



St Mary's, Watford

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Memories

In the previous editions of St Mary's News, I have used the theme of journeys in my articles. This month I am all too aware that journeys not only start and have a middle but also an end.

Life is a journey we begin the moment we first draw breath and concludes with the drawing of our final one. Each life is unique as is each birth and each passing from this world to the next.

In recent months my Dad embarked on the final stage of his life's journey and sadly he went to be with the Lord just before Christmas.

As I reflect on my father's death, I recognise and am thankful for the fact that his was a good death. I realise for some that is not always the case. My heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones in more difficult circumstances; it is hard enough to bear the grief when you lose someone who lived to a good age and died peacefully.

Dad taught me much during his life and from this final stage of his journey I have learned even more that I would like, briefly, to share with you all. By sharing my experiences my prayer is that it might help others going through bereavement or perhaps even those reaching the end of their earthly life.

Memories are of such great importance I have discovered. I am so glad that my nephew, Joe, and I were able to re-enact the train journey my father made from Vienna to London in 1939 and for my father to meet us at Liverpool Street Station. I know this meant a lot to Dad, just as it did to Joe and me. When we got back to Watford and were sitting in my lounge Dad talked for hours about his experiences of growing up in Vienna and life as a child refugee and building a new life in the UK. My nephew recorded the entire conversation so it is preserved for future generations of our family. My father also wrote his memoirs when he



turned 80. There is something rather complete about his life. I am certain sharing those memories brought a sense of healing. It is comforting to think that Dad is now reunited with his parents who had waved him off from the railway platform in Vienna on 15th August 1939 never to see him again.

How I have come to treasure those conversations with him! And not just the ones I had with him but those I've had with my Mum about her memories too.

Often, we tend to stay clear of talking about the deceased in case we upset the bereaved even more, but I find I want to talk about my Dad - I don't want him to be forgotten. I think this is true for most people and is why the memories that are shared at funerals are so comforting to those who are present.

I also want to mention the importance of kindness. I was so impressed by the care and kindness coupled with respect shown to my Dad by those in the medical profession who could see beyond the confused, elderly and frail man to the witty and intelligent man he was. That kindness and respect helped make those last days a little more bearable for all of us. We should never underestimate the comfort of a kind word or deed in such circumstances.

There were a number of God moments during those last few days. One of Dad's passions was classical music and for years he and mum would attend concerts performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The day before Dad died a couple of musicians came on to the ward and came into the side room where he was lying and at my sister's request played Silent Night and then afterwards the Blue Danube. Given my father's Austrian heritage this was most appropriate, but why did they come that day of all days? The timing was perfect.

At the point when Dad started to deteriorate, he and mum were in separate hospitals, but as luck would have it (or

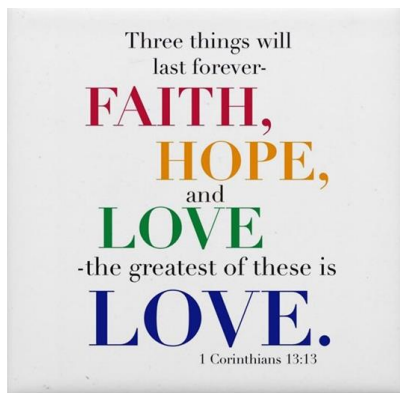


another God moment) Dad had to go into the hospital where Mum was and have a CT Scan. I am not sure of the details of how, but Mum was also being wheeled around and they met at the lift. On realising what was happening the porters allowed the two of them to go down the long hospital corridor holding hands. Mum could see that Dad was fading and she will say this was the moment she said goodbye to her husband of over 58 years. The rest of us said our goodbyes in the way which was right for us, and I for one am so grateful we could.

Faith has been such an important gift for us. Mum and Dad would take us to church every week when we were children.

Dad's funeral took place in the church where he has worshipped for over 50 years. One of the readings chosen was that great passage from St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. I remember my Dad talking to me about this passage when I was quite young and the point where Paul talks about seeing dimly, a poor reflection as in a mirror and that one day we will know fully even as we are fully known. For Dad that day has come, his earthly journey completed, the mist has cleared, he can see clearly.

When all is gone these three remain faith, hope and love; the greatest of these is love. Thank you, Dad. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.



The Revd Tony Rindl

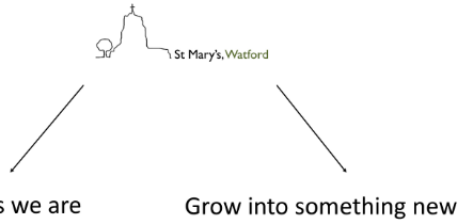


Where do we want to go?

by the Revd Joshua Brocklesby

As we enter this new year, these are exciting times for us at St Mary's, but we need to think about the question... where do we want to go? Do we want to stay as we are, or do we want to try and grow? Do we want to try and be a church which looks outward towards our wider community, or do we want to look inward at just our own?

I think as a church family there is a desire for us to grow as the community around us is growing. We have an amazing location on the High Street in the heart



of Watford and with that comes a responsibility to respond to the diverse and exciting community which is our Parish. Perhaps we should then be thinking of ourselves as the Church on the High Street

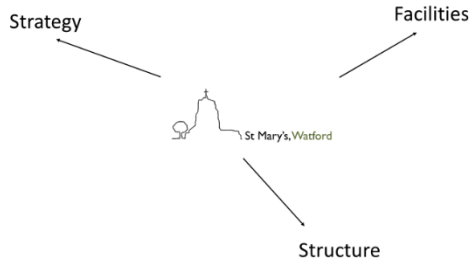
The Church
on the High Street

seeing as there are no other churches within the ring road. If we want to grow, then we need to explore and consider what is required for us to better share God's love with those around us. There appear to be three main areas. One is

to have a clear vision and strategy, so that we are all pulling in the same direction. Another is to think about our facilities and buildings. Lastly, there is the structure of our church, ensuring we are well-organized to allow us to do more for our community with what we have been given.

If we think about our vision and strategy, we need to think about the community around us and its exciting diverseness. There are people who come to Watford to Live, to

Work and to Play and we want to build relationships with people in all these categories. We need to take time to listen to people in our town and learn about them. Any good relationship is based on the ability to listen. After we have listened, we can then think about what we are doing and what we can do to share and show God's love better to all those around us. Perhaps then we can focus on reaching out in



Live in Watford
 Work in Watford
 Play in Watford

turn to the different communities in our Parish, to try and meet and build relationships with more people, helping to make Watford a town where God's love is felt by all.

In this new outlook as a church family we can look to be creative in how we might serve our community. Can we

look to be a good neighbour to all the people who live in our Parish, with welcome packs and offering those who move to the Parish a free coffee and a friendly face to pass on information about all things local.

Neighbourly Love



Can we look to offer those who work the opportunity for community. Putting on working lunches encouraging people to meet new people and make friends rather than just eating lunch at their desks.



Working Lunch

Collaborate with a bar and put on a live music night



Can we put on our own music night at one of the many bars in Watford, using the many talented musicians to give back to the community, while also showing the fun and joy our community has at St Mary's.

The opportunities are motivating and the potential for St Mary's to think beyond our church walls is endless!

We have so much to be thankful for already, our newly refurbished church really is beautiful and is already allowing us the flexibility to offer more to our local community. But we should not rest on our laurels and instead continue to think big! Can we refurbish our church centre so it is of the same high standard as the church building, light, bright and welcoming? Can we look long term



and work towards one day completing a new north entrance so that we stand out on the High Street rather than blend into the background?

These are exciting times at St Mary's, but we need, as a church family, to decide where we want to go and then work towards taking steps to get

there. There will be many challenges we face in doing whatever we decide but we have such an amazing message of love to share, we should look to be bold and discern where God wants us and then seek to follow!

Thinking big and long term!

- New north entrance



Budget presentation 26th January

Josh has told you what we want to achieve so how much does it cost to do this? **£290,000**



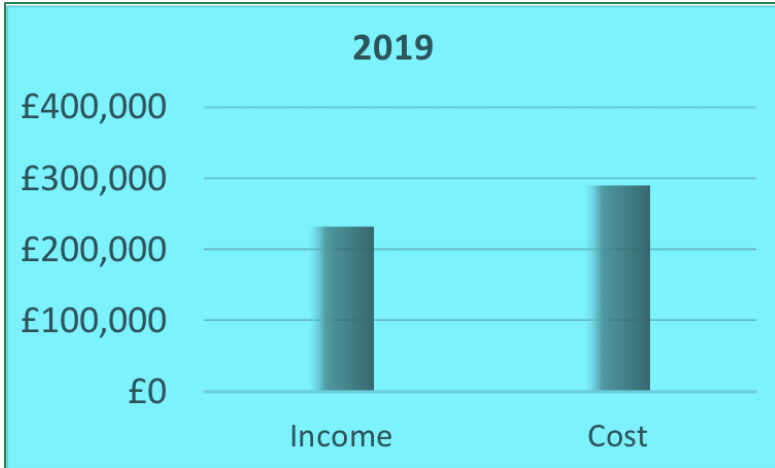
How much do we have? **£232,000 (last year)**



Of course, our vision doesn't just take money. It needs time and effort by us all.

You will however have noticed the difference between the two numbers.

A shortfall of £58,000



What can you do?

On Sunday 26th January we gave out pledge forms and we would ask you all to pray about what you can give financially and make a pledge.

There are many ways you can do this. Not just the offertory plate. You may have also noted at the back of the church, notices telling you how you can give with a text message. We also have a credit card reader. Ask Peter or Helen Baldwin if you want to make a credit card donation.

However, the 2 main ways for you to make a regular donation are:

- Setting up a standing order to make regular donations directly from your bank
- The envelope scheme - we can provide you with a set of numbered weekly or monthly envelopes for your personal use. These can be a good way to have a reminder to give weekly or monthly.

Some people do both – set up a standing order and have a set of envelopes to put a donation in the offertory plate.

Gift Aid is important to us as it makes up 10% of our income. £100 that is gift aided gives a charity like St Mary's £125. So, we would also ask that if you pay income or capital gains tax you sign a gift aid declaration so we can reclaim the tax on your donations.

Peter Dean

PCC Meeting Report

Tony opened our meeting by reading from the first few verses of Habakkuk chapter 2, reminding us of the importance of recording what we believe God is saying to us and to wait patiently for his answers to our prayers, trusting that his answer will always come and in his perfect timing. He then led us in prayer.

The first part of our meeting was a presentation by Revd Josh Brocklesby. He began by updating us on progress with our new church website, which has been very encouraging. He went on to give us a presentation about our strategy for future mission and outreach in our church and town centre communities. This was repeated during the 10.30 service on 26 January. (Read Josh's article elsewhere in SMN for more details and be inspired!)

We then welcomed Kate Peacock, the Diocesan Senior Growth Officer, who joined us for the first part of our meeting. She was invited to steer us through the next steps in developing a new Mission Action Plan (MAP). Following her visit to St Mary's last September and the information gathered from us then, she helped us to identify priorities on how to build on the targets set in our previous MAP, which have now largely been achieved. She encouraged us to think of our MAP as a compass to keep us on the right track and urged us to maintain the obvious momentum which the completion of the church refurbishment has achieved. She highlighted useful resources that are available and promised to continue with us on our journey in an advisory capacity.

We then moved on to the remaining items on our agenda. The following matters were considered:

Finance. The main focus was on the 2020 budget in preparation for a presentation to the congregation at the 10.30 service on 26 January. Peter Dean, as chair of the Finance Committee, led us through our current financial position. You will find further details in Peter's article in this issue of SMN. The PCC agreed that we must strive to continue all our activities, whilst being mindful that we must also be wise stewards of our resources.

Buildings. Roger Courtney (Chair of the Buildings Committee) provided us with a comprehensive update on all matters related to our buildings. The main discussion point concerned the urgent work to replace the roof in the church centre. The first stage, which is to erect a temporary roof to allow detailed inspection, would start the week beginning 27 January. The PCC expressed concern that we choose the best option in order to make the roof sound for the long-term future.

The vicar informed the PCC that New Hope now occupy the Cloisters Office. He also reported his delight with all the activities and services held at St Mary's during the period leading up to and during Christmas. In particular he was delighted with the response to the "Discovering Christmas" event which reflected all the useful links which Cath da Costa has built up during her time with us as our Children and Families Worker, with local schools and families.

As always, we reviewed matters of Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

There was also a suggestion that we should get together a decorating work party to cheer up the Upper Room with some fresh paint. Offers welcome!

Alison Saunders

The Current Affairs Connect Group

Climate Change

Most people accept the overwhelming scientific evidence that, due to the increase in greenhouse gas emissions since the Industrial Revolution, man-made climate change is a fact. But what of its distributive impact? This article argues that both internationally and nationally the poor are affected disproportionately by the actions of the rich; that this is a Biblical and ethical issue for Christians; and that we should all be doing something about it.

In November, the Current Affairs Connect Group met to discuss *Climate change: Another tax on the poor?* We had the highest attendance to date, reflecting the level of interest and concern in St Mary's about this issue.

In this context "tax on the poor" does not necessarily mean a literal tax but rather that the impact of climate change is greater on the daily lives of the poor than on those of the rich. There are international and national aspects.

International

The 50 countries with the lowest incomes per capita account for just 1% of greenhouse gas emissions. Unlike richer countries, they have not and are not causing climate change; yet they have the least ability to defend themselves against it. For example, the BBC recently reported the five-year drought in South Africa. The lack of water supply for people and cattle has been devastating¹. It may no longer be possible to live in the affected region in the near future. Again, *The*

¹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-africa-50265869/south-african-drought-town-s-warning-to-the-world>

Times reported that the flow of the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe is the slowest on record.²

The world is experiencing huge changes. Shifting rain patterns cause drought on the one hand and severe hurricanes and typhoons on the other. The resulting crop failures cause malnutrition. Rising temperatures allow disease bearing insects such as the malarial mosquito to expand their range. We see the thermometer hitting the high 40s and even 50s causing destructive fires e.g. in California and the Australian outback. While the UK and Europe can generally cope better with such rises, there is still a very significant impact on the elderly and infirm. Glaciers are melting, causing sea levels to rise. Some lower lying lands, such as the coastal regions of Bangladesh, may soon be largely inundated; and tropical islands, such as the Maldives, may disappear. It is estimated that some 300 million people could be displaced. Many people in poorer nations depend on fish for their livelihood but fish stocks are moving away from their traditional grounds. There is a general trend away from rural areas, where living conditions are worsening, towards living in overcrowded cities with their lack of infrastructure. In short, the rich cause the problem and the poor suffer.

The UK has a substantial aid budget to assist such countries, part of which is dedicated to combating climate change. In August, the government pledged³ a doubling of its contribution to the UN Green Climate Fund⁴ over the next four years. While this is welcome, it is nowhere near enough to address the issues. The latest Select

² <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/worst-southern-african-drought-in-decades-kills-wildlife-and-slows-victoria-falls-508lm82dx#>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-doubles-support-to-reduce-global-carbon-emissions-and-help-developing-countries-adapt-to-the-impact-of-climate-change>

⁴ This was established to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries and to help vulnerable societies adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

Committee Report on Aid and Climate Change⁵ noted that the UK aid related to climate change would rise to £1.8 billion by 2020/22. However, this amounted to only 14% of the overall aid budget. Much of that aid is spent on improving energy efficiency and stimulating renewable energy sources. It does not help people to adapt e.g. by creating flood defences or water storage facilities. The Committee considered that a different balance was required.

National

In the UK around 10% of households live in fuel poverty. This is defined as where their fuel costs are higher than average and their disposable income, after deduction of housing and fuel costs, is below 60% of the national average. Typically, these are people on low incomes who live in older, draughty housing, have less efficient heating appliances and use expensive pre-payment meters. To get out of fuel poverty, on average they would need to spend £321 less on fuel each year.

The average household spends around £1000 a year on fuel but fuel costs for the least efficient properties can be up to three times higher than costs for the most efficient properties.⁶

The Government has decided that the subsidies to encourage investment in renewable sources of energy or to support home insulation schemes should be funded through ‘green levies’ on the cost of energy for consumers and these account for around 10% of the average household bill, around £100. That policy clearly adds to the fuel costs of low income households; £100 is a significant proportion of the £321 excess expenditure that is causing them to be in fuel poverty.

In summary, nationally as well as internationally, it is the poor who are impacted disproportionately by climate change.

⁵ House of Commons International Development Committee: UK Aid for Combating Climate Change – 30 April 2019

⁶ Fuel poverty factsheet, England 2017 – Dept for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/annual-fuel-poverty-statistics-report-2019>

Reflections

We observed that in scripture, the earth and its creatures belong to God (Psalm 24.1) but he gives earth to man (Psalm 115.16). Thus, in Genesis, when God makes mankind in his own image, he commands them to “fill the earth and subdue it” and to “rule” over its creatures (Genesis 1.26-28). This is not a rule of consuming the earth and its resources but of stewardship and tenancy (e.g. Leviticus 25.23-24). John Stott writes:

“Our dominion is a delegated, and therefore a responsible dominion. [It] does not belong to us by right, but only by favour. The earth ‘belongs’ to us not because we made it or own it but because its Maker has entrusted its care to us.”⁷

We observed that the poor have a special place in God’s heart (James 2.5). He is concerned that they receive justice (Deuteronomy 10.17-19, 24.14-18; Psalm 140.12; Amos 8.4-6). He makes provision for them in a benefits system (Deuteronomy 24.19-22), and in a progressive sacrificial system which charges them only what they can afford (Leviticus 5.7, 12.8, 14.21-22, 27.8). We are not to be sceptical or close fisted towards them but open handed and generous (Deuteronomy 15.7-11). It warns us to avoid evangelical, middle class hypocrisy by tithing to God down to the last halfpenny while neglecting what Jesus says are the more important matters of justice and mercy (Matthew 23.23). It warns us of the shortfalls of offering “blessed thoughts” when we should be supplying the needs of the poor (James 2.15-16).

International: We acknowledged the difficulty of wealthier countries that have grown wealthy from their own polluting industrial revolutions, telling less developed countries to refrain from a similar path to wealth. However, the entire world is at a critical stage and climate change has an impact in every country. The wealthy countries have a moral duty to assist the poorer countries because they have grown rich already. They have done so, and are doing so, at the expense of poorer countries.

⁷ Issue Facing Christians Today - Our human environment, page 114

We noted that the global community agreed to spend £100 billion at the 2015 Paris Climate Change Summit. While many countries have not lived up to their pledge, the UK has contributed £2 billion. Since it is already too late to prevent an increase of 1.5C in the global temperature, as a result of a recent policy change, the UK is now spending more of our aid on helping countries to adapt and become more resilient to climate change.

We were pleased that the UK is a world leader in reducing emissions, although we recognised that much more needs to be done. On the other hand, we were profoundly disappointed that the USA under President Trump has resiled from its commitment under the Paris Agreement to reduce emissions⁸. However, we considered that no country should sit back and say “we won’t reduce our emissions because you won’t reduce yours”. All countries are suffering and people are dying now, including in the UK (e.g. November’s floods). And if they don’t act, many countries in the northern hemisphere will have to deal with a vast refugee problem. Our view was that if the UK continues to lead, others will follow. It is a sign of hope that even China, with its 10 billion tonnes of emissions each year, (in comparison the UK emits 300 million tonnes) is taking action.

National: We considered the challenge of scripture to our attitude to the poor and how best to provide their needs. We noted that it made no modern distinction between the “deserving” and “undeserving” poor. We must not regard them as a problem or as a lesser category of person as e.g. Jacob Rees-Mogg suggested recently during his interview about the Grenfell Tower fire. On the contrary, they are a blessing and a gift to us. We gain benefit when we interact with them as fellow human beings. One person told us that she had been greatly blessed when she was hugged by a homeless woman for a book she had given the woman, one she knew the woman would enjoy.

⁸ Nevertheless, some US states continue to introduce measures to reduce emissions e.g. carbon tax.

We concluded that there is a clear and urgent case to improve the quality of older UK housing stock at zero cost to the poor.

Personal action: We reflected on the personal contributions we should make as Christians to alleviate climate change. We thought of four areas where individual Connect Group members were already taking action. We encouraged the rest of the Group – and St Mary’s - to join in:

- i. Investment in sustainable funds: We could invest some of our savings in sustainable funds which finance the technologies e.g. electric cars that tackled or alleviated climate change.
- ii. Transport: Flights have become part of the modern lifestyle for many yet make a significant contribution to emissions. We could take fewer flights, travelling by rail or sea where possible. We could also offset our carbon emissions as some had done after last year’s Israel trip. In the longer term, we can also look to developing less energy-intensive transport technologies to assist e.g. airships, electric aircraft. We could drive our cars less and cycle more.
- iii. Food: We could reduce our meat and dairy intake and increase vegetables and fruit in our diets.
- iv. Challenging those with responsibility: We could write to our MPs and ask what they are doing on our behalf to alleviate climate change and to encourage them to spend more on national and international initiatives. We could use our vote to support MPs and local politicians with green agendas. Nearer home, we could use our influence to challenge any organisations we are part of – including the Anglican Church, the St Alban’s Diocese and St Mary’s PCC - on what green measures they are taking.

The Current Affairs Connect Group

Current Affairs Connect Group

Dates and Programme – Winter to Summer 2020

8pm in the Church Centre – normally second Friday of each month

7 February	Multiculturalism: A threat or an opportunity for Christianity?
13 March	Christians & Debt: Moral issue or the new normal?
10 April	Good Friday – No meeting
1 May	The transgender debate: How should Christians respond?
12 June	Press Freedom: Essential safeguard or abuse of power?
10 July	Compulsory vaccination: State control or public good?

Join a
Connect
Group!

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St Mary's Children and Families

It seems out of place to say Happy New Year as the first month of the year draws to a close drab and grey, but it is a new year – a time to dream up new adventures and exciting ways to meet with God and maybe even chase away those winter blues!

I only have to think back to our amazing Discovering Christmas event to feel a warm glow. What a great job you all did – I am still getting messages from parents, children and schools about how much they enjoyed and appreciated it and asking what we are going to do next! What really stood out for me was how many people found helping at the event easy and exciting – that is how it is supposed to be! Jesus speaks about his yoke being light – when we use our giftings and passions then we will find it easy and enjoyable. How would you like to use your gifts and talents during this coming year? What would you like to be involved in which will both allow you to worship God through your very being while drawing people closer to knowing God?

We speak at St Mary's about wanting to be the heart of the community and to create a space for people to draw together creating community and engage with God and we are certainly on the right road as we partnership with God. Let us continue to listen carefully to what God would have us do, but in the meantime, here are a few ideas we have already come up with:

- On 5th **February** we will have our **Connect Together** and this month we will be introducing a Lent course you and your Connect Group may like to use – of course if you are not in a Connect Group then you would be welcome to take the material away and do it on your own, but it is always more fun together. Maybe Lent is the ideal time to try out a Connect Group if you are not already a part of one? If you have not been to a Connect Together before then please do join us as it is open to everyone. It starts with a drop in meal from 6.15, worship at 7.15 which is followed by some activity or learning

opportunity. It is also a great way to catch up with what is happening at St Marys!

- This Lent we will also be running a **Quilting Lent Group** so if you fancy crafts or want to learn a new skill do join us. This is open to all and children are welcome – please speak to me for more details
- **25th February is Shrove Tuesday.** This year we are doing two exciting activities – the first is an outreach in the square between 3.30- 4.30pm where we will be giving away free pancakes to passers-by. So, if you have ever fancied trying your hand at flipping pancakes, please do let me know. It would be lovely to have lots of welcoming people to reach out to public whether it is to give out pancakes or letting people know what's happening over Easter and we may even manage a pancake race or two!
- On the evening of **25th February** we will be having a pancake supper in the church centre starting at 5pm. Please do join us!
- **26th February is Ash Wednesday**
- **22nd March is Mothering Sunday** – please join us between 4 - 6pm for a fun Beetle Drive with afternoon tea. All are welcome.

Easter

This year we are hoping to put some exciting projects together for the run-up to Easter.

- If you are a knitter, please don't forget our knitted chicks outreach project – it was amazing to go all the schools in our parish last year and to give out chicks knitted by people from St Mary's. The children really appreciate and treasure this sweet gift. Please speak to Christine or myself for more details or if you need a pattern.
- I am working with schools to create a prayer space within the church which will retell the Easter story and provide space for



people to reflect and encounter God – this will be open to schools, the public and all at St Mary’s in the couple of weeks leading up to Easter itself. Similar to Discovering Christmas, it would be wonderful to have as many people from St Mary’s as are able to support this because it is often in the welcome people receive and in the conversations people have that really allows the Holy Spirit to plant the seeds of faith.

- **Palm Sunday is 5th April**

this year. As has become our tradition, we would like to put on a play or other creative worship service – so many of you are blessed with amazing talents and skills in singing and acting – please let me know if you would like to be involved in putting something really special together.



- **10th April is Good Friday** and we will have our famous Eggsperience
- **Easter Sunday is 12th April** and we will be having a Sunrise Service with breakfast
- **Monday 13th April** do join us for the St Albans Pilgrimage starting at St Mary’s with a breakfast

We already have loads of activities on for a range of ages – for example we run the following clubs in the church centre:

- Kids Connect Mondays term time 3.45 – 5pm (This is a parent and child craft group aimed at primary school children but younger children welcome).
- Centre Club Tuesdays term time 9.30 – 11.30am (Coffee/tea for parents and age appropriate toys and activities for your toddler).
- Bravers – our youth group for 8 to 13 year olds meets on Thursdays 6 – 7.30pm

Sundays during the 10.30 service (all Sundays in term time apart from the 3rd Sunday when we meet together for Worship for All) – currently we have two groups: Sunday school for toddlers & Primary school aged children up to the age of 10 meet downstairs; and those 10+ meet upstairs in Pathfinders. We are looking at whether we should provide a third group to better cater for the children’s needs, but we would need more helpers to facilitate this. Please pray for this and if you feel God calling you to help more directly please do speak to me.

God Bless you all in the year ahead!

Cath Da Costa (07961564382 / familyworker.stmaryswatford@gmail.com)



Volunteering



Handy with a Hoover? Dandy with a duster? If anyone would like to help in the day-to-day upkeep of the church, please contact Liz stmarysfacilitiesmanager@gmail.com

Our team of minibus drivers is very small, and we would welcome anyone who might be able to drive it on a Sunday morning, during the week for Wednesday Fellowship or the occasional event at other times. No special qualifications are required, just a full UK (category B) car driving licence; held for at least 2 years. Please speak to Dave Hedges, Margaret Greenstreet or Helen Hunter if you are interested in having a go, before you commit to anything.



Weekly Gatherings



Monday: Kids Connect

3.45pm to 5pm during term time in the Church Centre
craft and play session for toddlers and primary aged children

Tuesday: Centre Club

9.30 to 11.30am during term time in the Church Centre
for preschool children and their parents/carers

Wednesday: Wednesday Fellowship

2.00pm in the Church Centre

Thursday: Bravers Youth Club

5.30 to 7pm during term time in the Church Centre
for those between the ages of 8 and 13;
fun, games and science experiments!

Saturday: Morning Coffee

10.00am to 12noon in the Church

St Mary's Runners

8.30am (meet at 6 Cassiobury Drive)

For more information on the children's activities listed above
contact Cath [07961 564385/familyworker.stmaryswatford@gmail.com](mailto:07961_564385/familyworker.stmaryswatford@gmail.com)

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Services – February 2020

Sunday 2nd February

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 9th February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 16th February

10.30am Worship for All
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Café Church

Holy Communion services also every Wednesday at 12.30pm
Children's Groups and Crèche meet during 10.30am services
on 2nd, 9th and 23rd February

Who's Who:

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