

### New Fellowship Group

Join us at The Church of The Holy Spirit for Holy Communion at 10am on Thursday, followed by a cuppa, fellowship and a discussion on 'Faith Questions you always wanted to discuss....'

Our final Session, Session Five, is this Thursday, 11th December, when the question will be:

*What is the meaning of Christmas?*

Any questions please see Beth or Revd. Gerda.

### Crab Apple Jelly

There is now only 1 jar of home-made Crab Apple Jelly left at the back of St. Mary's Church, available for a suggested donation of at least £3 towards the Fabric Fund. Please put your donation in one of the brown envelopes, label it 'Fabric Fund' and pass it to Rev'd Gerda, Andy King or Susanne Burnett. Thank you.

### St. Mary's Saturday Club

The Saturday Roboteers Club meets for the last time this year this Saturday, 13th December, at 1.30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall.

Term dates are:

Saturday 18th October 2025 13:30 – 16:30 running all the way through to Saturday 13th December 2025 (and will run over the half term).

Saturday 10th January 2026 13:30 – 16:30 running all the way through to Saturday 28th March 2026 (and will run over the half term). Dates after March 2026 will be confirmed in the new year.

The link for newcomers to book a place on the Club website is. <http://bit.ly/3APjcM1>

If you have any ideas that could help improve the club, or if you have any questions, please contact Stephen Cain via [codeandpi@gmail.com](mailto:codeandpi@gmail.com) Looking forward to seeing you.

### Contactless Giving

A card reader is at the back of St. Mary's Church, for contactless card payments to Church funds. You can select one of the pre-set amounts, or you can select the exact amount you wish to donate. **Please select the Gift Aid option if you are a UK Taxpayer.** You can then select 'all future donations' so you only have to do this once. Please see Phil, Andy or Susanne if you have any questions or issues with using it.

### Christmas Draw

Jill Parry is running a Christmas draw, in aid of St. Mary's Church funds. It will take place after the Christingle Service next Sunday, 14th December. If you are able to donate a prize, Jill would be very grateful and would be happy to collect, or to pick it up from Church after the Sunday morning services. Jill would also appreciate any help in selling tickets. Thank you.

### Gospel Reading (Continued)

from the mouth of God.”<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. <sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

### CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)

Cameo meets for Bible Study on Wednesdays at The Church of The Holy Spirit, at 10.30am. They meet this Wednesday, 10th December, but it will be more of a social with bring and share nibbles. There will be no more meetings then until 7th January 2026.

### Organ Tuning

The organ at St. Mary's will need tuning in time for Christmas, and will cost £150 + VAT. We have received a generous donation of £50.00 towards this cost. Any further donations towards this cost would be gratefully appreciated. Please pass any donations to the Churchwardens or Revd Gerda or, if you pay via BACS or the card reader in Church, please let one of them know you have done so, so that we can take it into account. Thank you.

### Mince Pies

Donations of any mince pies, either home-made or shop-bought, for the Sterts Singers Concert this Saturday, 12th December, would be gratefully received. Please speak to Colin or Jacky Stockman if you can help with this, and to help them co-ordinate numbers etc. Thank you.

### Planned Giving Envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes are at the back of St. Mary's Church, ready for you to collect. If you can't remember your number, please speak to Val Howell, or email [mickhow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mickhow@yahoo.co.uk)

### Used Stamp Collection

Please let Angela Chandler have your used stamps for 'The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures'. Please leave them, with a border of the envelope around them to prevent any damage to the stamp. There is a container at the back of St. Mary's Church. Thank you.