

Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter

March 2022

'Verse for 2022' - Psalm 127 v1

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.



Lent 2022 begins on Wednesday 2nd March
Communion Service at 9am.

Join us in Lent to pray

Tuesday 9am ~ 9.30am

Thursday 9am ~ 9.30am

9.30am– 10.30am (extended time)

Sunday, after Services 9am and 10.30am



WELCOME

Recently, I was warmly encouraged by the Day of Prayer and those who engaged in different ways with the vision of rebuilding the church - thank -you for all your thoughts.

Some of the themes that came out of this day included the desire to reconnect with both each other and our community through various ways. Watch out for news coming soon about opportunities to do just this!

At this time, let us also celebrate the launch of the recent Sunday Young Families Lunch; the HIVE group (ask Liz Faulkner what this is about!); and the forthcoming St Mary's @ 6 pilot Saturday/Sunday night programme.

Whilst we give thanks for all this, it has highlighted the need to make sure every ministry's foundation is supported well, especially the admin jobs - did you know that admin is a spiritual gift?!

If this is something you excel in, what about getting alongside those in an area that you feel passionate about and offer your admin skills - they need you! Food for thought this Lent!

With every blessing - Tim

ASH WEDNESDAY

A service to start Lent

Wed 2nd March at 9am

Deanery Evening Service

Sunday 6th March 6pm

Join us for the pilot of

St Mary's @ 6

Saturday 12th March 6-8pm

Worship, Food and Fellowship

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 13th March
@ 12 noon

followed by a Church Lunch

Adults: £4.50

Children (5-11): £2

Under 5's free

Look out for booking info!

ACTIOS commissioning service

Sunday 13th March at 4pm.

Mothering Sunday

27th March All Age Worship
at 10.30am

World Mission Sunday 6th March 2022

With Guest Speaker Anita White from

Global Care Shack Challenge, **at 9am and 10.30am services**



World Mission Team News

We were so thankful to be able to support our Partners during the lockdown and despite 2022 seeing a drastic cut in the WMT budget, we are thankful we're still able to financially support our mission partners this year.

We said goodbye to Chris and Elaine Hurst, our partners in Mexico, who are retiring. We wish them well in the next chapter of their lives.

In February we heard the news that Teresha and Israel, (Spring of Hope, Uganda), suffered a devastating fire at their home. St Mary's reacted with their usual generosity and we were able to send over £1151 to Teresha for repairs. Thank you to everyone who donated.

A new mission board has been placed in the church. We would encourage you to visit this space and learn more about who we at St Mary's partner with and what our partners do.

If you would like to know more, The Mission Team would be happy to talk to you, Julia Chapman, Gavin Chapman, David Ferris, Steve Bailey, Teresa Bryant

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Already the Youth have busy this year raising money for the Leprosy Mission by holding a cake sale after the 10.30am service. They would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the sale and for helping them raise £86.10. We are also pleased to hear the two shoeboxes we helped fill for Operation Christmas Child at the end of 2021 were given to children in Liberia.

At the end of February and during March we look forward to another cake sale and a lunch with Anita White from Global Care, a follow up from our 12hr Shack Challenge last August. Please see below for more details and other upcoming events :

6th March - Mission Sunday followed by lunch with Anita from "The shack Challenge"

1-7th August - Newday Festival

As new Ministries emerge that include food, help is needed to serve food/drinks, washing up (including using the fabulous dishwasher!) and setting and clearing up. Can you help either on an occasional or regular basis? Please speak to the Catering Team (Chris Harris, Frances Peppiatt, Carole Robson or Gill Uings).

CALENDAR

MARCH 2022

Mondays

Café on the Green - 10am

Tuesdays

Prayer Meeting - 9am

Craft Group - 10am



Wednesdays

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am



Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Thursdays

Prayer Meeting - 9am



Fridays

Fusion - 7.30pm (Youth Group)

Saturday 5th

Men's Breakfast - 8.30am

Sunday 20th

HIVE - 2pm - Church Hall

HIVE is a new group for families who have a child (ren) with additional needs or disabilities. The aim is to bring these families together, providing a safe environment, support, friendship and help through fun activities. Booking is essential please go to eatonsocon.org/events or speak to Liz Faulkner or email cfcw@eatonsocon.org

NEW HERE?



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.

GIVING

Join us in supporting the ministry at St Mary's. The best way is by using the Parish Giving Scheme. Gift Aid envelopes are also available in Church.

For more details, please contact the Treasurer, Roy Notley:

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Contact Us

Church office open
Tues, Weds & Thurs

9am - 11.30am

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Details of all events can be found on our website:
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