24th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 26th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
- ◆ 29-31 Holiday Club @ 9-12 noon

AUGUST 2019

- ◆ 2nd Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
- ◆ 6th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 9th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
- ◆ 13th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 16th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
- ◆ 20th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 23rd Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
- ◆ 27th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 30th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm

GIVING

Join us in supporting the ministry at St Mary's. **The best way** is using the Parish Giving Scheme.

Gift Aid envelopes are available in Church also.

For more details, please contact the Treasurer Roy Notley:

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Contact Us

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