

# Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter - October 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.

## Light Night Family Event

- An alternative to Halloween -

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 5.30pm till 7pm at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

### FUN ACTIVITIES

### BEST COSTUME COMPETITION

### CRAFTS

### HOT DOGS

### NIGHT WALK WITH LANTERNS

Everything included  
in ticket price

### Important Information

- Tickets are £4 for the 1 adult and 1 child. Additional adults/children (in the same family) are £1.50 each. Under 1's free.
- Everyone welcome – this is a family event so bring the whole family
- Award(s) given at the end of the evening for the best costume(s) with the theme "light & fun" (no scary costumes please)
- This is a TICKETED EVENT and therefore ADVANCED BOOKING is required

TO BOOK TICKETS: [www.eatonsocon.org/events](http://www.eatonsocon.org/events)

For additional info email: [cfcw@eatonsocon.org](mailto:cfcw@eatonsocon.org)



## A Word from the Vicar

How do you respond to the news of the death of a loved one? Such news will often produce a range of emotional responses in us, one of which is grief. The Queen once said 'Grief is the price we pay for love.' We grieve because we love, and we love because God has created us to love - He is the perfect model of love.

At the time of writing, the news, rightly so, is focused on the life of Queen Elizabeth II - a life of whole hearted devotion, love and commitment to the UK, the Commonwealth and God. In all she has done, the Queen has put the interests of others before her own, choosing to let the servant King, Jesus be her inspiration, her role model, her anchor and her guide throughout her life. This has enabled her to be the servant Queen.

Today, all of us are called to imitate Jesus too and to be the servant of all. The question is are we prepared to serve each other, looking to the interests of others in everything we do? The choice is ours. What will your response be?

**With every blessing**

**Tim**

## GroundForce Day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 to 12.30

We will start with litter-picking in the streets and paths around the Church, before turning our attention to tidying areas of the Churchyard. There will also be an opportunity to make fat balls to feed birds in your own garden over the winter.  
Refreshments provided.



This group is aimed at children (of any age) who have additional needs or disabilities and their siblings and parents/guardians

**Sensory activities Life skills**  
**Chill out zone Games**  
**Crafts Friendship Support**  
**Refreshments**

Similar structure every session,  
visual timetables  
(on day or in advance),  
timers used for transitions.  
Safe environment

Cost: £5 per family  
(funding available if unable to  
meet this cost)

**Booking essential!!**  
**To book go to**  
**[www.eatonsocon.org/events](http://www.eatonsocon.org/events)**

## Operation Christmas Child



If you would like to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child they will need to be ready for collection by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

November. This year, two thirds of the boxes will be going to Ukraine, Romania and Moldova. There is quite a long list of

items that cannot be included so please speak to Margaret

Thompson or a member of the Mission Team for more information or check the Samaritan's Purse website. Some boxes will be available in church but please consider providing your own. They can be filled by individuals or perhaps a family or group of friends?

We receive regular newsletters from our Mission partners. Please check the Mission notice board in it's new position opposite the main entrance.

**The Mission Team**

## FAIRTRADE



The Creation Care Group are planning a FairTrade Church Status / Eco Church Survey: as part of our Church commitment to environmental care and justice for others, they would like to see St Mary's become a "Fairtrade Church". To do this we have to:

- A) Use Fairtrade products (we just about do this already)
- B) Integrate Fairtrade into the life of St Mary's. e.g. during Fairtrade Fortnight hold a Fairtrade themed service and sell products at a stall.

One person has already come forward to help champion this idea, but we need a second to make it viable. If you are this person or you would like to know more, please contact one of the Creation Care team. This would also help us to move up from the Eco Church "Bronze Award" that we achieved last year (displayed in the church entrance hall) to the "Silver Award".

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2022

### MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am - (Not on 24th)

Creation Care working party - 9.30am (3rd) - inc. refreshments

M Team - 9.30am (17th) - inc. refreshments

### TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am

### WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am (Not on 26th)

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Bell Ringing practice - 7.30pm

### THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

### FRIDAY

Fusion (Youth Group) - 7.30pm

## SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

9th - 6pm - Service of Praise and Worship.

16th - 2pm - HIVE - for children with additional needs

23rd - 12.15pm - Young Families Lunch

23rd - 6pm - Sharing Life through Learning

30th - 5.30pm - Light Night Family Event

### 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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