



He is risen! Alleluia!

ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

20th May 2012

A warm welcome to St Mary's Parish Church and community centre in the eastern part of Peterborough.

Although we meet in a building, the church is its people – a community of Christians who come together to love God, to follow Jesus Christ, and to be filled by the Holy Spirit.

If you are with us for the first time, please join us for coffee or tea in the main hall after the Sunday service and get to know us a little better.

Our Sunday worship is usually a celebration of Holy Communion, remembering the Last Supper which Jesus shared with his followers. During this service, we share bread and wine which shows that we too have chosen to follow Jesus.

Everyone is welcome to come forward to the altar when communion is shared. If you prefer not to be given the bread and wine, but would like a prayer of blessing, hold the service book in your hands when you come to the altar.



PRAYER TOPICS

Please pray for:

- The Anglican Communion throughout the world
- the elderly living in residential homes in the parish
- those working for school or college examinations
- those dependent on drugs or alcohol
- everyone contacted during Christian Aid Week
- those suffering from AIDS, especially in Africa
- for the people of Syria

DATES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun 20 May Family Communion 10am
Tue 22 May Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am Lower Hall
Tue 22 May Ladybirds 7.30pm Lower Hall
Wed 23 May Bible Study 7.30pm Nene Room
Thur 24 May Bellringers 7.30pm
Sat 26 May Gospel Choir Concert 7pm in church
Sun 27 May Family Communion 10am

NOTICES

PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT – SATURDAY 26 MAY AT 7PM

St Mary's is hosting this concert and the Gospel Choir are putting on a special performance of popular Gospel songs and hits from West End musicals. In return we hope to raise in the region of £500 for both the Papworth Trust and Shine and help our giving to worthy charities. Tickets are now on sale priced at £8 /£6 concessions and include refreshments– See Buffy or Andrew. Please consider inviting a friend, neighbour or family member as this is a wonderful and non-intrusive way to invite someone to St Mary's. If you can help sell tickets or can publicise we have posters available and are grateful for your support.

A NIGHT AT THE EMPEROR

The men are opening up their night out to the fairer sex for one night only! On Monday 28 May at 7.30pm we're off to Chi's uncle's restaurant before it sadly closes and therefore provides a rare opportunity for us to dine out together. If you would like to join us please book a place with Simon or Andrew at coffee time today.

BELLRINGERS' JUBILEE SUNDAY LUNCH

This year the Bellringers are supporting the Rudolph Fund and are hosting a special Sunday Lunch on 3 June to raise funds in supporting this charity. Please do take an opportunity to peruse the menu on the notice board (opposite the kitchen) and sign up if you would like to join us. Like many other churches we've chosen this Sunday to have a lunch and to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, so the lunch is themed to mark this special occasion.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Back by popular request, on Saturday 9 June at 8.30am, the ladies will be cooking a full English for all the men! This will be followed by a talk by Adrian Holdstock who is the new vicar at St Mark's who will share his experiences of the Falklands war and the new path he has journeyed on more recently. Please book your breakfast through Andrew or Simon as soon as possible..

WELCOMING TEAM

In Lent we at St Mary's had a course on welcoming and many people volunteered to come and join our excellent team who welcome you on a Sunday morning week in week out. So we all know what is happening it would be good to get together both those who welcome now and those who want to help. I have planned two short training events one on Thursday 7th June at 7pm and one on Saturday 9th June at 2pm (you only need to come to one). If you volunteered to help, or are on the team already and can not make either of them please tell me so that I can arrange another time to see you. Michael

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

A big thank you to everyone for getting our Christian Aid Week fundraising off to such an excellent start last Sunday. Our lunch and cake stall raised £380. And special thanks to our team of volunteers who have been collecting from houses round the parish; please let Hilary Dawson have your envelopes as soon as possible. More Christian Aid events next Sunday. Michael will be cutting Danielle Best's long hair, and the amount he cuts will be determined by how much sponsor money she has raised. We've also got a Plant Sale, which will provide an excellent opportunity to get some nice plants for your garden in support of a good cause.

GIVING TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Thank you for gifts of money to help us to carry out God's work and to pay our running costs. If you are a tax payer, please help us by gift aiding what you give. There are pink envelopes for single gift aid donations and Marion Betts has more information about regular gift aid giving. Staggeringly, each week we need to raise nearly £770 from donations to the Church. If you can give a little extra it would help us. Last month we raised on average £675.

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Regular Services:

Every Sunday at 10.00am – Family Communion

1st Sunday in the month:
8.30am *Said Communion*
10.00am *All Age Communion*
6.30pm *Prayer and Reflection*

2nd and 3rd Sunday in the month:
10.00 *Family Communion*

4th Sunday in the month:
10.00am *Family Communion with healing prayer*

Every Wednesday at 11.00am – Said Communion

Church Office Opening Times

(on first floor of Church Centre)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:

1.30 – 3.30

Thursday: 9.30 – 11.30

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Administrator: Collette Davis

Bible Readings for the Week

These readings are chosen by the Church of England for this week. Why not join Christians across the world who use The Lectionary readings for their Bible study each day?

Sunday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-end	John 17:6-19
Monday	Acts 19:1-8	John 16:29-end
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-end	John 17:11-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30;23: 6-11	John 17:20-end
Friday	Acts 25:13-21	John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16- 20,30-end	John 21:20-end