

Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter - March 2023

Verse for 2022/2023 - Psalm 127 v1

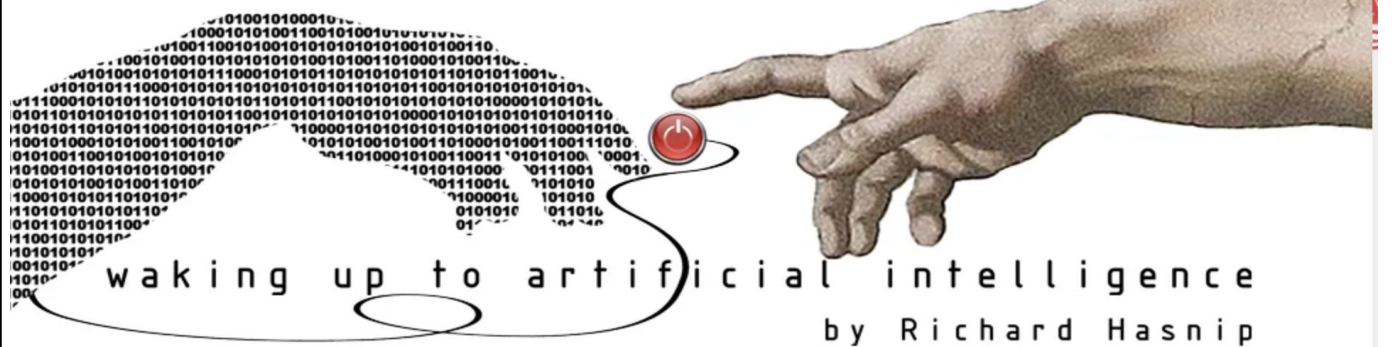
Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Wednesday 1st March

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents:

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 12th at 12 noon followed by lunch



A Word from the Curate

Lent is often a beautiful time of fasting and replacing secular activities with a renewed Christian focus, such as a renewed focus on prayer. While these are excellent things to do, the purpose of these things is to enable healing of our very being as we prayerfully ask God to renew within us His love and seek by God's grace to cast off habits that lead us away from Christ. Lent is a time to commit afresh to being a disciple of Christ. It's a time to turn away from the temptations of the secular world and to recommit to a life in keeping with the life He modelled for us. More simply, it's a time for us to prepare to die with Christ and to rise to new life with Him.

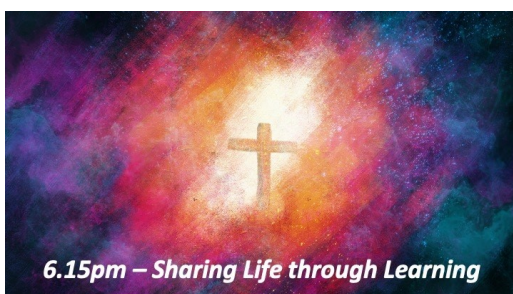
Please pray for me as I pray for you - that we are all strengthened to walk with Christ this season and always.

With love in the Lord,
Christopher



Wednesday Welcome in March

1st - Chair Exercises
8th - Funny Monologues
15th - Games/Chat
22nd - U3A Ukeleles
29th - St Neots DVD



6.15pm – *Sharing Life through Learning*

YOUTH

Easter Disco

24th MARCH 2023

(in conjunction with St. Neots' Churches, Youth Cafes and Diocese of St Albans)

Where St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8EJ

Time: 7:30-10pm

Sign up for your free ticket on... <https://eatonsocon.churchsuite.com/events/utf4kzbb>

- Ticket includes a free drink and snack
- Tuck Shop available too



Churches Together Coffee Mornings

As you may be aware, the St Neots Churches Together Coffee Mornings, which took place in the United Reformed Church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, have not been able to start up again since Covid.

In November last year we had an Afternoon Tea which was well attended by many of our volunteers. We were able to discuss how people felt about these Coffee Mornings starting up again and the response was very encouraging. There were some who felt it was time to welcome new recruits. All of our volunteers have given so many hours of their time to help serve the teas and coffees and we would like to thank every one of you.

The Coffee Mornings are a lovely way of working with all the other helpers as well as meeting the visitors who enjoy coming along to enjoy the refreshments and the chance to meet and chat with others. We are hoping to encourage new volunteers and we intend to start with just a Thursday Coffee Morning. If we get enough volunteers we would only require a commitment to help once a month. Most of our volunteers find it an enjoyable two hours on a Thursday morning and we know that it is an outreach to the Community to be able to enjoy time together in a warm and welcoming place in the town centre.

We look forward to hearing from you and even if you can't join our team of helpers at this time it would be lovely to see you if you'd like to pop in one Thursday morning.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Please contact us if you need help or support:

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World Mission News

Our World Mission partners continue to be very active. The Triumph Heart organisation in Uganda is progressing well with it's new venture. Closer to home, Jennifer Musson at ACTIOS is busy reaching out to children and young people in our local area. Please see the World Mission notice board for the latest updates.

Calendar for MARCH



MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am (term time only)

Creation Care Working Party - 9.30am (6th)

M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am (20th)

Youth Café - 3.30pm (For children in Years 7-11)(term time only)

TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am



WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Riding Lights Theatre Company - 7.30pm (1st)

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm - (not 1st)



THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon (30th)



FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

Fusion 7.30pm - (Easter Disco on 24th)

SATURDAY

Groundforce morning - 10am (25th)



SUNDAY

5th - 6pm - Deanery Lent Evening Service

12th - 12noon - APCM followed by Lunch

12th - 6.15pm - Praise and Worship

26th - 2pm - HIVE

26th - 6.15pm - Sharing Life Through Learning

