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ELECTORAL ROLL

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll has to take place during March in time for the Roll to be presented and approved by the A.P.C.M in April.

All parishioners (16 years and over) who have not signed our Electoral Form should do so in March. Church members should have their names on the Roll, as this is essential if they wish to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or wish to hold an office or be a member of the PCC. Forms will be available by the church entrance until the end of March.

Members who signed forms during the last 5 years do not need to sign again this year.

Any queries should be addressed to Karen Mansfield, Electoral Roll Officer (Tel no. 07876 498691 or email kazbowler@yahoo.co.uk).

FROM THE VICARAGE

This month I'll be beginning my maternity leave on the 15th March (Mothering Sunday – it seemed an apt day to begin my leave!). We're so excited to welcome our new little one at the beginning of April, and we can't wait to introduce you in due course.

Of course, with my leave comes a number of changes at St Mary's. We are so lucky to be welcoming Rev Jeff Adams, who will act as parish priest of St Mary's while I am away. I hope he feels very welcome among you, and that you all have a wonderful time together during these months.

I won't be dropping off the face of the earth entirely, so I hope to see some of you around the village or at church from time to time. Sam and I would really value your prayers and support as we navigate the joys and challenges of new parenthood.

As we look ahead to Easter on the 5th April, the world around us also begins to show signs of resurrection: the return of leaves and flowers, the sight of new lambs in the fields, and the unmistakable sense that life is stirring again. As we welcome new life in all its forms, I am reminded of the words from Isaiah 43:18–19:

*“Do not cling to events of the past
or dwell on what happened long ago.
Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already—you can see it now!
I will make a road through the wilderness
and give you streams of water there.”*

Easter brings new life to everyone who believes in Jesus' resurrection. It is not just a historical event, but a gracious gift given to all Christians — first in baptism and then renewed in us every day of our lives. My prayer for each of us this Easter season is that we may notice the “new thing” God is doing among us, and trust him as he leads us forward, even through times of change.

Easter morning begins not with certainty, but with surprise. The women go to the tomb expecting death and instead discover that God has already been at work, doing something entirely new. “He is not here,” they are told. “He has risen.”

It's not easy for me to let go of the responsibilities and joys of leading St Mary's, but I trust that God will guide all of us as we change and grow together. I hope that in the next year I will be blessed with the dual vocations of priest and mother – and that I will be able, in time, to do both callings justice.

As I step into this next season, I do so with deep gratitude for this community and with confidence in God's faithfulness. I'll write to you again next year!

With blessings,

Rev Lizzie

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CHARITABLE GIVING 2025

We are pleased to say that over the last year, St Mary's Church has raised about £4,000 for Charities.

Sometimes this has been through special events, like the Soup Lunches in Lent, which raised £550 (most of it gift-aided) for Christian Aid and their work in South Sudan.

We have been pleased to support the charity BH1 through a special appeal to our congregation after they came to talk to us about their work with people who are homeless in the Bournemouth area.

We also contribute to our Charitable Giving a tenth of what we raise through our fund-raising events such as Bazaars and the Auction of Promises etc – following the bible's teaching on tithing. We have decided to use this money from 2025 to make a contribution to Faithworks, a Dorset-based Christian charity **that works alongside people through times of crisis.**

Our Mothers' Union do a wonderful job raising money through our church to support their work with child centres, women's refuges and more as you can read on their page in this magazine.

Alan and Alison Butler and family continue to raise money for St James' School and Mission in Zimbabwe – coffee after Wednesday church raised £392.00, with £28.00 from marmalade sales at the Christmas bazaar.

Our very active Children's Society team, led by Geraldine Cole, have raised nearly £1,500 through St Mary's Church this year.

We are so grateful to all who support our contributions to charities with their time, effort and generosity. As a church we aim to be outward-looking, to share God's love and generosity to us by trying to give to others. And, important as the financial support itself, all that we learn about these organisations, all the wonderful work they do, gives us some insight into the lives of others. Our thanks to all!



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A JOYFUL WELCOME!

It was a privilege and joy to share in the celebrations as Rowan Money was baptised during a recent Sunday Eucharist. His testimony about his faith journey so far was an inspiration to us all. And a liberal sprinkling of holy water from Rev Lizzie helped us all to renew our baptismal promises!



INTRODUCING DAME SARAH MULLALLY

106TH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became Archbishop of Canterbury on 28th January 2026, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral.

Most people know that she had been Bishop of London for several years, and that she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury. But what else do you know about her?



1. She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.
2. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London
3. She worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.
4. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.
5. She had become a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education.
6. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made".
7. In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England.

8. On 12th May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.
9. Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24th May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am."
10. She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.
11. As Bishop of London, she led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making which saw the introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith for same-sex couples.
12. She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.
13. As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.
14. This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.
15. Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.
16. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.
17. Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.
18. She is Chair of Christian Aid.
19. She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.
20. In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

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Lent Appeal 2026

The Lent Charity for 2026 has been chosen. This year we will be supporting High Mead Farm at Longham.



High Mead Farm is a Community Therapy Farm. Staff and volunteers offer a day service to people living with mental health issues, physical disabilities, addiction, Alzheimers and dementia, brain injury, vision and hearing impairment, autism, children excluded from school, Parkinsons disease and learning difficulties.

HIGH MEAD FARM

A CHANCE TO GROW

High Mead is especially important to us at St. Mary's as our own Chris Scott is a valued member of staff here and will be delighted to work together with us. Please visit High Mead Farm shop to stock up with their delicious local produce and meet the friendly animals and staff!.

To give to this year's Lent Appeal please either put a donation in an envelope clearly marked '**Lent Appeal**', (cheques payable to PCC West Moors). Or you can make a direct payment using the following bank details (but please put as the reference '**Lent Appeal**.')

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THANK YOU!

THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All ladies in West Moors and surrounding areas who have been widowed, whether recently or a long while ago are very welcome to come along for a cuppa and chat. It's a great social time together.

The group was launched in March 2025 and has a steady number attend. A couple of extra activities - a cream tea in the summer and a Bring & Share Christmas lunch - have been enjoyed by all.

We meet on the 2nd Friday each month at 2pm in The Hall at St Mary's Church, Station Road, jtn with The Avenue
Do invite others to come along.
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MU theme for 2026 – “Join US and JOIN IN”.

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

Dates for the diary

Friday March 6th World Day of Prayer in the Church at 10.30am.

Saturday March 14th at 10am in the Church Hall Making posies for Mothering Sunday services.

Monday March 16th at 7.30pm in the Church Hall our Lent Service of Holy Communion.

In the past when I have attended an AGM I have spent time looking at my lap for fear of getting a job. I failed at our 2025 AGM and consequently have completed one year as Branch Leader. I feel it has been a good year, I have learnt how supportive all the members are and appreciated the support we have received from the wider community. At this year's AGM we learnt from our treasurer that we had made a record amount fundraising and so were able to make donations of

£200 to Salisbury Women's Refuge.

£200 to the Diocese General Fund.

£150 to Angel Tree, providing gifts at Christmas to the children of prisoners in

Erlestoke

£150 to MU overseas projects

£150 for Virtual babies and also £100 to the Church for the use of facilities.

So you see we put profits from all our events to good use, THANK YOU. The highlight of the evening was the enrolment of Rev'd Lizzie and a welcome back to Christine Dunscombe.

On January 25th in St Paul's Cathedral there was a service for Confirmation of Election for the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, to take up the Primatial Cross and give the blessing at the end of the service. At the service there were contributions from a diverse range of Church and community groups from the Church of England and wider Anglican Communion. This included, representatives that participated in the Crown Nominations Commission, Rev'd Isaac Beach from the Anglican Church in Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia, and Joaquin Potts, Lay Minister in the Anglican Diocese of Argentina. The Archbishop will have her Installation at Canterbury Cathedral in March when she will then take up her duties.

As the days lengthen and the earth spends longer in the light of day,
may we spend longer in the light of your presence, O Lord.

May the seeds of your Word which have been buried within us grow,
like everything around us, into love for you and love for others,
a visible declaration of your Lordship in our lives.

Grant, Lord, that there may be a springtime in our lives this Lent.

Mary Hurdley



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LENT COURSE

There will be four meetings for our Lent Course this year,
all at **4pm in the Church Hall.**

We will be following the course **Generous God; Generous People** with four study sessions on the following dates, each lasting about an hour and a half.

22nd February 1st March

8th March 22nd March

The 'Generous God, Generous People' resources have been written to help us reflect on what it means to live as generous Christians.

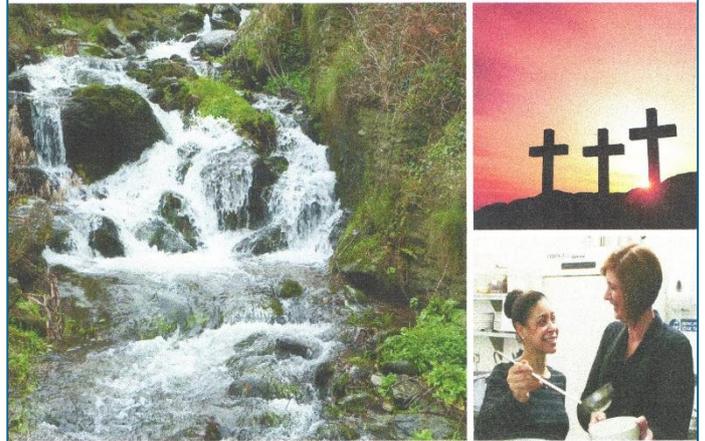
Using a variety of activities, including group discussion, bible study with extracts from Mark's gospel, worship and refection, we will explore together the following areas.

- Generous God; feeding the soul
- Generous people; giving from the heart
- Jesus-focussed living; priority setting
- What is important; living for God and neighbour.

Do come along for a relaxed, informal gathering
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The Children's Society Annual Box opening Coffee Morning, here at St Mary's in the Church Hall, will take place on Saturday the 11th April 2026 (10.00am-12.00 noon). We shall be selling cakes together with a bring and buy stall and a raffle. There will be refreshments also - tea coffee and biscuits/toasted teacakes. Please bring your house boxes on the morning. If you are not able to bring your box at that time, we shall be collecting these during April in Church also.

For info - St Michael's Church, Colehill are holding their box opening event on Saturday the 14th March 2026 time:- 10.00am – 12 noon in St Michael's Church itself (not the Church Centre as a slimming group are in there). We have been invited to this event also. Everyone most welcome to attend.

We've also had our AGM for the fundraising year for the Deanery and our figures show we raised, to the 31st March 2025, a total throughout our Wimborne Deanery of £5,063.78 so a truly remarkable figure – again managed by a few on our committee. The raising of funds is so important for the projects throughout the Country run by the Children's Society. We look forward to another year of fundraising events.

“We are a national charity” - A pledge to catch your eye:-

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Faithful God, We walk with Jesus into the wilderness, Where trust is tested and courage is shaped. We pray for children and young people Facing pressures, temptation, or isolation, Often without the support they need. We thank You for The Children's Society, Who offer steadfast presence and practical care in difficult seasons. Strengthen their work among those who feel most vulnerable, And help each child discover resilience, safety, and hope. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(prayer written by Andrew Moran Head of Supporter experience at the Children's Society HQ)

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ST MARY'S GOT TALENT CONCERT Saturday 6th June IN THE CHURCH
Tickets £10

If you have a talent of any kind ie. musician, singer, entertainer or story teller or anyone you know please let Stuart Stebbing or Caryl Longland know

BARN DANCE Saturday 12th September in the West Moors Memorial Hall

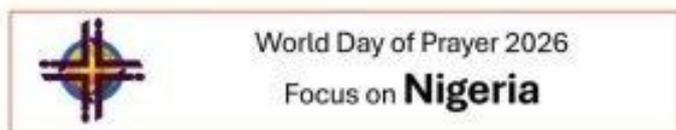
TWO TOGETHER TALK ON DYLAN THOMAS Saturday 31st October in the Church Hall

An entertaining talk on the life and work of the great poet who had local connections, told in words, music and pictures

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 5th December in Church and in the Hall

Watch this space for more details and news of other events

Chris Wilson



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A Service devised by the women
of Nigeria

FRIDAY MARCH 6th

10.30am

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CHATTY CRAFTERS

Another bundle of cosy hats and gloves knitted with love for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Our next project is knitting pairs of small butterflies for use at Bournemouth and Poole Hospitals.

The butterflies, one for the patient and one for the family, are a symbol of hope and love and can provide a sense of comfort in end of life care.

Could you knit some? Why not come and join us – always tea and cake provided! Contact gillianmaryclarke@hotmail.com



TWENTY YEARS OF OUR PARISH MAGAZINE! I was recently doing some much needed clearing at home and put together every copy of the magazine I have produced since I took on the job of editor in 2005.



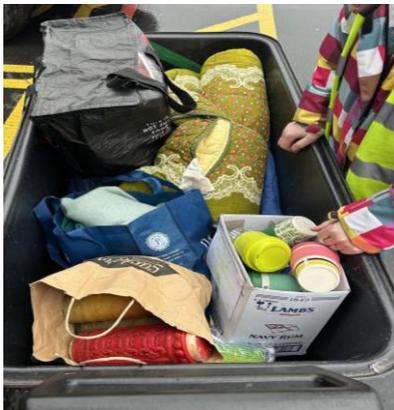
Twenty years of St Mary's Parish Magazine!

These copies are now safely stored away at church – an archive of information for future generations to discover what we've been up to at St Mary's. I wonder what they'll find of interest?

Gill Clarke

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE

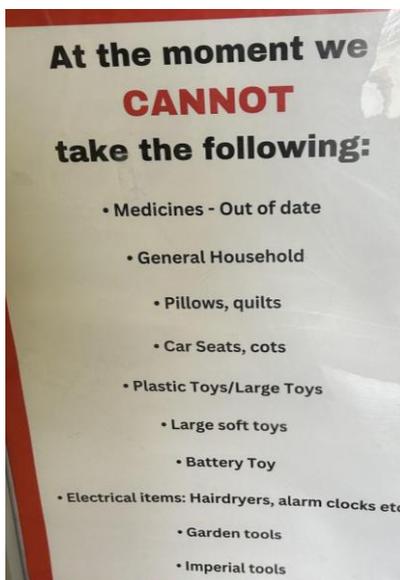
Thank you for the donations for Ukraine which have been delivered to the Ukraine centre located at the Castlepoint shopping centre (upstairs next to JD Sports). The volunteers there were immensely grateful for the donations of warm



clothing for children, adults and the sleeping bags. We also took some IN DATE medication which the chemist will not reuse here but which was UNOPENED and with a long life on it. ***They are unable to accept out of date medicines of any kind*** but do want first aid kit type stuff. Please see the photo below.....



Our main focus on our two trips to the centre was to deliver candles and candle wax (melts, candle ends etc). (Thanks to Alyson Scott for taking the first load). We heard that the candles are being melted down and made into large cakes with several wicks which can be used to heat water and cook with. Food in many places is also very limited.



The people of Ukraine are seriously struggling with temperatures of -20C, no water, no energy and generators unable to work due to lack of fuel. People are sitting in the dark in freezing buildings. Many are congregating in supermarkets huddled together to keep a little warmer. Food is a precious commodity and tinned food is being sent by the Ukraine centre as well. See photo below.



If you are able to donate any items please take them yourselves (Tuesday- Thursday 10-4pm or if that is not possible they can be dropped at St Marys Church on Station Road or to 3 Ashurst road. We will do a further two visits up until the end of March to ensure the items arrive at the centre for onward transmission.

Thank you again. **Alison/Alan Butler**



NSPCC NUMBER DAY AT ST MARY'S FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

On Friday 6th February the children at St Mary's took part in the NSPCC Number Day. This is a mega maths fundraising event and every year thousands of schools and nurseries across the UK fundraise for the NSPCC by having fun with maths. The children and staff dressed up for digits with lots of patterned outfits and number themed costumes! The children also took part in exciting numerical games and activities throughout the day including baking where the children had lots of fun!



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Illustrated talk: 'Careys, Finding the Real Secret Garden' by Simon Constantine

Monday 9th March 2:30 to 4:00pm.

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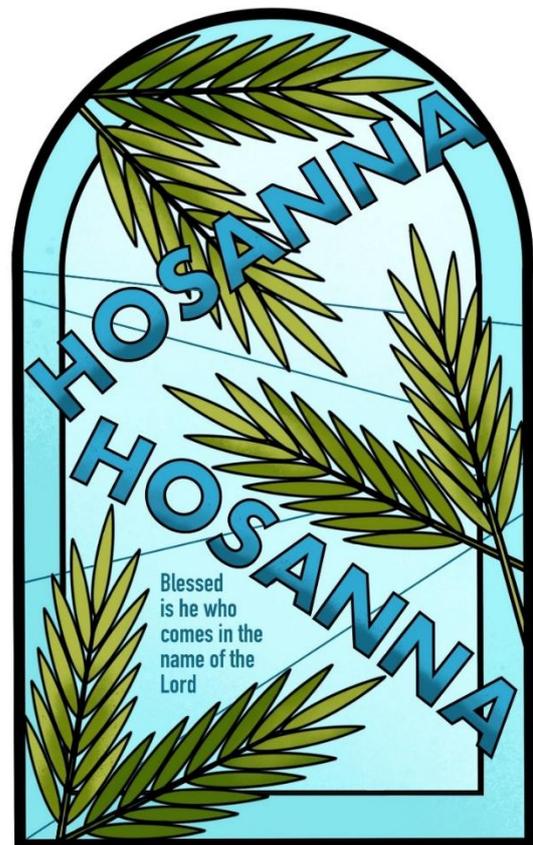
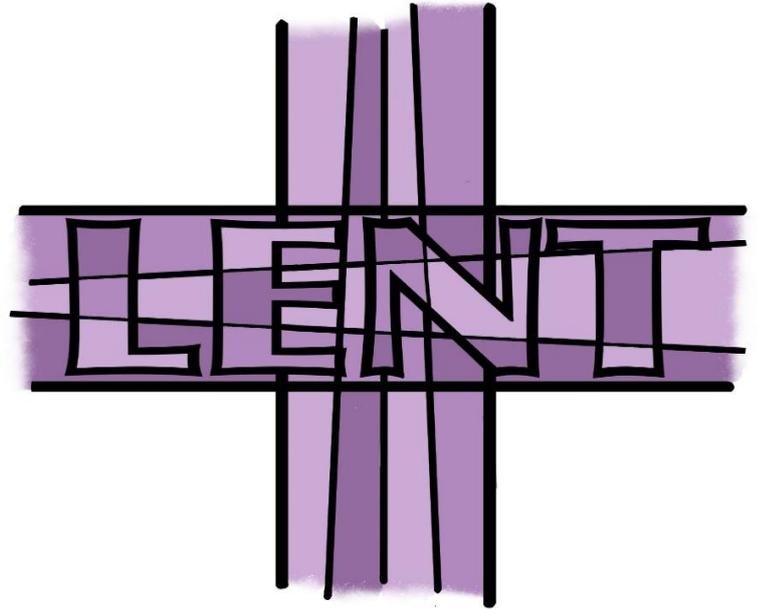
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LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

<p>Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17</p>
<p>Wednesday 4th March Jeremiah 18.18-20 Matthew 20.17-28</p>
<p>Sunday 8th March The Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th March Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9 Matthew 5.17-19</p>
<p>Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday – Lizzie’s last Sunday before Maternity Leave. Readings Isaiah 49:13-16 John 19.25-27</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th March Isaiah 49.8-15 John 5.17-30</p>
<p>Sunday 22nd March Passiontide Begins Ezek 37.1-14 Rom 8.6-11 John 11.1-45</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th March The Annunciation Isa 7.10-14 Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38</p>
<p>Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday <i>Liturgy of the Palms:</i> Matthew 21.1-11 <i>Liturgy of the Passion:</i> Isaiah 50.4-9a Phil 2.5-11 Matt 26.14-27.end Or Matt 27.11-54</p>



THANK YOU...

For all the cards, prayers and good wishes which did so much to help my recovery.

Julie Hardman

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S WEST MOORS

<p>Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8am BCP Communion 10am Palm Sunday Communion Service 2pm Palm Sunday Procession at Sturts Farm</p>
<p>Monday 30th March Tuesday 31st March Wednesday 1st April</p>	<p>6:45pm Stations of the Cross and Compline</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>6pm Maundy Thursday Supper 7:30pm Eucharist with Washing of Feet</p>
<p>Friday 3rd April Good Friday</p>	<p>2-3pm Liturgy of Good Friday</p>
<p>Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday</p>	<p>6am Dawn Service 7am Breakfast 8am BCP Communion Service 10am Easter Day Service!</p>



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

FROM THE SIDELINES at ST MARY'S

Louise Collins, Stuart Stebbing

Church Wardens

Debbie Brown, Paul Brealey,

Christine Nutland

Assistant Wardens



Loving God, Loving West Moors

As I write this at the beginning of February, life has felt particularly challenging, with a mixture of family and work pressures. The persistent rainy weather hasn't helped lift spirits either, and it seems many of us are longing for brighter days.

We are now in the season of Lent – those forty days of reflection and preparation – but importantly, Lent always leads us towards the hope and joy of Easter. It is a time to pause, reflect, and renew, even when life feels demanding.

Our preparations for Easter are already well underway, and there is much to look forward to. From our Palm Sunday service, through the solemn reflections of Good Friday, and culminating in the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday, these services mark some of the most meaningful moments in the church calendar. Please do join us if you can. Full details of all services can be found elsewhere in this magazine and on our website.

Looking beyond Easter, we also have some enjoyable community events to look forward to. Please make a note of our Bingo Night on 17th April, which is always a fun and sociable evening, and our Spring Fayre on 9th May, which we hope will be well supported by the whole community.

Finally, Rev Lizzie will be going on maternity leave in mid-March. We are very pleased to share that the diocese has arranged for Rev Jeff Adams to provide cover during this time, which is wonderful news. We look forward to welcoming him into our church community and to working alongside him over the coming months. We are grateful for his willingness to support us and trust that he will feel very much at home with us during his time here.

Loving God, Loving West Moors.

Louise



ST MARY'S CHURCH

BINGO NIGHT

PRIZES ARE
CHOCOLATE
& WINE

Join us for a fun filled family BINGO night!

With 5 games, Joe 90 and prizes,
it's set to be a great night!

Friday 17th April

St Mary's Church hall

Doors open at 6.30pm
Games begin at 7.00pm

Adults £5.00 (full book)
Children £3.50 (1/2 book)
Joe 90 £1

To gauge numbers, please book in with Louise Collins
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SOUP LUNCHES

Thursday 26 FEBRUARY

Thursday 5 MARCH

12noon—1.30pm

Soup; Bread; Fruit; Tea/Coffee

Fellowship

Collection for Christian Aid — Sudan Appeal

COME ALONG - BRING A FRIEND

ALL WELCOME!