

St Mary's Church Peterborough

Journeying Together With God

CHURCH NEWS

5th February 2012



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For more information on giving, please see Marion Betts.

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

St Mary's is a parish church serving the eastern side of the city. We endeavour to offer a warm welcome to everyone who attends both our church and community centre. We believe that the way to abundant life is to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As we gather together each week we seek to worship God, to grow in faith and to live according to Christian principles.

If you are a visitor, you are most welcome to receive Holy Communion, or, if you prefer, a blessing, at the altar. Refreshments are served each Sunday after the Service. We do hope you will stay and join us. Our regular patterns of Services are:

1st Sunday of the month

8.30am	Said Communion
10.00am	All Age Communion
6.30pm	Prayer and Reflection

4th Sunday of the month

10.00am	Family Communion with healing prayer
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Wednesday

11.00am	Said Communion
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 5 Feb	8.30am Said Communion. Family Communion 10.00am
Sun 5 Feb	Prayer and Reflection in Church 6.30pm
Tues 7 Feb	Parent and Toddler Group 9.30-11.30 Lower Hall
Wed 8 Feb	Bible Study 7.30-9.00pm in the Nene Room
Thur 9 Feb	Bellringers 7.30-9.00pm
Sun 12 Feb	Family communion with children's club
Tues 14 Feb	Parent and Toddler Group 9.30-11.30 Lower Hall
Wed 15 Feb	Bible Study 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Nene Room
Thur 16 Feb	Prayer Group 10.30am – 11.30am in the Lady Chapel
Thur 16 Feb	Youth Group 7.15-8.45pm
Thur 16 Feb	Bellringers 7.30-9.00pm
Sun 19 Feb	Family communion with children's club
Sun 19 Feb	Pre-Lenten Bring and Share lunch

LENT COURSE

On 29 Feb, St Mary's 5-week Lent Course, 'Everybody Welcome' starts. The course begins each week with soup, followed by a short DVD presentation and discussion. (7-9pm). Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you wish to come (for catering purposes).

Readings for the week 6 February 2012

Mon	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13	Mark 6:53-end
Tues	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30	Mark 7:1-13
Wed	1 Kings 10: 1-10	Mark 7: 14-23
Thur	1 Kings 11:4-13	Mark 7:24-30
Fri	1 Kings 11:29-32, 11:19	Mark 7:31-end
Sat	1 Kings 12:26-32	Mark 6:30-34
Sun	Prov. 8:1, 22-31	John 1:1-14

Please Pray For:

- 'Prayer on the Square'
- those preparing for marriage
- those with dementia and their carers
- the residents of Eastfield Road and adjacent roads
- those involved in the education of local children
- those across the world suffering from the effects of HIV-Aids
- stability in countries torn apart by turmoil and unrest

THE PETERBOROUGH BIG BAND

A night of swing with that big band sound will be performing at Dogsthorpe Methodist Church, Birchtree Avenue on Thursday 9th February at 8pm. Admission £6.50 including Refreshments. Tickets are available on the door.

CTiCP

There is an open invitation to members of all our congregations to the AGM being held on Monday 23rd April at Westgate. In addition, the Inspirations Studio is planning a buffet and presentation prior to the meeting, starting at 6pm. More details will follow.

COLLETTE'S HOLIDAY

Collette will be on holiday from Monday February 13th – Thursday February 16th inclusive. She is busy polishing her bucket and spade at the moment!!

HOUSE GROUPS

After the Lent course the house groups will be starting. Watch this space.

RINGING FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

St Mary's ringers are planning to ring 60 Quarter Peals in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We've currently rung 4, so far this month and so you will be hearing a little more of us this year! Each quarter peal takes around 45 minutes of continuous ringing and is quite challenging depending on the method we ring. If you would like to sponsor us to ring on a particular day to remember a loved one or to mark a special occasion please let either Andrew or Joan know. The amount is up to you and can be gift aided, with all donations going to the clock appeal.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK – PHOTOS AND MEMORIES WANTED

As mentioned in the magazine, there will be a display about marriage on Sunday 12 February and we need your help. Please look out photos of your wedding day or anniversary celebrations and let us have them to copy. We'll take good care of them and return them to you. Please tell us the names of the couple, the date, including the year, the photos were taken and if it's an anniversary, which one. If you have something you would like to share about the joys or the struggles of being married, please jot it down for us; we don't have to mention your name if you don't want us to! There'll be cake and biscuits with coffee that Sunday, so if you would like to bake something, please let us know.
Contact for contributions: Sheena Fisher

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

There will be a girls night out for an Italian meal on Friday 2 March. If you are interested please see Buffy for more information

QUIZ NIGHT

Our very own Quiz Master, Paul is back to host the Quiz Night on 10 March at 7pm. We are anticipating another sell out quiz so please buy your tickets from Derek, Paul or Andrew, tickets are £5 (£3 children) and it includes an extensive Ploughman's Platter. All proceeds will be given to the local Samaritan Branch. NB. Please bring your own drinks, although light refreshments will be provided.

LIFTS TO CHURCH

Can anyone provide a lift to church? We need help for our 'get new people to church' scheme. With enough people to support this you should only be needed once a month. If you can help, please see Gillie or Andrew.