

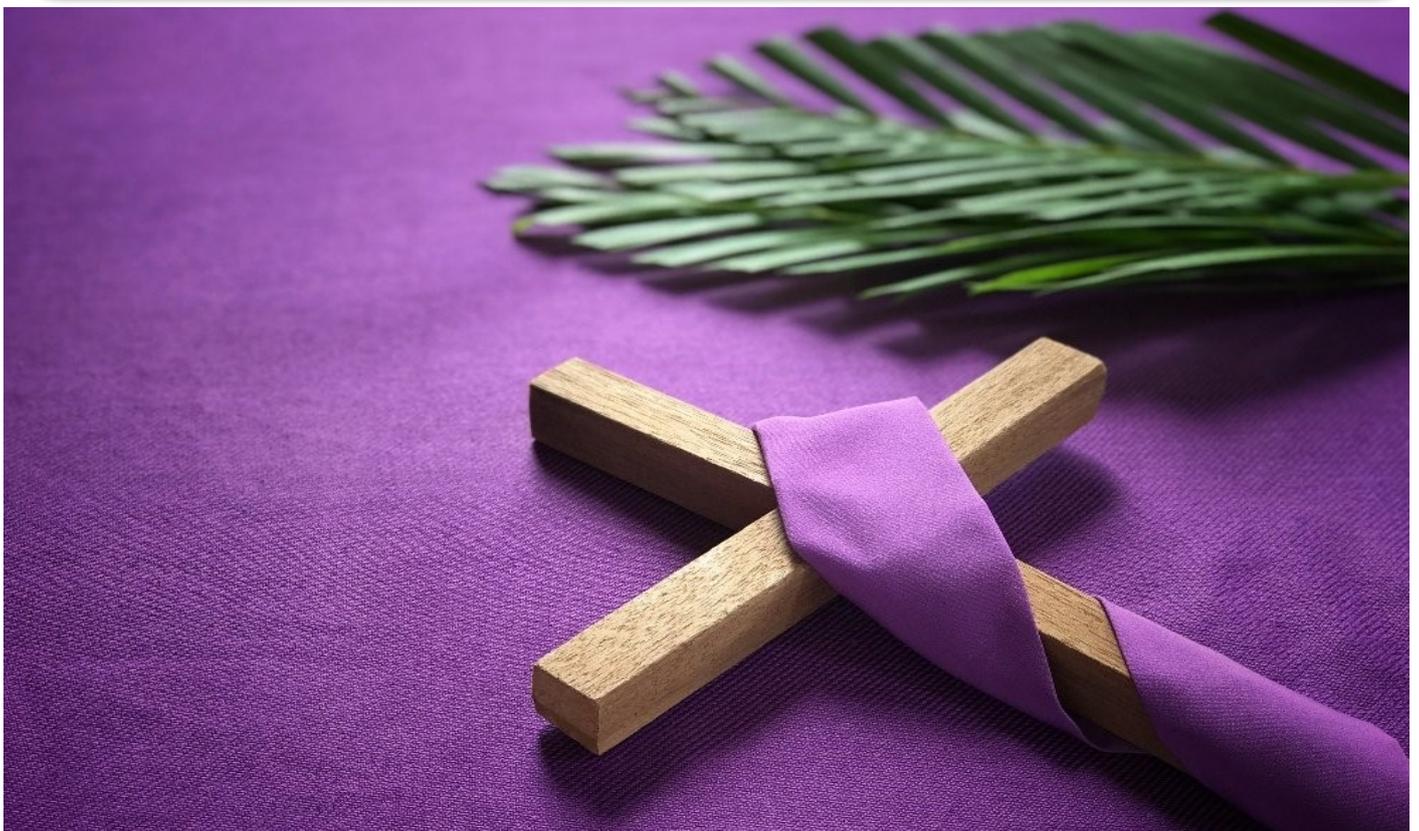
Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter—March 2020

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

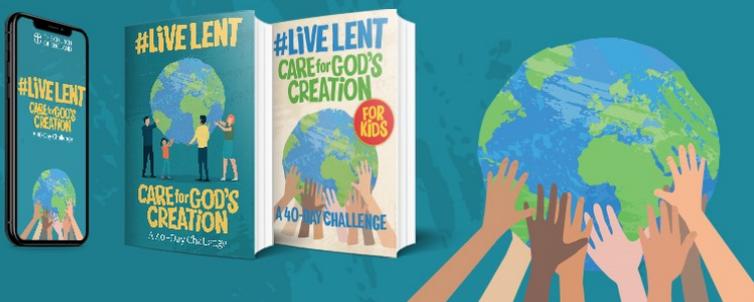
*Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples.*

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



Lent 2020 begins on Wednesday 26th February

#LIVE LENT



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WELCOME

Have you ever found yourself on a roundabout and then realised you're not sure which exit is the right one to go off? So, you go around again, and maybe again, before getting off!

The children of Israel could have made their journey through the desert much shorter by obeying the directions that God gave them through Moses. At Sinai the Lord said to Moses, you've stayed at this mountain long enough. So often our lives are stuck in one place emotionally, spiritually or physically and God says, you've stayed here too long. It's time to get off the roundabout of indecision, fear, pride or whatever stops us from moving forward in our life and trusting in Jesus.

Sometimes the plans and directions of man can throw us off track from fulfilling the plan and purpose of God. Be careful who and what you let direct your paths. The paths of a good man or woman are ordered by the Lord. When we reach a crossroads: wait, stop, look and listen. Not everything that seems good is best!

As for God, His way is perfect! Psalm 18:30 says, 'He makes my way perfect!' Verse 32 adds, 'Trust God, surrender your life to Him, and He will direct your paths.' It's all about who is in charge of your ways.

Have you felt like you are stuck on a roundabout of self-pity, anger, greed or another holding pattern? There is only one way off that roundabout and it's by letting God lead you through the wilderness and into new life, a renewed mindset through his word, and walking in his ways.

With every blessing
Nanette Hesketh



Fasting and Feasting 2020



ASH WEDNESDAY

you are invited to the

Ash Wednesday Service
to start Lent

26 February @ 8pm

you are invited to the

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 6 March @ 11am

EASTER SERVICES

you are invited to our

Saturday 4 April @ 2-4pm
Easter Eggstravaganza

Maundy Thursday 9 April
@ 7.30pm

Good Friday 10 April
@ 10am and 2pm

Easter Sunday 12 April
@ 9am and 10.30am

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 29 March 12 noon



Freedom in Christ Course

Starts **Thursday 5th March 2020 @ 9.45am**
and **Sunday 29 March 2020 @ 5pm**

A course based around Jesus' words in **John 8:32**
"Then you will know the truth and the truth shall set you
free." Sign up in Church or online www.eatonsocon.org

Men's Breakfast

21st March – 8.30am

Guest Speaker: Dr Stuart Judge

Who will be speaking on
"Am I Just a Brain?"

Tickets £8.50 in advance

Available from www.eatonsocon.org



CRAFT GROUP

In the lead up to Easter, the craft group will have a table at the back of the church on Sunday mornings. We sell a wide range of handmade items related to the Easter festival: for example, Easter cards, bunnies, chicks, lambs that if accompanied by some Easter eggs would make a lovely present. If you have anything you think we might be able to sell, please contact **Sue Hazzard** on **01480 406500**.

All proceeds go to St Marys, Eaton Socon. *Thank you.*

THE PASSION PLAY
Easter Sunday Afternoon
12 April 2020
St Neots Town centre
Further details to follow

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN ST NEOTS (CTSN)

A big thank you from CTSN for the 'Warm Clothing Collection' received. We had a very good response and will appeal again in December.

Pam Branch

MISSION NEWS



Please Pray for:

**ACTIOS Huntingdon Male
Voice Choir Concert**
Saturday 21st March @ 7pm
at St Neots URC

Fundraiser in support of ACTIOS
(Assisting Christian Teaching in our
Schools).

Admission is £12.50 Adults,
16 and under free.

Tickets can be purchased from
Julia Findley

PRAYER AT ST MARY'S

2nd Monday of the month

'Breakout' @ 7.30pm

(except half-term)

Tues, Thurs, and Friday @ 9am

Sunday after the Services

@ 9am and 10.30am

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CARE for GOD'S CREATION

The Church
of England
Lent Campaign
for 2020



#LiveLent offers readings, reflections and actions to help you live in harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

Join in with booklets for adults and children, download the app or sign up for daily emails.

www.churchofengland.org/livelent

“This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God’s plea for us to care for creation.” **The Archbishops of Canterbury and York**

S.E.N.D GROUP @ St Mary's

We are an inclusive group aimed at engaging with families who have children with a special education need and / or disabilities. This group is not active yet and is due to launch in the summer term of 2020, subject to funding and the recruiting of volunteers. **How can You help?**

- **Please pray** for this group, its leaders and the families we meet with
- **Can you help volunteer** with this group?
- **Could you help buy equipment** for this group?

For further details please contact **Liz Faulkner** at cfcw@eatonsocon.org



Last September, the youth of St Mary's embarked on a Youth Alpha Course. A twelve week study taking them through the facts and major topics of the Christian faith and letting them bring their questions and thoughts to the table. There were between 6 to 8 young people attending each week, some of whom were from non church families. Each session started with brunch, which helped to bond the group, followed by an hour long session watching a DVD and discussion. Here are comments from our youth after the course was over:

"The course has made me more interested."

"The course was relevant to our age group"

"Any view could be expressed without judgement," and

"All topics were well covered."

We had some very willing helpers from the congregation who came and washed up each week. We enjoyed a celebration lunch together to say thank you and to share our experiences of this worthwhile and enriching course. All those who attended felt they had moved on in their faith and continue to attend Reactors, our Sunday morning youth group. **Julia Chapman**

CALENDAR MARCH 2020

- ◆ 1st Confirmation Service @ 10am
- ◆ 2nd M-Team @ 9.30am
Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 3rd Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 4th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 5th Freedom in Christ @ 9.45am
- ◆ 6th World Day Prayer Service @ 11am
Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- 9th Café on the Green @ 10am
Breakout Prayer @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 10th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 11th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 13th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Friday Clubs @ 6pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 14th WLTD0? @ 9am
- ◆ 16th Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 17th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 18th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 19th Freedom in Christ @ 9.45am
- ◆ 20th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 21st Men's Breakfast @ 8.30am
- ◆ 23rd Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 24th Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 25th Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 27th Relax with Art @ 1.30pm
Friday Clubs @ 6pm
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 29th Freedom in Christ @ 5pm

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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