

If you would like extra **prayer for any reason, or to talk**, please phone 01638, Ann (718902), Sue (711930), or Jill (714775), or put a request in the prayer corner box, come along to a prayer time, or speak to us after a service.

Please help our worship by arriving on time. Or if you are late, please wait at the back, until a pause in the service to minimize disturbing or distracting others during prayers, notices. etc. Thank you.

Recycling Challenge continues only until October 15th.

Last call to bring to the box on the font:

Prescription glasses, batteries. Mobile phones, tablets, chargers, remote controls and cables.

Things will then be taken to be recycled and put to good use.

Confirmation service with Bishop Tim. 11am October 12th

Please pray for the confirmation candidates for the 12th and days ahead in their journey of faith.

This year the theme for Advent and Christmas festival will be “Nativity”.

We are looking to fill the church with nativities and either break or set a record - as well as creating a fabulous festival for people to enjoy.

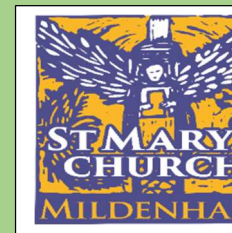
Please see news later regarding criteria for the nativities.

For now, please get thinking about how you can be involved. Nativities can be small, or large, hanging, or free-standing, tree decorations, models, or scenes. collages, art work, knitting, crocheting, wood, card, paper, clay, repurposed plastic etc. Letters and links to more ideas, will be available soon, or look on St.Mary's Church Mildenhall facebook page.

Decorations will be needed to be brought to the church on Friday 28th November or Saturday 29th between 10am and 4pm.

The nativities will remain in place to welcome the community and visitors all through Advent and Christmas time.

St.Mary's Church Mildenhall October Noticesheet



10.30am October 5th Harvest all-age thanksgiving Churches Together in Mildenhall service at St.Mary's. Mark 4:1-9

Gifts of food tins or toiletries for the Food bank and Emergency Boxes are welcome. Thank you

11.00am October 12th- Confirmation and Holy Communion service at St.Mary's with Bishop Tim Stevens.

11.00am October 19th – Holy Communion with prayer for healing

11.00am October 26th Bible Sunday service of Morning worship

Through the week: Prayer services- everyone welcome:
Tuesdays and Fridays 9.45-10am in church

Wednesdays Prayer service 3.00-3.15pm in the Cottage rooms, followed by Bible Book club 3.15-4.15 pm reading about Samuel.

Thursdays- Oct.2nd and 9th 7.45-8pm Compline + Bible study In the Cottage Rooms

Churches Together in Mildenhall Prayer time- All welcome

Sat. 9am Oct.4th at the Methodist church

Sat.9am Nov.1st at St.Mary's

Don't forget clocks go back in the early hours of Sunday Oct.26th.
And Don't forget on Remembrance Sunday November 9th the church service will begin at 10.45am.

A wreath will be laid on behalf of St.Mary's at the war memorial on the 11th.

Keep a look out for news on a new “pop-up church” a short service for families. Posters and invitations available soon.

Harvest and Creationtide celebrations

Thank you for all the wonderful decorations for Harvest.

Gifts to Embrace the Middle East to help people starving in Gaza are welcome- please use the envelopes, or mark your own with Embrace. Gifts of tins or toiletries, for the King's church Food Bank and our Emergency boxes are welcome (on October 5th gifts will be received during the service). Everything is welcome, and will be gratefully put to good use. Shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, boxes of cereal or tins of meat and fish are particularly in demand.

St.Mary's School Harvest service is on October 2nd at 9.30am.

Year 5 will be given their Bibles on Oct.9th and 16th. These are Bible which will be used in school for two years and then taken home for life. The Bibles have been bought at a very good price. However, even after a generous donation there is still a £100 gap in funding the Bibles. If anyone would like to contribute to "School Bibles" please put the donation in a marked envelope. Thank you.

Thank you for those who came to the Harvest Social Evening.

Line dancing will be re-arranged for another time.

Proceeds from the social evening will be sent for emergency aid to refugees in Palestine

It's "Shoe Box" time.

Leaflets with label and guidance about how to pack a shoe box are available at the back of church.

There will be a "Shoe box Sale" at 13, East View, Freckenham, IP28 8HU on Tues. 7th and Wed.8th Oct.9am-5pm where there will be lots of bits for sale ideal for filling a shoe box.

There will be a "shoe box service" at Freckenham on Sunday Nov.2nd at 3.00pm. (Or you can drop off shoe boxes at the above address before Nov.2nd.)

There is also a follow your box feature – available only on line. If you need more information please see Sue who can put you in contact with someone from Freckenham.

Bible Sunday- October 26th.

From The Bible Society: "This is a day set aside in the church calendar to celebrate the gift of God's word. We believe the Bible is God's gift to the world. We want everyone to discover its message for themselves. We work in 240 countries and regions"

News from China: God's word has been the key to the amazing growth that the Church in China has experienced in recent decades. "China's churches invite us to engage in Bible translation initiatives, support Bible students, and provide training for pastors and lay preachers
During the Cultural Revolution, Bibles were burned, but in 1987, with permission from the authorities, we helped establish a Bible printing press, known as Amity Press, in Nanjing
Since then, more than 90 million copies of Bibles have been printed there for distribution in China. From a banned book, the Bible became a bestseller in China".

News from Ukraine: The team in Kyiv need at least a thousand Bibles a day to meet the demand throughout the country. Soldiers and civilians facing death and losing family are longing to hear the voice of God.
"So many people are searching for hope, and we're so grateful we have Bibles and we're witnessing how the Bible is speaking to people's hearts around the country. Our common work is God speaking to and touching wounded hearts today in Ukraine."

You can find lots of encouraging news and free resources on the Bible Society web-site to encourage your Bible reading. If you would like to order Bible reading notes please see Andy Borrett.
Free examples of Bible reading notes and lots of other books to encourage faith are available on the tables and shelves by the pulpit.