

# Life News @ St Mary's

## October 2024

### Verse for 2024 Colossians 3:12 - 14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

## Light Night Family Event

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 5pm till 7pm @ St Mary's Eaton Socon

FAMILY FUN

CRAFT, GAMES &  
ACTIVITIES

FOOD & DRINK

CHILL OUT AREA

NIGHT WALK

AND MUCH MORE....

### Important Information

- ❖ Tickets are £4.50 per child and £2 per adult. Under 2's are free. This includes all activities and food for everyone. You must book in advance.
- ❖ Grown ups are responsible for their children at all times.
- ❖ Chill out area includes our blackout tent, sensory items and noise cancelling headphones
- ❖ Visual choosing board (using PECS) is available on the night or in advance (by request)
- ❖ Children are welcome to dress up to match the theme, so light/bright/rainbow costumes (no scary Halloween costumes please)

Book via the website: [www.eatonsocon.org/whats-on](http://www.eatonsocon.org/whats-on)

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## A word from the Vicar

The Duracell Bunny is back, or so I've been told! Since my return, people's inboxes have suddenly become so much more active with messages and actions from me. It's good to be back – one of the things I've missed during my recent study leave has been my church family – you!

So what did my study leave consist of?

My recent time away gave me the opportunity to focus on two key areas: First, I was able to reflect and work on the church's vision, mission and values statements. Who are we? What do we share? How do we live in God's love? How do we love each other more?

Second, through visiting other churches, I was able to reflect on ways in which the life of St Mary's could be enriched and developed over coming months.

Two reports have been written and will be shared with both the elders and PCC in due course, out of which I hope will come various developments in the wider life of the church.

During my time away I enjoyed a trip to New Zealand to see my parents and a holiday to Samos for lots of sunshine and watersports!

Looking forward to re-engaging with everyone over the next few months!

Blessings

Tim



## ACTIOS QUIZ

Saturday 19th October 7.30pm in church  
£5 on the door, please bring your own drinks and snacks

## Can you help cook a meal?

The pastoral care team delivers cooked meals to people in the life of our church when they are in particular need, such as after giving birth, after a serious stay in hospital or after bereavement. If you could help with this work occasionally, please speak to Frances and Roger Peppiatt (01480 472891).

It is very rewarding! Costs can be reimbursed.

## WORLD MISSION NEWS

Firstly can we once again thank everyone who donated to the Triumph Heart fundraiser towards a replacement vehicle. Having checked the GoFundMe web page I see that the target has been reached and indeed exceeded! The vehicle was desperately needed as riding about on a Scooter was proving somewhat dangerous on Ugandan roads.

Chris Hurst, who many of us know, has recently updated us on the Nahuatl translation of Exodus from Spanish. As I write this report at least 20 copies are being checked with local pastors. This is to ensure that the translation is accurate and fully understandable by the local indigenous people.

The Chair of ACTIOS has been in touch advising that their income is currently not covering their costs. They would be very grateful for any additional funds to support their work in our local schools.

As in previous years we now have shoeboxes available for you to take and fill for the Samaritan's Purse charity. The **Mission Notice Board** has a display of packing information etc. Please do follow these guidelines as it helps the warehouse staff in the sorting process.

For more information on what is happening with our Mission Partners please see our noticeboard. God bless you all.

Steve Bailey

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST AND YOUTH CAFÉ

The Youth for Christ (YfC) outreach worker, Angela Hoile has been working in St Neots for 3 years now. During that time Ange & the team of volunteers have mentored over 75 young people in secondary schools, run 3 youth cafes & helped give a safe place for about 120 young people to gather each week. YfC helped set up & fund the Youth Café at St Mary's 2 years ago.

The funding for the Youth for Christ project runs out this November and we really don't want to stop all the outreach, but it can't continue without funding. Supporting all the families & young people that truly need these safe spaces to gather & be fed, is such a privilege and a need.

Please can we ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with us to keep, or even grow the work? Would you consider becoming a monthly supporter? We would love to carry on this work in St Neots, across all the churches to see Jesus known in our town.

Speak to Julia Chapman if you can help or would like to know more.

# Calendar for OCTOBER 2024

## MONDAY

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

7th - Creation Care - 9.30am

21st - M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am

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 (term time only)

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm

## THURSDAY

31st - Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon

## FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

Fusion 7.30pm (term time only)

## SATURDAY

19th - ACTIOS Quiz - 7.30pm

26th - Repair and Alteration Shop - 11am - 2pm



## SUNDAY

6th - 3:16 Service - 3pm

13th - Wildlife Walk and tea - 3pm

13th - Baby Loss Service - 5pm

20th - HIVE - 2pm

20th - Sharing Life Through Learning - 6pm

27th - Light Night Family Event - 6pm

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