

Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter

February 2020

'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."



**Look out for the leaflet on how to help
with God's work at St Mary's in 2020**



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WELCOME

How much do you love the Christian community that you're part of?

Recently, we started a new series focusing on 1 John that explores what true love is, in the context of life in community.

Like some other New Testament passages on love, this letter was written to a fledging Christian community where there was conflict, struggles, and intense controversy – in other words, life in community, frankly, was challenging and difficult.

Into this setting, John writes to provide guidelines that help to assess and build the quality of life together that Christian communities should exhibit.

Today, this is just as applicable to us. All of us need to work hard to cultivate the fellowship of the body through developing an ongoing sense of needing forgiveness and being a forgiving people. For when community is forged in the context of grace, generosity and mercy become commonplace.

What do you need to do today to ensure we continue to grow into the kind of community John envisioned we should be?

With every blessing - Tim

What's Happening in Spring

PRAYER AT ST MARY'S

'Breakout' @ 7.30pm

(2nd Monday of the month)

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9am

Sunday after the Services

@ 9am and 10.30am

All Welcome!



*Coming
Soon*

**FREEDOM
IN CHRIST**

Interested in Confirmation

Speak to Rev'd Tim for details

We welcome Bishop Richard

to St Mary's on

1st March 2020

you are invited to the

**Women's World Day
of Prayer Service**

Friday 6th March @ 11am

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The foodbank continues to provide good news and bad news. The bad news is that the demand for our services is growing rather than diminishing. The good news, however, is that the people, schools, churches and businesses of St Neots continue to provide sufficient food and finances to enable us to meet this growing need.



The warehouse still has supplies of food after the generosity of Christmas. We provided over 300 Christmas hampers (the most ever), to families whose children receive school meals during the term-time but not during holidays. Our main focus, however, is still the provision of emergency food parcels to those in crisis.

In 2019 we provided food to around 1800 people, a 22% increase over the previous year. We have received two grants to pay for Citizens Advice staff to work alongside our volunteers to improve our sign-posting advice.

We have also engaged with the crowd-funding charity Acts 465, which helps some of our clients with small grants.

Thank you for your past help. Please continue to support us and pray for our clients and volunteers.
Roger Peppiatt

MISSION NEWS

I am pleased to announce that we will be resuming stamp collection for the Leprosy Mission.

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian development organisation that diagnoses, treats and offers specialist care, including reconstruction surgery, to leprosy patients. Their aim is to transform and empower the lives of people affected by leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission also collects postcards, posted or unused. So, please bring your stamps and postcards to church and put them in the box on the missionary table at the back of the church.

Julia Chapman

MID-WEEK SERVICE

Wednesdays @ 9am

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

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

- ◆ 3rd M-Team @ 9.30am
Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 4th Craft Group @ 10am
- ◆ 5th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 7th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Friday Club @ 6pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 10th Café on the Green @ 10am
Breakout Prayer @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 11th Craft Group @ 10am
- ◆ 12th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 14th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 15th WLTD0? @ 9am
- ◆ 18th Craft Group @ 10am
- ◆ 19th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 21st Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
- ◆ 22nd Real Women Breakfast @ 9am
- ◆ 24th Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 25th Craft Group @ 10am
- ◆ 26th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
Ash Wednesday @ 8pm
- ◆ 27th PCC Meeting @ 7.45pm
- ◆ 28th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Friday Club @ 6pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm

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
'Welcome' card and give to one
of the Welcomers.

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. For more details,
please contact the Treasurer,

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