

January 2019

*Happy New Year*

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**We aim to be a growing community of Christian people who desire to be:**

**mature disciples : committed church family members : effective witnesses : caring neighbours**

### Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	2nd hand books for sale, but <b>no</b> homemade or Traidcraft stalls
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	FM Life
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee morning alongside Hearing Aid Clinic
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Footprints
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	WLTD0

### Weekly Services

**Thursday:** 10.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday:** 8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Communion

11.15am Informal Worship Service NB: First Sunday in the month when there is Gener8

**Activ8** for 3-10 year olds at 9.30 & 11.15 services, with the exception of the first Sunday each month.

Mid-week communion at 10am. Coffee and hearing aid clinic are available on the third Thursday in the month.

### Evening Services in January

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> No Evening service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Evensong at 6.30pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> No Restore Café Church

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Reflect Service at 6.30pm

**Homemade stall** - Last month's stall raised £200 and Penny's Christmas raffle raised £263. This brings the total raised in 2018, for homework clubs and apprenticeships in Nairobi's slums, to £1,947. Revd Sally Dakin of AMADET wrote: "So many thanks to every single person who contributed to this Brilliant total! What an amazingly generous church you are!"

**Ride & Stride**- The Ride & Stride in September raised £1,000. Thanks to every person who took part, welcomed visitors or sponsored someone. Across the county almost £10,000 was raised, so well done St. Mary's, yet again!



**The Bothy Garden** - Calling all budding Community Gardeners! The Bothy Garden volunteers meet about 7 times a year – a mix of work parties, outreach gardening and socials – do join us if you would like. No experience needed, all welcome. 2019 dates include: Planning meeting 19th January. Work party usually 10am-12noon on 16th February, 16th March, 15th June, 14th September, and End of Year Social 16th November. All enquiries to Val Bradley via [office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk)

**Christmas Present Appeal** – A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts. We've had a brilliant response to our Christmas Present Appeal; Fran Pyatt from Christians Against Poverty collected 28 substantial parcels for all twenty eight young children whose parents are on their books in Mole Valley. She said, "I am so overwhelmed, such beautiful gifts. Thank you so so much". We also collected 19 presents for Surrey's vulnerable teenagers and around 30 for the guests coming to the Village Hall on Christmas Day. Thanks for being such a generous church family!

**Traidcraft Stall** – following their announcement in early Autumn that Fairtrade would cease to trade after December 2018, it now looks hopeful that they will be able to continue trading in a reduced way after. Many food items will be available but fewer craft goods. The next stall will be on Sunday 3rd February.



**CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre Manager - vacancy in Mole Valley.** Are you looking for a role that will change lives for the better? Do you want to help individuals and families become debt free? Are you passionate about the good news of Jesus Christ? This is a paid position for 16 hours per week, to replace Fran Pyatt, who has been Centre Manager for the past 2 1/2 years. Do speak to Sarah Mackay if you are interested 379043 or [mackayfamily10@btinternet.com](mailto:mackayfamily10@btinternet.com)



**Who Let the Dads Out:** Meet other Dads and talk about Dad things like tools, sport, food, beer, cars and just being a Dad! For the kids; games, music, fun and a chance to make lots of new friends, all are welcome. Time: 9.30-11.30am on the 3rd Sat of the month.

**FM Life is a fortnightly group for women of all ages.** It's a great opportunity to make new friends, chat about issues relating to our everyday lives and to think about how our faith may help us. It is held in the church hall from 10am - 11.30am with crèche facilities should you need it. Re-starting on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.



**Footprints** – is for pre-school children and their parents/carers. With a spiritual background, it provides a gentle introduction to the Church family and an opportunity to meet over a cup of coffee whilst the children play, paint, craft, sing and hear Bible stories. Footprints takes place on alternate Friday mornings during term time from 10-11.30am. Re-starting on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

**Restore – Café Church.** Held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm at Greenwise in Fetcham village. However they are taking a break in January and February returning in March 2019.



**Ho Ho Ho! Christmas presents for youngsters** - Massive thank you to your St Mary's Church congregation, for their kindness in donating the glorious collection of presents, duly delivered today to our vulnerable, needy Y/P in time for Christmas. From Gorden Dodd.

**Youth!** If you are a parent of a young person or are generally interested in receiving email updates from Nathan, our Youth Minister, regarding the youth ministry here at St Mary's then please let Nathan know by emailing him or finding him for a chat! - [youth@stmarysfetcham.org.uk](mailto:youth@stmarysfetcham.org.uk)



**Bible Study Notes** - An excellent way of getting used to reading the Bible in a planned and regular way is by using Bible Study Notes. There are many varieties to choose from, to suit particular ways of learning and indeed to help us in our journey of discipleship whatever our stage is. Mary King co-ordinates the ordering of these notes so please do chat with her to see the best way that you can use these wonderful resources. We will be putting some more focus on this in the New Year, so do watch this space for more information.

**Bible study** - Bible reading and prayer are essential for our spiritual growth. With this in mind, a daily Bible reading plan has been prepared which suggests reading a chapter a day to cover the entire New Testament and selected books of the Old Testament in one year. Details to follow, together with a card (which may be used as a bookmark) listing prayer topics focusing on various aspects of church life at St. Mary's.

**St Mary's Small Groups** - At St Mary's we have a number of Small Groups meeting regularly for bible study, prayer, fellowship and mutual support. Several of these have been running many years following on from the Focus on Faith course held previously, while others are relatively new having been established as a result of those who have completed the Alpha course wanting to continue in their personal discipleship alongside the new friends they have made. There is also another new group which developed out of the desire by some who have more recently joined our fellowship to become more involved and continue their personal discipleship in the Christian faith, alongside their fellow church family members. If you would be interested in joining one of our many and various groups, please contact Jenny Smith through the church office in order to find one which might be suitable to you.



**Thank you to:**

- Daniel and the Choir for the wonderful services over the festive period
- Flower Team for the beautiful displays
- All those who have helped with refreshments over the many services
- To anyone who has donated anything throughout the year; time, sponsorship, gifts and support

**Please pray for:** Judith Pinsent and Jenny Wick.

We also pray for those in Bellsgrave Care Home: Sybil Francklow, Beryl Burgess and David Watson. And for those in residential care: Liz Crawford, June Williams, Sebastian Nohl, Betty Colven, Gordon and Mavis Lake.

