
Welcome to St Mary's 19th November 2023



Journeying together with God

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY ARE:

10am Family Communion Service

from 10am online, watch our live streamed service from the safety of your home

6pm Compline

7pm Inclusive Church Peterborough

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OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK ARE:

WEDNESDAY: Said Communion 11am in the Church

WEEKDAYS: If you would like to start your day with Morning Prayer, the order of service each day is available from the Church of England website or the Daily Prayer App. The Bible readings for Morning Prayer this week are:

Monday	Isa. 9.8-10.4	Matt. 7: 1-12
Tuesday	Isa. 10: 5-19	Matt. 7: 13-end
Wednesday	Isa. 10: 20-32	Matt. 8: 1-13
Thursday	Isa. 10.33-11.9	Matt. 8: 14-22
Friday	Isa. 11.10-12.end	Matt. 8: 23-end
Saturday	Isa. 13: 1-13	Matt. 9: 1-17

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This week:

Please pray for:

- those preparing for Confirmation in December
 - paramedics and ambulance drivers in the NHS
 - integrity in those who report our news
 - those struggling to cope on low wages or benefits
 - the people of Israel and Gaza, and for peace across the Holy Land
 - all refugees, migrants and asylum seekers
 - the Peterborough Food Bank, and those who use it
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Dates for your diary:

This week:

- **TONIGHT: Compline 6pm Chapel**
 - **TONIGHT: Inclusive Church 7pm-9pm Lower Hall**
 - **St Mary's Baby & Toddler Group Tue 21st Nov 9:30am-11:30am Lower Hall**
 - **Said Communion Wed 22nd Nov 11am-11:30am Church**
 - **Chill & Chat Group Fri 24th Nov 10am-12Noon Lower Hall**
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Notices:

INCLUSIVE CHURCH PETERBOROUGH MEETS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM 7PM TO 9PM IN ST MARY'S LOWER HALL

We come together to be challenged and encouraged by God's word and to receive strength and support from God and from one another. We don't all believe exactly the same things. And yet in the midst of our diversity, we build community, grounded in God's radically inclusive love for all people. We can't have all the answers ourselves, but ICP is a good place to share the questioning together, to search for deeper insights, and to celebrate our common journey.

<http://inclusivepeterborough.church/>. All Welcome. Contact Vicky Brett on 07957 855790 or InclusivePeterborough.Church@gmail.com.

ADVENT COURSE – CHANGE OF DATE

There will be an Advent Course this Advent, starting on **Wednesday 6th December** for three weeks, finishing on **Wednesday 20th December**. It will start at 7:30pm prompt and finish by 9pm. The course will be 'Lighten our Path' by Nick Fawcett. Please let Michael know if you wish to join the course so that he can buy everyone a book.

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY – Saturday 2nd December

To be held in the Knights Chamber at Peterborough Cathedral from 10am to 3:30pm, the theme is '**In Darkness there is Light**' facilitated by Revd. John Buckley (former President of the Baptist Union and Chair of the Retreat Association). Tea/coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. There is a charge of £3.00 per attendee, payable on the day. To book a place, email office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

19th November is safeguarding Sunday. If anyone has a safeguarding concern, they can contact me as the parish safeguarding officer on jayne.ellis@mail.com or the diocesan team on safeguarding@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG – Saturday 2nd December

Come along and join us in this festive celebration of popular favourites. Tickets at £5 each are available from Helen and include refreshments. You can also book your place by emailing Denise in the church office on office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS TABLE-TOP SALE Sunday 23rd November & Sunday 3rd December

Come along, after the 10am service, to look at the Christmas Crafts on offer. Bring some cash and go away with some Christmas bargains.

THE GARDEN HOUSE

The Garden House is hoping to open its doors on Saturdays and Sundays during winter for the homeless to keep warm in the day. There are 4 shifts that you can volunteer for: 10am until 12:30pm and 1:30pm until 4pm on both days, and we will be starting as soon as we have built the teams. Please contact Julie.gibson@lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk if you would like to help.

Focus on FoodBank – a continuing need

The website advises that the following items are still needed: tinned meat, tinned fish, instant mash, tinned fruit, toilet rolls, jam, *pasta sauces* and **TEABAGS**

Thank you as always for your food donations during the ‘Summer Break’ and special thanks to those who supply plastic bags – most helpful. **Cash Donations are equally welcome – catch me in church or pass to the Wardens.**

PLEASE NOTE: My car is currently out of commission following a recent accident (bodywork damage mainly, no personal injuries thank goodness). **So, for the time being, would you restrict your giving to CASH DONATIONS please OR create a little store at home.** As soon as matters have been resolved I will let you know.

The Barrow Boy

SWEETIE TUB APPEAL

We are collecting tubs of sweets for HMP Peterborough. Last year you generously donated nearly 60 tubs of Quality Street, Heroes, Roses, Celebrations, or similar, to the prison. The Chaplaincy team help coordinate this every year to give a little comfort at this particularly challenging time for the residents at Christmas.

Please either pass on a tub to Gillie or Andrew by Sunday 3rd December or happily give a monetary equivalent as we do have a discount card, so could make the money go a little further.

CANDLES FOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Paul is looking for volunteers to put together the Christingle candles for the service on Saturday 16th December. This can be done any time from Sunday 3rd December through to Friday 15th December. If you would like to help, please speak to me in church. Thank you, Paul Riddler

MAGAZINE

The November/December edition of ‘News Around St Mary’s’ is now available, and as usual we are hoping that it will be read and shared round as many people in our church family and local community as possible. Please pick up a copy, and if you are one of our kind team of distributors, we would be grateful if you could please get your copies delivered as soon as possible. Copies are free, but if you are able to pay the £1.50 printing costs please add that amount to your church giving for this month. Thank you.

WOOL WANTED

It is hoped that in a few weeks time we can hold a sale of homemade Christmas craft items after the 10am Sunday service, so if you can donate any spare wool this would be appreciated. Any colour, any amount – all donations welcome. Donations can be given to Jayne or Elizabeth. Thank you.

THURSDAY PRAYERS

Our Thursday Prayers group is ideal for anyone who finds it difficult to get to St Mary’s, but who still wants to play an important role in church life. We are a ‘remote group’, joining together in spirit from our own homes to spend an hour praying for our church, our city and our world. If you are interested in joining us, please email Hilary Dawson on hilarydawson148@btinternet.com, and she will email you the prayer topics, twice a month on the first and third Thursday mornings.

YOUR CHURCH

Thank you for gifts of money to help us carry out God’s work and to pay our running costs.