

A Festival of Celebration

A celebration time of past and present for ourselves and the community– a week to celebrate the historical building- 600 years of the nave and tower being completed.

Full programme of events and services will be published soon- please take posters, fliers and invitations to neighbours and help to publicise.

Open Tower Saturday October 3rd 2-5pm.

Please sign the rota for a 90 minute session – at the top of the tower, middle, or foot of the tower, or as a general welcome.
Thank you.

Nature poem competition.

Please write a poem – or encourage others to write one.
The poem can be about any aspect of nature – about nature of land, sea or sky- on an A4 sized paper, printed or hand-written.
Illustrations can be added

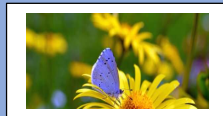
To enter the competition, please write on the back your age (up to 16 years) or adult, first name and Class name or contact number (which we will only use this if we need to contact you about a prize.)
Poems will be independently judged and announced at a special service (details to follow).

Please place your poems in the box in church marked “nature poems” by Friday September 18th, ready for judging and display in church from the last week of September and October.
You are welcome to bring a poem without entering the competition if you wish.

Thank you for taking part and creating something for others to enjoy and helping us to celebrate God’s beautiful world.



We look forward to reading
your poems



St.Mary's Church Mildenhall September Noticesheet



September 6th 14th Sunday after Trinity,
11am All -age Creation Sunday -Living water Ezek.47:6,12

September 13th 15th Sunday after Trinity
11am All-age Holy Communion service Ezek.47:1-12
2.30pm Mildenhall Lodge Harvest service

September 20th 16th Sunday after Trinity
11am Holy Communion + prayer for healing
Rev.7:9-17 John 7:37-44

September 27th 17th Sunday after Trinity
11am Songs of Praise – 600 anniversary celebration – looking back across the years.

Please note- the service on Sunday October 4th is at 10.30am at St.Mary's as a Harvest service for Churches Together in Mildenhall.
Gifts of tins and packets of food or toiletries for the Food Bank and Emergency boxes are welcome.

Through the week: **Prayer services- everyone welcome:**
Tuesdays and Fridays 9.45-10am in church
Wednesdays 3-3.15pm prayer service in church until Sept. 2nd
From Sept.9th in the Cottage rooms, followed by Bible Book club 3.15-4.15 pm looking at the book of Proverbs.

Thursday evenings- more news to follow.

Churches Together in Mildenhall Prayer time- All welcome
Sat. Sept. 5th 9am at King's church. Oct.3rd at St.Mary's church

Harvest and Creationtide celebrations- from September 6th to October 4th:

If you can help to decorate the church or a windowsill for the beginning of September please see Sue.

There will be a Harvest and creation theme throughout September of "living water". A time to give thanks and share from our plenty.

Harvest thanksgiving donations welcome for Tearfund toilet twinning in an envelope marked – toilets please .

From Tearfund: "3.5 billion people still don't have a safe, clean toilet. That really stinks...

There's more: 2.2 billion people don't have clean water close to home; one child under five dies of disease linked to dirty water and poor sanitation every two minutes; and diarrhoea kills more children in war zones than war itself.
£60 can buy a toilet for a family."

Together let's see how many toilets we can provide. We can choose from countries such as Nepal and South Sudan.

And 10.30am on October 5th A joint **Harvest service** with the other Mildenhall churches at St.Mary's, a time to bring gifts of tins or toiletries for the Foodbank or our Emergency boxes.



Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride- Saturday

12th September. Walkers, cyclists and runners are invited to sign up to join others who love Suffolk and history at the annual September event, organised by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT). The SHCT gave grants to Suffolk's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses who need to make urgent repairs or improvements to their buildings.

Please pick up a sponsor form, or ask Andy Borrett for more information. And if you can welcome visitors to the church on Sat.12th covering the day 9am to 5pm please sign the rota. Thank you

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.

Samaritan Purse Shoe Box leaflets are available on the table near the door. There will be a Shoe Box sale at 13, East View Freckenham on 6 and 7th Oct. to buy bits to fill shoe boxes.

Filled Shoe boxes can also be dropped off at this address, brought here or taken to the shoe box service at St.Andrews Freckenham on Nov.1st 3.00pm.

Bibles for Year 5.

Every year we give Bibles to Year 5 pupils at St.Marys academy. These Bibles are taken home when they leave in Year 6 and so become valuable Bibles for Life.

We are looking to raise funds to cover the cost of these Bibles, please, from donations (in an envelope marked Bibles) and also from a table sale of books and jig-saw puzzles. Please bring books etc. for people to buy, and, or make a donation as you buy.

Citizens Jury- everyone in Mildenhall will receive a letter from Market Place Arts explaining a new community arts venture.

They are asking for volunteers to be part of a panel to look at ways to promote creative arts for the future.

Members of the panel will receive £360 for taking part. Is this something which you could do- they are looking for people across the age ranges and from different backgrounds.

Just 10 series looking at "The 10 commandments"

Using a series of DVD talks and discussions by Canon J John. Profound, amusing, practical and down-to earth. For those new to faith and

-A repeat of the Second session on Sunday September 6th 3-4pm. All welcome