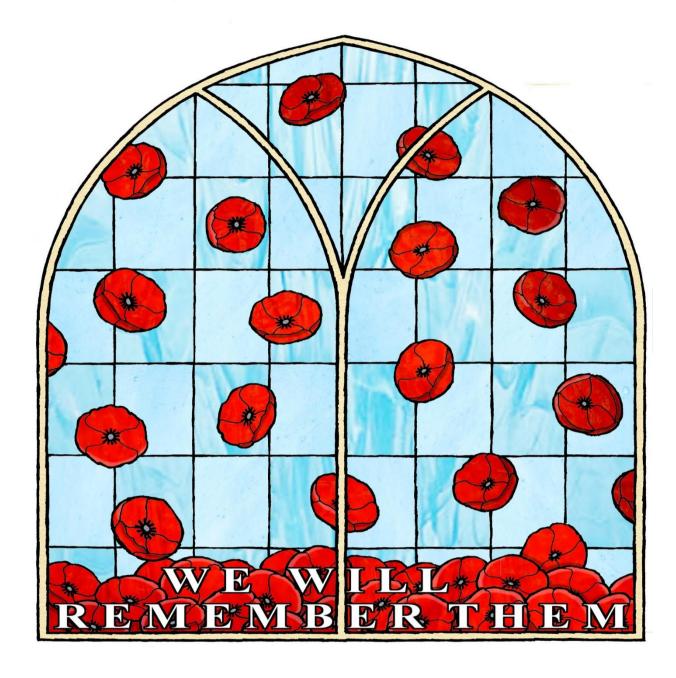


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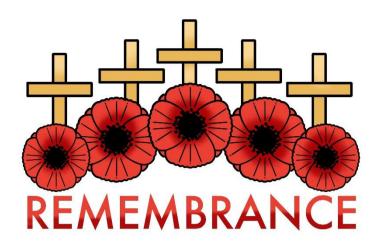


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FROM THE VICARAGE

There's a chill in the air already as I write this in mid-October, and the nights are noticeably drawing in. As November approaches, we enter a season of Remembrance—and a very busy time in the Church year! I'm reluctant to mention the *C-word* so early, but you'll find our Christmas service schedule in this edition of the parish magazine, so



do make a note of all the exciting services taking place next month.

This month we're also launching a new stewardship campaign at St Mary's. Talking about money is never my favourite topic, but it's an essential part of church life. Our finances don't just cover the basics—building maintenance, heating, and our parish share—they also enable us to dream big, funding new initiatives in our mission and ministry.

Jesus spoke often about money. He reminded us that we can't serve both God and wealth (Mark 12:13–17), that we shouldn't be anxious about our finances (Matthew 6:25–34), and that it's better to give a little with generosity than to give much for the wrong reasons (Luke 21:1–4). How we relate to money says a great deal about our faith, and I hope what follows helps you reflect on how we can financially support our shared life at St Mary's.

Over the past year, we've seen many wonderful new opportunities. Reviving our Autism-friendly service has been a real highlight - it has gone from strength to strength and is now our fastest-growing congregation. Messy Church continues to flourish, helping our youngest members learn Bible stories and explore the big festivals of the Church year.

But there's still so much more we'd love to do! Perhaps an Alpha course for those curious about faith, or a baby and toddler group where new parents can meet friends and experience God's love in our church community. With a little more funding, we could strengthen our financial base, expand our ministries, and ensure that St Mary's continues to grow and flourish for years to come.

However, we do face a challenge. At present, we're running a monthly deficit, which makes it harder to sustain our current level of activity and plan for the future. The goal of our stewardship campaign is to share the facts and figures of our finances and to outline our hopes for the months ahead.

Many of you already give regularly, and I'm deeply grateful for your generosity. This month, I'm asking everyone to review their giving prayerfully. Could you increase your contribution, even by a small amount?

Just £16 a month—about the cost of one "posh coffee" per week—from each regular giver would eliminate our deficit and put us back in the black. A little more could help us fund new projects and share the love of Jesus with even more people. What would you like to see happen next? I'd love to hear your ideas!



Please keep an eye out at church for more information about our stewardship campaign. If you don't attend Sunday services but would like to know more, please contact me or one of the churchwardens for a stewardship pack. We'd be delighted to chat about how you can support St Mary's and be part of our exciting plans for the future.

With every blessing,

Rev Lizzie Duckhouse

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LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st November 3pm:

Sunday 2 November

All Saints Day

Daniel 7.1-3,15-18

Ephesian 1.11-end

Luke 6.20-31

Wednesday 5th November

Romans 13.8-10

Luke 14.25-33

Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Sunday

Job 13.23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end

Luke 20.27-38

Wednesday 12 November

Wisdom 6.1-11

Luke 17.11-19

Sunday 16 November

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Malachi 4.1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Luke 21.5-19

Weds 19 November

2 Maccabees 7.1,20-31

Luke 19.11-28

Sunday 23 November

Christ the King

Jeremiah 21.1-6

Colossians 1.11-20

Luke 23.33-43

Wednesday 26 November

Danel 5.1-5,13-14,16-17,23-28

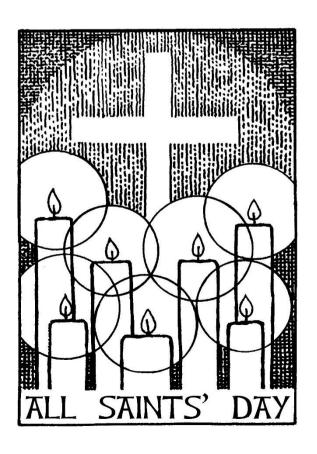
Luke 21.12-19

Sunday 30 November

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5

Romans 13.11-end



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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Chris Wilson

THE STORY OF CHARLES DICKENS

Saturday 22nd November 7.30pm in the Church Hall

An evening with Jaqueline and Brian Sutton who will present the life of the great author, his story, wisdom and characters in words, music and pictures.

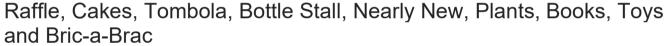
It's entitled "It Was the Best Of Times, It Was the Worst Of Times" Entry is £8 which includes refreshments

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 29th November 10am to 12 noon

Our major fund raising event of the year is nearly here. In order to make it successful we need your help please.

The following stalls will be in need of the following products, goods and items



Please bring them to Church and place them in the boxes provided in the Hall

Please tell your family and friends all about it and, most importantly, come along and support it!



LEAVE SOME GREEN STUFF IN THE GARDEN

The clocks have gone back, and we are putting our gardens to sleep for the winter. But this autumn, when you tidy up, do not tidy away too much. Many insects and wild creatures will be relying on some ground cover or hideaway to call 'home' for the winter. Several piles of twigs or pruning, left around your garden in discreet places, will provide a great winter 'snugs' for toads, grass snakes and other small garden inhabitants. 'Spent' seed heads provide cover and food for birds over the winter.

Above all, before you light any bonfires on 5th November, take care there are no hibernating hedgehogs inside!







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The Children's Society Wimborne Coffee Box opening morning held in October in Church House, raised £208.90. Thank you to all who supported us in any way.

Important - Please note our next fundraising event venue has been changed and will be at the Wimborne Community Centre, Kings Street, Wimborne for the

Wimborne in Bloom Charities Fayre which is to be held on the 8th November (10.00am-3pm). We shall be selling our usual array of Christmas Fayre, nearly new gifts and Christmas Cards. Please support us if you are able. Donations for the stall will greatly be appreciated. A box will be left in the Church Hall nearer the time. Many thanks.





The Christingle for St Mary's Church will be held on the 7th December at the afternoon service during Hall@4.

A prayer written by Rev David Britton for the work of The Children's Society:-

Generous God, You have entrusted the world to us and made us stewards over your creation and all who live in it. We thank you for the gift of children and young people. Help us to see all children and young people as precious and loved by you. May we be faithful stewards of the resources you have given us so that we can use them to your glory and to building a better world. Inspire in us your vision of a world where every child is cherished, protected, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We ask for your blessings upon The Children's Society as they work diligently to meet the physical and emotional needs of children who are often without these basic necessities. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

With love and blessings,

Geraldine Cole/Rosemary Dunning/ Julie Hardman/Susan Yates

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Sunday 21nd December
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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KAREN

'As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.'

These wonderful words are used at the start of Morning Prayer each day. It is a rich and powerful prayer asking God to not only go with us into a new day, but also that we may be changed by God's

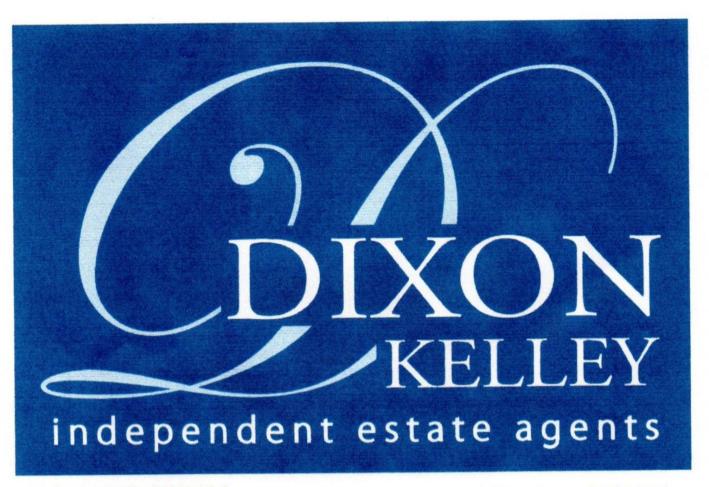


presence with us. Hence our love being a vehicle of God's love in the world.

This is a powerful prayer for our day and age, as the world so much needs the love and light of Christ in so many ways. We can pray it for ourselves and we can pray it for others. Our world leaders, our peace makers, those who put their own lives in danger for the sake of others. November is the month of remembrance, where we give thanks for those who have given their lives in the pursuit of peace, and we reflect on our own calling as peacemakers where we are, in our homes, in our communities, in the decision we make and our reactions to others.

The prayer however is not just practical, it is also spiritual. What does it mean to have our hearts set on fire with love for God? That takes time and devotion, it takes prayer and worship. I am thrilled when I meet a new Christian whose heart is on fire with love for God. Those who come for confirmation are usually our best evangelists showing others what a change Jesus can make, and enthusing others with the joy of the gospel. For those of us who have been followers of Christ for many years, this prayer can be a challenge, and therefore a good reminder day by day, that we need to regularly rekindle faith so we blaze with God's love and light. In a month when we think about remembrance, and light bonfires and watch fireworks, do take some time to pray this prayer in your own heart, so we can all be set on fire with God's love as we make Jesus known.

Bishop Karen



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MU theme for 2025 - "Join US and JOIN IN".

Meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

Our meeting in November is on the 17th at 7.30, and is a Discussion Evening when we plan our programme for 2026.

"In a world of broken promises, God can be counted on"

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our recent Coffee Morning such a success. Our final fundraiser of the year. Soon we will be deciding which MU projects we will support.

Last year we supported MU Overseas Projects and in a recent newsletter we were told about members in Rwanda celebrating an abundant carrot harvest. In Burundi, one of the poorest African countries, where members face economic and social challenges, they are continuing to make real progress through the Literacy and Economic Financial Education Programme.

As soon as we are into the New Year I will be planning the 2026 World Day of Prayer, which is to be held here in St Mary's on Friday March 6th at 10.30 am. The country that has put together the service is Nigeria, I look forward to learning more about the country as I look into how the service will unfold. Do make a note of this date in your diary and come along and join us, and as in the case of most of our services, there will be tea and cakes afterwards..

Love to you all

Mary Hurdley

Lord you promise never to leave us alone or abandon us in our times of need,

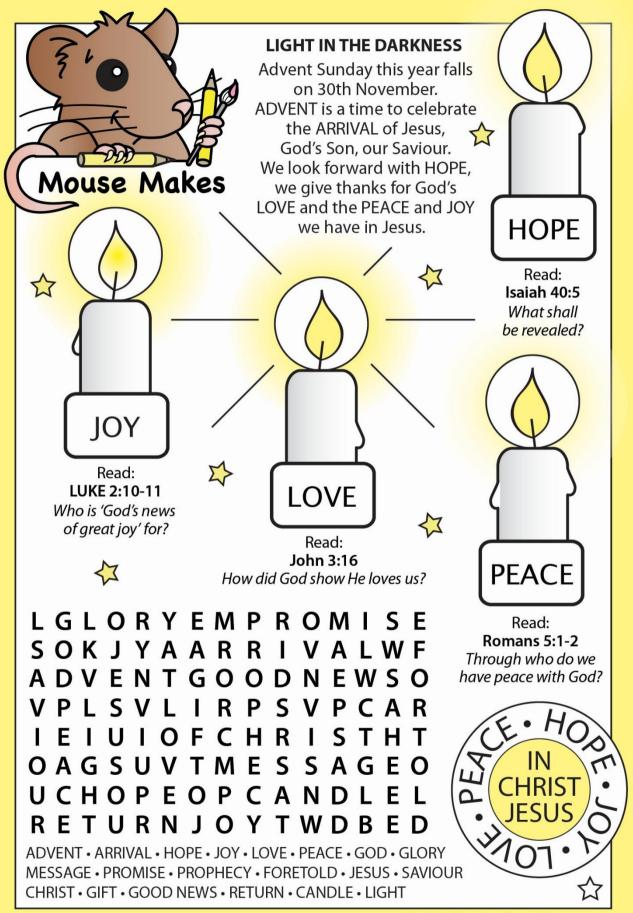
even when we can't feel you presence You are near.

Your promises are true. Thank you for Your faithfulness.

Lord teach our heart to rest in your presence

and not be afraid or anxious.

We trust in Your promises. Amen





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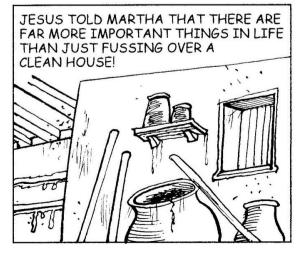


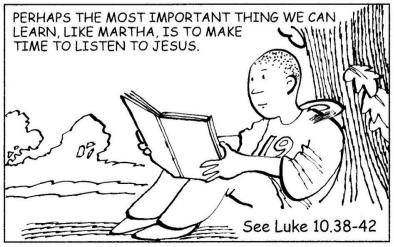














Saturday 1st November 3pm

All Souls

Service of Remembrance

A reflective time to remember loved ones who have died, with music, readings, and the lighting of candles. All are welcome

To add a name to the list of Remembrance, email Vicarestmaryswestmoors.org.uk

THE NATION'S FAVOURITE SCHOOL HYMN

This autumn the BBC has been in the process of discovering our favourite school hymn. It gave the public a shortlist of 50 hymns to choose from.

The vote was organised by the BBC's Songs of Praise team, with an accompanying programme, The Big School Assembly Singalong, hosted by singer and presenter Aled Jones. Aled Jones well remembers his school hymn days. "Every morning, we sat cross-legged on an uncomfortable wooden floor, which doubled up as our gym and school canteen.

"We would sing the songs that don't get sung in cathedrals, where I ended up, because they're perhaps seen as child-like, but actually that's what brought me into religious music in the first place.

TikTok star James B Partridge said: "I think the school assembly songs that we sang as children have a special place in our heart. Having that experience of singing together as a community really brings back the joy of those childhood days."

Here is a full list of the hymns that the BBC offered. Which are your top five?

All Creatures of Our God and King

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Autumn Days

Bind Us Together

Black and White (The Ink is Black, the Page is White)

Cauliflowers Fluffy (Paintbox)

Colours of Day (Light up the Fire)

Conkers!

Cross over the Road

Do not be Afraid, for I Have Redeemed You

From the Tiny Ant

Give Me Oil in My Lamp (Sing Hosanna)

Glad that I Live am I

My Lighthouse

Oh Jesus I have Promised

One More Step (One More Step Along the World I

Peace, Perfect Peace

Praise Him (Praise him in the morning)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sing it in the Valleys

Spirit of God as Strong as the Wind

Thank you, Lord

The Building Song (All Over the World)

The Lord's my Shepherd

The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock

Think of a World (Think of a World without any Flowers)

This Little Light of Mine

Water of Life

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ST ANDREW AND FOOTBALL

'Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that' (Bill Shankley).

When you replace the word 'football' with 'mission', this quote still has something to say! The apostle Andrew (we remember him on 30th November) demonstrates what the mission of the Church is all about

(John 1:35-42). It's not unlike following your favourite football team!

When we support a football team, we make sure that we know all about them! When Andrew and his friend heard about Jesus, they wanted to find out more. The first stage of mission is finding out more about Jesus, the One who enables us to be friends of God through His death and resurrection.



Secondly, when supporting a football team, we will spend time watching their games. Andrew asked, 'where are you staying?' and Jesus replied, 'Come and you will see'. Andrew spent the rest of the day talking and listening to Jesus. As a result of this time, he had something to share. How much time do we spend with Jesus, reading His word and praying?

When our team wins, we want to share the good news! After meeting Jesus, Andrew's first action was to tell his brother Peter: 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ)'. Are we willing to tell others about Him too? Sharing with family and close friends can sometimes be harder than talking with strangers. However, we don't need to follow a football team to

engage in mission. It's all about being excited to share Jesus with those we meet day by day.

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'Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in' (Rowan Williams).

FROM THE SIDELINES at ST MARY'S

Louise Collins, Stuart Stebbing

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Dear Friends

"Bind us together Lord in love and prayers." An extract from a well know hymn. After the service on 5th October those words were in mind after welcoming a parishioner who has been a resident in a Bournemouth care home. He entered church after the service with his son. Clearly having recognised me and my extended welcome back, he came into the hall and was warmly greeted by many. **Bind us together lord** was the optimum message.

There has been a lot of activity since the last report. Congratulations to Lyn and John Partridge for completing 31 gruelling miles on their bicycles across Dorset to raise £300, split between Dorset Historic Churches and St Mary's.

A very special congratulations to Rev'd Lizzie and Rev'd Sam for their baby expected in the Spring of 2026! Much to celebrate and a busy time too for Krafty Knitters!

We had two events resurrected from the past. The 'In between service breakfast' on the 4th Sunday of each month. Many thanks to the breakfast team and parishioners who made the event a success. On 4th October we had a Pet Blessings Service at Fryers Field organised and led by Rev'd Lizzie. Many pets were on show and some of their owners also came along!

We have our regular social events – Second Thursday of the month is Tea @3 Third Saturday of the month is The Community Breakfast. Both events are hugely popular. Always room for more to attend as they are both friendly and fulfilling!

On the first Sunday of the month we have Hall @ 4.

Please support any or all of these events it helps keep the church vibrant.

Bind us together Lord

Martin Moth will be joining us on placement as part of his studies at Moorlands College. We welcome Martin and his family; Anna, Michael, Samuel and Matilda.

Finally one more celebration. Congratulations to Sarah Mullally, newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury!

Bind us together Lord, bind us together in love.

Stuart Stebbing

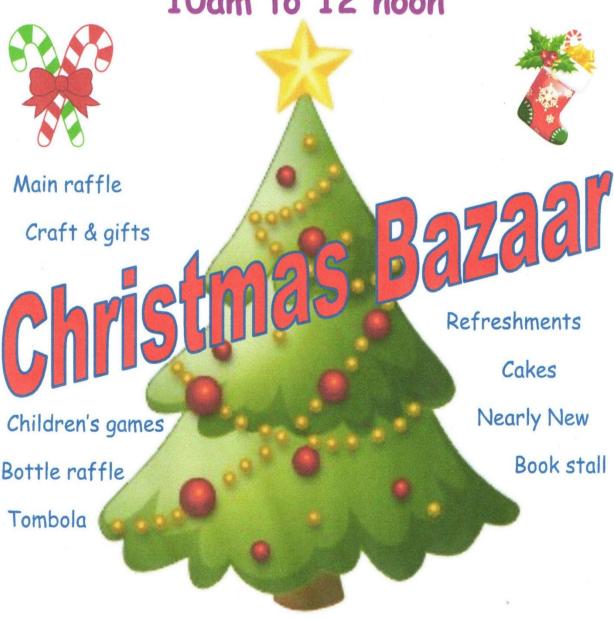






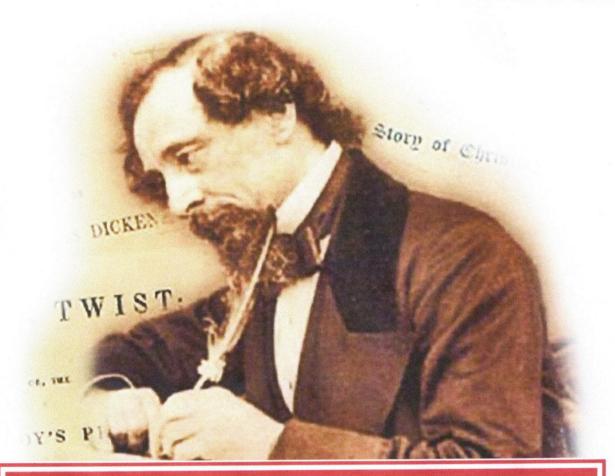
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