

Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter - September 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.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT 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 our Treasurer, Roy Notley:

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Email: finance@eatonsocon.org

Contact Us

The Church office is open

Tues, Weds & Thurs

9am -11.30am

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Details of all events can be found on our website:
eatonsocon.org

Welcome from the vicar

What have you enjoyed most about the recent summer? For me, it's been an opportunity, in-between the various Life Events that I have been taking (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc), to reflect where the church is going and what priorities are needed as we continue to grow as part of God's living community in St Neots.

As a community, we are called to grow both in Christ and with each other. The vertical relationship with Christ is only made complete with the horizontal relationships we are called to grow with each other. These form the sign of the cross - the sign of God's love. Without the horizontal relationships, we run the risk of only having an 'I' centred, incomplete relationship.

Philippians 2 reminds us, we are called to be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind...doing nothing out of selfish ambition and instead looking to the interests of others.

Sounds challenging?

It is, but in God, all things are possible.

As we journey through the Autumn term and as we reflect on what it means to truly share life together, may the words of Philippians 2 be our mantra in life.

With every blessing - Tim

OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR HELP

Having returned from an inspiring week in Norwich at New Day www.newdaygeneration.org our next venture is to walk around Grafham Water on Sunday 25th September. We are doing this to raise money for Global Care which we, as a youth group, have taken on as our charity for this year. The aim is to raise awareness of the fact that many of the poorest in the world have to walk for miles to get clean water. We plan to walk around Grafham Water with a sack barrow carrying gallons of water. This is where we need your help.

We are not asking you to walk with us, unless you would like to, but to sponsor us. Last year we raised £1500 by doing The Shack Challenge for Global Care, this year we would like to raise more! We will be setting up a JustGiving page, details of which will be coming soon. We thank you in advance for your interest and generosity. For more information about Global Care please visit their website www.globalcare.org



Appeal from the Tower

How often have you heard Church bells ringing out on Sunday mornings or as a new bride and groom exit a church?

Like it or loathe it, bellringing is in danger of dying out.

Eaton Socon has 8 bells with the heaviest bell weighing 13cwt. They are regarded as one of the best set of bells in the area. Sadly, we have lost quite a few ringers in the past two years but are still managing to ring the bells regularly as well as fit in the odd visits to the coffee shop and local pub.

We would warmly welcome any lapsed ringers. We also hope to teach a few new people (from the age of 12 years) in the near future. If you used to ring Church bells in the past, may be interested in learning in the future or just would like to come and see what we do, please email the Tower Captain on:

michael-j-matthews@hotmail.com

Harvest Festival Appeal 2022

Harvest Festival will take place on 25th September and the charity we will be supporting this year is Food.gives. Food.gives primarily supports Christians in contexts of anti-Christian pressure and persecution. As they tend to receive little or no help from the government or international aid the charity consider it their cause to provide food to Christians when no one else will help.

We are asking the congregation to bring these items to the Harvest Festival service on 25th September.

**Dried Chick Peas in bags, Dried Lentils in bags, Rice in bags,
Salt in Bags, Wheatflour (Wholemeal, not Self Raising)**

They ask that all food is dried and in bags, (no tins, liquids or animal products) and that each packet weighs no more than 3kg. The World Mission Team will collect all items brought to church and send them to Food.gives.

If you have any questions please speak to someone on the Team at worldmissionteam@eatonsocon.org

Julia Chapman, Gavin Chapman, Steve Bailey, David Ferris, Teresa Bryant

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2022



MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am

Creation Care working party - 9.30am (5th) - inc. refreshments

M Team - 9.30am (19th) - inc. refreshments

TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am

WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

FRIDAY

Fusion (Youth Group) - 7.30pm

SUNDAY

St Mary's @ 6 - 6pm - (4th) - Informal Evening Worship.

Wildlife Walk and Tea - 3pm (25th)

St Mary's @ 6 - 6pm - (25th) - Sharing Life Through Learning
(formerly known as 'Life Together')

WOMEN'S COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

Saturday 3rd 10am - 12 noon

Please join us for this opportunity to
socialise together and get to know each
other better. All women welcome.



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

In the Church Hall

Macmillan's Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27th September 10am - 12 noon

