

Collect: 5th February

Longer

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Shorter

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer Focus

Give thanks for the many blessings we experience every day, and for the Word of God, and the path we were given to follow.

Pray for leaders and for those they lead and for teachers and for those they teach.

Pray for the recently bereaved, and for those remembering loved ones. Pray for the homeless, for whom this extra cold weather may prove fatal. Pray for the frail, elderly, and the otherwise housebound, and all who experience isolation at this time.

Pray for all who serve as missionaries at home and abroad, and for the Street Pastors initiative in Billingshurst.

Pray for the village and all who live and work here, especially this week for those who live in

Rosier Way and Daux Way

Church diary

Please pray this week for:

Monday 6 February

2:00 pm Table Tennis in SMR
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 7 February

8:45 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Ladies Drop In in SMR
5:00 pm J Team in St Mary's Room

Wednesday 8 February

8:45 am Morning Prayer
3:30 pm Messy Church
at Village Hall

Thursday 9 February

8:00 am Morning Prayer
11:00 am Holy Communion
12:15 pm Toddlers in Church
8:00 pm Worship Band Practice

Friday 10 February

8:45 am Morning Prayer
6:30 pm Y Club in SMR
8:30 pm Y Club Plus in SMR

Saturday 11 February

9:00 am Prayers
10:00 am Coffee in St Mary's Room

Sunday 12 February

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: Colossians 1:15-20
John 1:1-14
9:30 am Parish Communion
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John 1:1-14
11:00 am Morning Worship
7:00 pm Second Sunday at Seven

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Usual day off: Monday

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5th February 2012 Third Sunday before Lent

Welcome to St Mary's

A very warm welcome to our services today, especially if you are new or visiting. Fill in a welcome card to get involved, so you can grow in your faith and make friends. We encourage all members to join a Small Group, serve, give and pray.

Services Today

8:00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31
Mark 1:29-39

9:30 am

Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31
Mark 1:29-39
Hymns: 81 500 46 54 243 532
Enlarged: 104 658 54 68 315 716

11:00 am

Family Worship

6:30 pm Choral Evensong

Psalm: 5
Readings: Numbers 13:25-33
Philippians 2:12-30
Hymns: 523 43 449
Enlarged: 698 50 606

REFRESHMENTS

are served in St Mary's Room after Parish Communion, and at the back of church after Morning Worship.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Sunday Gang (3-10) meets in St Mary's Room, and Y Scripture (11-14) meets in the Log Cabin, after family worship and prayers during the 11:00 am service every Sunday in term time apart from Family Worship Sundays.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Philippians 4:6: *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.* At communion services, you can raise your hand before receiving, and we will be happy to pray with you.

FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

the church has an inductive loop system. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a churchwarden.

GIVING

If you are a taxpayer, please consider letting the church reclaim tax on your offering. This will increase its value by 25%. Use the envelopes in the pews, making sure to fill in your name and address. Thank you.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU
LARGE PRINT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

FRIENDLY LUNCH today in St Mary's Room at 1:00 pm.

MORNING PRAYER in church this week on Wednesday and Friday at 8:45 am, on Thursday at 8:00 am, and on Saturday at 9:00am. Do come and pray with others for our church, our community, our nation and our world.

FAMILY NEWS Gwen Harris would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during her stay in hospital. She is now back home.

MESSY CHURCH The next Messy Church is this Wednesday 8th February at 3.30pm at Billingshurst Community Centre. All families with primary school age children are very welcome. We are always looking for volunteers to help, especially with craft activities. If you are interested please speak to Frances Pritchard (785303). Also, if you have any plastic coffee jar lids or small cardboard boxes which could be used for junk modelling please can you leave them at the church office. Many thanks.

SECOND SUNDAY AT 7 The speaker next week will be the Revd Dr Richard Caldecott, Vicar of St Mark's Horsham.

CHARITY LUNCH Friday 17th February at 1:00 pm in St Mary's Room. All proceeds to Chestnut Tree House. Please support this lunch by attending, or by making a donation if you are unable to be there. Come and join us for soup, bread, cheese and cake (min donation £3.50).

CARITAS BOOKS are having a grand sale of Bibles, children's books and cards after the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services during February. Do have a browse!

NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY Saturday 10th March, 9:30 am-4:00 pm, in central London. A day of worship, ministry and teaching with guest speaker Lin Button who has been involved in healing prayer for many years. Cost: £20 plus travel (we are planning a coach to take us door to door—cost approx £14). If you would be interested, please let Liz Jones know as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION We will be hosting a Deanery Confirmation service on Wednesday evening, 28th March. If you are not confirmed and want to consider taking this step, please speak to Brian. Confirmation 'classes' will soon be arranged.

STREET PASTORS Thank you to all who have shown interest in this initiative so far. Things have gone a bit quiet in recent weeks but it is now time to make a firm commitment to it. Police response and involvement is very positive and encouraging. If you feel you are being called to be involved in this ministry, whether on the frontline or behind the scenes in prayer, or would like to know more, please speak to Emma Fogg (786566) in church today.

CHURCH SITTERS A huge thank you to the church sitters who enable the church building to be open on Mondays and Wednesdays. Would you like to join the team? It is not an onerous duty — a smiling face, a welcoming attitude and an hour or two of your time is all that is needed. Offers please to Val Weobley via the church office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bishop John's farewell lecture tour: Thursday 15th March at 7:30pm at Worth Church. He will give a talk on the prayer of St Richard, followed by Compline.
- Bishop Sandy Millar has been booked for the Petworth Area Churches Together Spring Lecture on Friday 20th April at 7:30pm at St Mary's Petworth. More information to follow.

Small Groups at St Mary's



Monday

- 7:30 pm Faith House Group (*alt. weeks, contact Patricia French: 783037*)
- 7:45 pm Alpha House Group (*contact Les Botting: 782790*)
- 8:00 pm Bells Group (Men) (*alternate weeks: contact Alan Harris: 782890*)

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Day 41 Group (*contact Tina Woodhead, 784233*)
- 10:30 am Oaklands House Group (*contact Vanda Dunford: 784819*)
- 10:30 am The Seekers House Group (*contact Jean Hindmarsh 782006*)

Wednesday

- 1:30 pm Work in Progress Group (*contact Sharon Ashborn: 783864*)
- 1:00 pm New Explorers Group (*alt. weeks, contact Barbara Chittenden: 782695*)
- 8:00 pm Silver Lane Group (*contact Stephen and Heather Khoo: 782381*)
- 8:00 pm Rowfold Group (*contact Yvonne Adam: 07786463499*)

Sunday

- 7:30 pm S Club (youth 14+) (*contact Claire Fraher 07931 326543*)

Children at St Mary's



Crèche (for 0-3s) in the Lady Chapel during the 11am service. We are happy to look after your young children and babies while you enjoy the service.

Toddlers in Church meets on Thursdays during term time. Meet in church at 12:15pm for a short service followed by lunch in St Mary's Room.

Sunday Gang (for 3-10s) meets during Morning Worship except for the first Sunday. Contact Paul Moss for more information (Tel: 782343).

J Team (school years 3 to 6) meets on Tuesdays during term time from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. Contact Gill Harding (Tel: 785900).

www.stmarysbillingshurst.org/children

Youth at St Mary's



Y Scripture (school years 7 to 9) meets in term time, during Morning Worship, except the first Sunday in the month. We meet in church for family worship and prayers, then go to the Log Cabin.

Y Club (school years 7 to 9) is the social side for the younger youth on Fridays from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

Y Club Plus (school years 10 to 11) meets on Fridays from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

Other youth events include S Club (see above) Adore and May Camp.

Further information from the office:
Tel: 782332

Email: youth@stmarysbillingshurst.org
www.stmarysbillingshurst.org/youth

Please ensure all items for the notice sheet reach the church office by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you wish them to appear.

You can email your notices (office@stmarysbillingshurst.org) or you can drop them in at the office, next to the Vicarage.

Please note: the church notice sheet is predominately for church notices.