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ST MARY'S NEWS

CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER ST MARY'S & ST PETER'S



IS THERE MORE GOING ON THAN WE CAN SEE? BY LESLEY TATE

Autumn has arrived, and with it a new school term, with new school uniforms, backpacks, teachers and, for some, new schools – and with that, the hope of new friendships. So much change! So many new possibilities and new beginnings.

And yet, autumn is also a time of fading and even dying, as plants and trees begin to lose their leaves and prepare for the colder months ahead. It is that strange season of dormancy, when life is still going on, but much of it is hidden from sight. Creation appears to be resting before it bursts back into life once again in spring.

This brings to mind not only my own loss this summer, of my lovely dad, but also the losses of a number of our church family who have lost loved ones this year. To the thief on the cross who asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus said, *"Today you will be with me in paradise."* (Luke 23:43) And in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he writes *"We do not grieve like the rest of people, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."* (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14)

Of course, Christian hope doesn't mean that we don't grieve. We do. Jesus himself entered fully into death. His body was laid in the tomb, and for those who loved

him there was a time when all seemed lost. Yet, as we know, that was not the end. Just as spring bursts back into life, so Jesus burst out from the grave! As Stuart Townend puts it in 'In Christ Alone', "*And bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.*" And incredibly, because Jesus burst out from the grave, we too have the promise of new and eternal life with him.

How clever of God to have woven these patterns into creation itself: fading, resting, hiddenness and then new life.

So whether this autumn brings us the excitement or perhaps anxiety of new beginnings, the joy of seeing something already flourishing, or the pain of loss and letting go, perhaps we can be reminded that in every season, there is the promise of hope.

And perhaps this is the hope we can carry with us into our homes, our workplaces and our friendships. Who might need to hear this hope today? And how might we share something of the difference Jesus makes in our lives?

PASTORAL CARE

Caring for our community is part of our vision and service. We are in the process of creating a Pastoral Care Group to visit and support those in need - the bereaved, sick, lonely and housebound, and those who may feel anxious about themselves or a loved one.

If you are interested in volunteering with this group, please speak to Revd Steve Benoy or contact the Parish Office.

If you know of someone who might benefit from contact, please get in touch.

BEREAVEMENT DROP IN

This group meets on the second Monday of every month throughout the year offering a warm welcome to anyone struggling with the grief of bereavement. We share together over a cup of tea or coffee, talk about our experiences or just listen. Many find comfort in talking about their loved ones with others who know what they are going through.

We meet in the Chapter House at St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, at 3pm, and everyone is welcome, of any faith or of no faith at all.

Please contact Rose Williams if you need further details:

bereavement@stmarysrisborough.org.uk

GENEROSITY

At the end of July, Tony Eccleston preached the final sermon in our series on Philippians, focussing on the theme of Generosity in 4:10-23.

Here is a summary of what he said.

What do you think St Mary's is known for in the community? The buildings; the music; our outreach or our welcome (or lack of it)?

What would it mean for us to be known above all for our generosity? That is, in many ways, the reputation of the church in Philippi.

As Paul comes to the end of a very personal letter, he thanks the Philippian Christians for the practical support they have sent him while he was under house arrest. Yet it is striking that he spends remarkably little time talking about the gift itself. Instead, he speaks about what lies behind it. Their generosity is not simply an act of kindness; it is evidence of a community whose life has been transformed by the grace of Christ.

Generosity is not merely one Christian virtue among many. It is one of the clearest signs that the gospel has taken root in human hearts.

Paul reminds them how they had entered into partnership with him in the early days of his ministry. Again and again they had shared in his work, his hardships and his mission. "It was kind of you to share my distress." (4:14)

That phrase deserves our attention. They did not simply share money. They shared his distress.

Our society prizes independence. We admire those who stand on their own two feet and solve their own problems. Yet the New Testament presents a rather different picture of Christian life. We belong to one another. As St Paul says elsewhere, "If one member suffers, all suffer together." (1 Cor 12.26). The Philippians understood that the burdens of one Christian become the concern of the whole body.

That is still true today.

When one of us is ill, or loses a loved one, or struggles with anxiety or loneliness, the question should not be simply, "Can someone help?" but "How do we share this burden together?"

Christian generosity always begins there—not with possessions, but with participation in one another's lives.

There is an old story told of a country church where an elderly widow faithfully placed two small coins into the collection every Sunday. Someone once remarked that her gift could hardly make much difference to the parish finances. The priest replied, "Perhaps not to the accounts. But it makes all the difference to the life of the Church." He was right.

Generosity is measured differently in the Kingdom of God. The world counts value by quantity; God looks upon the heart.

That is why Paul is so careful in what he writes - he immediately adds that's not because he is in need. "I have learned to be content whatever I have." (4:11) Those words have become familiar, but they are deeply counter-cultural. We live in an age that constantly tells us we need more: a newer device, a larger home, another holiday, greater security. Our economy depends, to some extent, upon cultivating dissatisfaction.

Paul has discovered another way. He has known prosperity and poverty. He has experienced abundance and hunger. Yet this doesn't define him. He says: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (4:13)

Taken out of context, these words can sound like an expectation of unlimited success. But Paul is saying something much deeper. Christ gives him strength not to avoid hardship but to remain faithful within it. Christ enables him to live gratefully whether much is given or very little. Contentment, in other words, is not resignation. It is trust.

And trust is the soil in which generosity grows.

So, what sort of people are we becoming? One of the Desert Fathers was once asked how a person learns holiness. His answer was beautifully simple: "By doing holy things." The same may be said of generosity. We become generous by giving.

Not just money, though certainly that. We give our time. We give our attention. We give our hospitality. We give encouragement. We forgive when it would be easier to nurse resentment. We offer patience where irritation would come more naturally.

These are all forms of generous living.

One of the rarest gifts we can offer today is undivided attention. To put aside our phone, to stop watching the clock, to listen without interruption—such simple acts tell another person, "You matter." That, too, is generosity.

So how do we foster generosity as a core value in our church?

First, we begin with gratitude. People who recognise everything as God's gift naturally become more generous.

Secondly, we practise generosity regularly. Like any virtue, generosity grows stronger with use.

Thirdly, we share stories of generosity. There are many quiet acts of kindness that often remain hidden. Sometimes it is good to share these stories—not to praise individuals but to remind one another that God is at work among us.

Finally, we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. For every act of Christian generosity begins with God's generosity towards us.

Remember Paul's wonderful promise:



"My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (4:19)

Notice what Paul doesn't say.

He doesn't promise that faithful Christians will become prosperous. He doesn't suggest that generosity functions as a kind of spiritual investment scheme. The gospel is not a contract in which we give in order to receive more.

Rather, Paul points them to the inexhaustible generosity of God himself. Every Christian act of giving begins there. Long before we ever gave anything to God, God had already given everything to us.

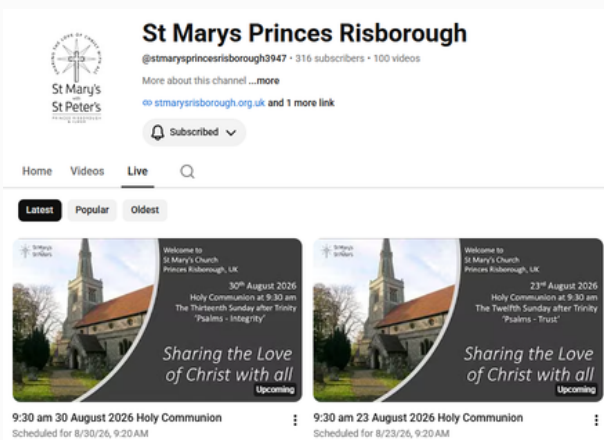
So, what if our parish becomes known, not for its building or its activities, but because people encountered here a generosity of spirit that reflected Christ himself? A place where:

- strangers become friends
- burdens are shared
- forgiveness is readily offered
- no one feels invisible

Such a vision is not beyond us. It depends upon ordinary disciples, strengthened—as Paul was strengthened—by the grace of Christ.

So, may we become, individually and together, a people whose lives are themselves *"a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God."* (4:18)

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The powerhouse behind the smooth running of St Mary's is, of course, the parish office, aka Kathryn and Jenny. We thought you might like to find out more about them, and what they do for us all.

Both have worked at St Mary's for over 10 years, Jenny joining a couple of years after Kathryn. Kathryn works 20 to 25 hours per week; Jenny, around 11 hours. Kathryn worships at Risborough Methodist Church and Jenny at St John's Lacey Green which gives them clear delineation between work and worship. It also ensures close links with a Risborough Team church and the wider Churches together network.

They each have their own areas of specialism, but work flexibly to cover each other. Kathryn acts as PA to the Rector, managing his diary and supporting him in whatever ways are helpful. This includes strategy and forward planning, for example, currently thinking about Christmas. She works on communications, including the website and this revamped newsletter. She is also the PCC secretary.



Jenny focuses on finances, including invoices and church fees. She compiles the weekly eNews, leads on weddings and baptisms and produces many rotas. She provides administrative support for safeguarding duties with Tony Eccleston, including DBS checks and training.

No two days are the same. They act as the face of the church dealing with many queries from the congregation and the community. They help relatives find graves in the churchyard, deal with homeless people, support funeral arrangements, and offer a listening ear to anyone who drops by.

They told me they enjoy having jobs which are varied, people centred, creative and which enable them to apply their faith at work. They feel appreciated as part of the Staff Team and enjoy working with the volunteers across St Mary's. In Kathryn and Jenny we have two brilliant gems - open, caring, empathetic and efficient. St Mary's should treasure them.

LADIES BREAKFAST

BY ROSE WILLIAMS

Ladies Breakfast has been running for at least 10 years. Started by Jo Williams, it took a break over COVID and then restarted in the Church Hall. Between 35 and 50 ladies attend from all the Churches Together congregations and their friends. We meet every two months, on the first Saturday, from 9am 'til 10-30am. Each time we have a speaker either in house by one of our ladies, or from a charity or organisation.

In August we heard from Revd Sally Prendergast, Associate Vicar at St Dunstan's, about her latest project in stole making (see *picture right for one of her amazing clerical stoles*). We are looking forward to welcoming Nicci Maxwell, on 7th November. Nicci is a missionary doctor in the Sudan working for CMS. She is providing paediatric and neonatal medical care to local and refugee communities, and training and supporting local paediatric teams.



For the breakfast we provide porridge, bacon rolls and a continental breakfast. We have an amazing set-up team and at the end many willing hands help to pack up. Payment is by donations which generously cover expenses and leave us enough to donate to the charities we hear about. There is always a friendly atmosphere and new ladies are warmly welcomed.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The next men's breakfast will be on 12th September at 8.45am in St Mary's Church Hall. The speaker on this occasion will be a surprise! (Maybe even to the organisers)

There will be the usual full English breakfast. The cost is £5, payable on the day. Contact Steve Williams on mensbreakfast@stmarysrisborough.org.uk or phone 01844 274225 if you would like to come so that we can control the catering and avoid waste. Male guests are very welcome.

DAY TRIP AT HOME LUNCH CLUB

BY JANE COTTON

This is the full name for St Mary's Lunch Club, and a much better name as it lasts all day. On the first Wednesday of each month up to 60 older folk gather in the church for a day packed with games, crafts, a quiz, entertainment and lots of good food. There is a "Thought for the day" and a more Christian focus at Christmas and Easter, but the day is open to all irrespective of any church involvement. No charge is made for the day but donations are welcome. A team of committed volunteers conjure up a cooked lunch plus homemade cakes in the afternoon, and a constant flow of hot drinks and chat. Jenny Deverill provides a clergy presence for anyone who wants to talk or pray.

I chatted to three ladies at the August meeting, distracting them from painting butterfly key rings or playing Rummikub. (Quite a few men do attend too!) Eileen, 90 and Pamela, 88, and one lady who preferred not to have her name mentioned, were full of praise for the monthly event, telling me how much they look forward to coming. Friendship and company were key for them all, particularly for those who had lost their partners.



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"The volunteers do a fantastic job making us feel special."

"There is real warmth, welcome, and fun."

"The program (which is delivered to each home in advance) is varied with excellent speakers and entertainment."

"The food is great too."

I asked a group of volunteers what they get out of supporting Lunch Club. Possibly a badly worded question, as the first reply was backache and stress! They did, however, say that they enjoy the teamwork, the humour, and the opportunity to give back to the community. I left greatly impressed by the service St Mary's provides to the community here. And with a clear message that they need more volunteers...

Play Cafe starts up again on Tuesday 8th September, 10am to 11.30am

Toddlers and pre-schoolers love our soft play area, toys and dressing-up activities, art and crafts, story and songs, not to mention the healthy snacks. There's also a quieter baby play area where babies can play safely. Parents and carers appreciate the warm welcome from our volunteers, the opportunity to chat with others and a well-deserved chance for a cuppa.

Play Cafe is a clean, bright and safe space for 0-4 year olds with their parents and carers. We can take up to 40 children, and are often full, so please come early to guarantee your place. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome, as are offers to help with the clearing away.

Kids' Church runs every Sunday during the 11.15am service with activities in the Church Hall. Bring the whole family to our friendly service with coffee and biscuits - served in church - and time to gather and chat from 11am onwards.

Messy church on 11th October, 3.15-5pm - 'Living in the Light'

Free fun, games, faith and food for all the family - children must be accompanied by an adult and there is enough food for everyone!

Messy Church is free but donations are welcome and it helps us with catering if you book your places in advance.

Book your free place using the link which will be advertised on the website or contact:



childrenandfamilies@stmarysisborough.org.uk



‘Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it’.

Luke 18:17 NIV UK

From its inception in January 2025, the St Mary’s Youth Group has flourished, growing in number and becoming one of St Mary’s greatest strengths. For nearly two years we have been providing an opportunity for local young people to get to know each other and explore their relationship with Jesus. We meet every Sunday evening during term time in the Chapter house, participating in a blend of games, teaching and worship, all with the goal to foster the young people’s curiosity about Christianity.

Recently in our teaching sessions, the young people have learnt about the books of the Bible, reading the Gospel as well as diving into the Old Testament. Previously we studied Jesus’ ‘I am’ statements, and also explored what it means to be in wilderness. We discussed that at times we can feel like we are in a wilderness, feeling alone in a world that can feel big and dangerous. We often finish our sessions with a time of prayer and worship, encouraging the young people to offer their praise and worries to God.

The beginning of the summer term saw the introduction of a new ‘After Hours’ session run by the Junior Leaders. This created an opportunity for a small group of young people to come together and engage in a deeper level of bible study, exploring what it means to lead a Christian life and the role of the youth within God’s church. Over the last few months, we studied Paul’s letters to the churches as well as his letters to the young church leader, Timothy, which has helped our young people to mature in their faith.

‘[Instead], speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.’

Ephesians 4:15 NIV UK

This further study gave members of the youth group the confidence to take leading roles in our Takeover Service at the beginning of July.

The Junior Leaders (Nat, Danielle and I) preached and led worship while Louis took on the role of service leader. In the service, we shared the message of 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, describing the youth group as a part of the wider church body, and highlighting their value to the St Mary's community. The Takeover Service was a huge success and we hope to run another in the near future. These services allow the youth of the church to play a more prominent role, sharing the new, unique ideas and perspectives that they bring to the church.

The Takeover Service marked the start of the summer holidays and an opportunity for the youth group to relax and celebrate their achievements. We hosted a social at St Dunstan's park with team games and a barbecue, and more recently had another day of fun activities at Leader Neil Dyson's farm. This day included a guided tour of the farm, homemade ice cream, a slip'n'slide and a very messy water fight! The day concluded with a moment to reflect on the year, and a time of prayer, thanking God for the young people and their new and ever-growing faith.

This year has been a success both for the young people and for the church. It is wonderful to witness so many young people asking questions about faith and learning more about Jesus' love. Our young people have grown in confidence, becoming a key part of the church body. However, our young people would not be where they are without the support and prayer from the St Mary's congregation. We are incredibly thankful for any support for the youth group, whether that be through prayer, volunteering as leaders or providing food and drink on a Sunday evening.

We look forward to restarting in September and are always on the lookout for new members and helpers so get in touch with the team via email or in person if you are interested in joining us!

Email: youth@stmarysrisborough.org.uk



ECO CHURCH BY SURINDER MARSHALL

We are all concerned about the changing climate and that our use of God's creation is leading us to an unsustainable future. Sometimes this can feel very depressing and overwhelming. The Eco Church project is one way that we can engage with the situation positively and faithfully.

Eco Church is an award program set up by A Rocha which encourages churches to engage under five headings: Worship and Teaching; Buildings and Energy; Land and Nature; Community and Global Engagement; and Lifestyle. As well as achieving the awards, Bronze, Silver or Gold, the headings are a great way of thinking about how we respond collectively and individually to what can be a frightening issue.

We now have an Eco Church team looking at each of these headings, generating ideas and initiatives for us to join in with over the next few months and years - new members of the team always very welcome. These ideas will range from sorting out our recycling in the church, a small challenge but nevertheless requiring commitment from our church family, to much longer, expensive and involved projects like moving our church buildings towards carbon neutrality – thanks to Roger Arthey's hard work we already have a comprehensive feasibility study for this one. And there will be many more ideas, watch this space, and the team would gratefully receive any that you might have.

Leading up to Harvest, we will consider the theme of Creation in our services and welcome Polly Eaton from A Rocha as a speaker on 27th September.

Looking forward to working with everyone, your Eco Church Team is:

Roger Arthey
Jacqueline Biddlecombe
Peter Cline
Biddy Gillman
John Hardy

Helen Lidington
Surinder Marshall (Coordinator)
Billy Stott
Garth Wilkinson
Gill Wilkinson



PROJECT POSSIBLE

BY KAYE LILLYCROP, CHARITIES COORDINATOR

In the past St Mary's Church has given up to 20% of its annual income to nominated charities. Currently we have given 10% as our missional activities have expanded in other ways. We want to reflect God's generous nature and express our gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Over the year we will be shining a spotlight on each of the charities supported by St Mary's.

Project Possible is a small, local, Christian charity supporting communities around the world to overcome social disadvantage and poverty to build sustainable livelihoods. St Mary's has had a connection for many years through trusteeship; initially via Phillip Derbyshire and now myself.

The charity was begun by a Christian philanthropist, Michael Wood, over 30 years ago and initially he sought to relieve poverty through donation to locally developed projects. This was reflected in the original name, ROPE: Relief Of Poverty Everywhere.

In the last four years the charity has rebranded to Project Possible but it has also had a long and searching look at how it partners with communities in disadvantaged parts of the world. It aims to move to a more equitable partnership with those it supports that does not lead to dependency, but restores dignity and allows local leadership to flourish and the projects to become independent and sustainable.

Project Possible's values are based around:

- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Accountability
- ◆ Holistic approach
- ◆ Compassion
- ◆ Sustainable change

As outsiders wanting to help, it can be tempting to solve problems for people. To bring in resources and direct change ourselves. Often that seems faster but Project Possible's experience showed that lasting change rarely happens that way. Transformation occurs when people gain confidence, develop skills, strengthen local leadership, mobilise their own resources and begin to believe that change is possible.



As an international development charity Project Possible is small but it has a very strong commitment to the projects it partners and comes to know its participants very well. At any one time there will be about 30 projects. Currently these are in Bolivia, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and a number of African countries. Much time and effort is spent initially working with new partners to see if their ideas and the charity's can fit. Project Possible also connects different local communities for sharing of ideas and experiences.

The types of projects are grouped under two headings:

Next Generation Projects - these are longer term and help those who have become ashamed and feel powerless because they can't imagine a better life for themselves or their family. As well as skills training, they are shown God's love and the potential to change their life.

Sparks Projects - these involve short-term investments and support as people take on using new skills to sustain themselves.

Let me end with a short description of a current project in Chad. A young Christian farmer was concerned that the younger generation were leaving family land to try to find work in cities. The reality for them was often very harsh. They were partly doing this because the land was often overworked and no longer providing good crops. This man realised that regenerative farming would improve the land and the yields and he is doing this very successfully. His idea, which Project Possible and his local church are supporting, involves offering internships on his farm to learn about this new way of farming and spreading knowledge and skill which is encouraging people to stay on their land and grow better crops.

Do have a look at Project Possible's website: www.projectpossible.org.uk
There are on-line prayer times which the team would be happy to link you in to and are a good way to find out more about what they do. They are also interested in hearing from anyone who might consider becoming a trustee.....

PRAYER

BY PETER CLINE

You are welcome to join our weekly prayer meeting on Zoom every Wednesday at 9am. The Zoom invite is available from the Parish Office, or you can ask to be added to the weekly mailing.

We encourage everyone to pray for one another. Ask the Parish Office if you would like to receive details of prayer requests, or if you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or on behalf of others. You can also send requests via the prayer page on the website.

PRAYER MINISTRY

We have a small team of church members, who receive regular training and support for being involved in this ministry. At the 11.15 service, you are invited to come forward to two members of the team, who offer the laying on of hands together with prayer for you.

If you would like to be considered for being part of the team or you have any questions, please contact: Averil Stephenson via the Parish Office.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Are you looking for new ideas to help you develop a daily habit of prayer? There are many resources available online offering apps to download to your phone or tablet or podcasts to listen to.

The Church of England offers both apps and podcasts for daily prayer. Our Team Clergy use the Daily Prayer app for Morning Prayer in the Team Churches. Visit the Church of England website at <https://www.churchofengland.org/> to find out more and access the resources.



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GIVING AT ST MARY'S

In each edition of this newsletter you will notice there are features highlighting the work and mission of the church funded by your giving. Planned giving is our prayerful response to God's provision to each of us, through a regular commitment to support our church financially, often by a direct monthly payment.

If you wish to find out more, please speak to the Giving Secretary, Michael Hoey, or email: plannedgiving@stmarysrisborough.org.uk.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)

We are registered with the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which provides another way to plan our giving. The PGS is a charity set up, owned and funded by the Church of England. You can give to St Mary's through the [PGS](#) by phone, by completing a paper form, or online, which will help you set up a monthly, quarterly or annual Direct Debit. To access the PGS website use this QR code.



You can complete a Gift Aid declaration if you are a tax-payer. You can also choose for your giving to be anonymous. Stephen Cotton is able to help with any queries and you can contact him via the [Parish Office](#).

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NEWSLETTER RELAUNCH

We hope you like this new-look Newsletter for St Mary's Church. We wanted to expand the newsletter to be able to share with you in greater depth about the ministry and mission of St Mary's which reaches far beyond the actual building and out into the community. You will find the church busy not just on Sundays, but throughout the week; caring, supporting, listening, encouraging, sharing and praying for those who come through our doors. We hope you feel part of the church family as you read about these activities.

The newsletter will be published bi-monthly and is available via email, from the website or as a printed copy from the church. To ask for your copy to be emailed to you, please contact Kathryn at the [Parish Office](#).

We also have a weekly ebulletin with up-to-the-date information on services and activities. To subscribe, go to the [website](#) and enter your details.

WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

Ride and Stride - Saturday 12th 9am to 5pm

Join the UK's biggest fundraising day to keep historic churches looking beautiful.

Safeguarding Training: Domestic Abuse - Saturday 19th, 9.30am to 12 noon

Recommended for all PCC members and volunteers involved in church-run groups and activities. Book your place through the Parish Office.

OCTOBER

Harvest Festival - Sunday 4th at all morning services. Please bring to church your food contributions which will be donated to One Can Food Bank in High Wycombe

Messy Church - Sunday 11th from 3.15pm to 5pm. our theme is 'Living in the Light'. Look out for details on the website of how to sign-up.

Maker & Fixer - Sunday 11th, 3-5pm at the Old Dairy, Culverton Farm

We will be making lavender bags, hand warmers and boards to hang keys on.

Church Vision Morning - Saturday 17th, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Everyone welcome as we consider the Vision and Values for St Mary's.

Unplugged - Sunday 18th, 6-7pm

Join us to spend time with God in worship, prayer and reflection.

Lighthouse Light Party - Saturday 31st, 4-6pm

Food, fun, memories and a mini mainstage

If you enjoyed Lighthouse this summer, come along and bring your friends.

Look on our website nearer the time for details of how to reserve your place.

KEY DATES

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAYS AT ST MARY'S

Holy Communion: 8am (said)

Parish Communion: 9.30am (with organ)

Available via live streaming on the St Mary's YouTube channel - see website

Live@St Mary's: 11.15am contemporary worship service

Kids' Church welcomes children from five to eleven years and meets in the Church Hall for fun activities during this service - to find out more contact: childrenandfamilies@stmarysrisborough.org.uk.

WEDNESDAYS AT ST MARY'S

Holy Communion: 10.30am followed by coffee in the Chapter House

ST PETER'S, ILMER (THIRD SUNDAYS)

6pm Evensong with shortened HC on Sunday 20 September and 18 October

REGULAR GROUPS

Lunch Club: Wednesday 2 Sept, 7 Oct and 4 Nov 10am-3.30pm in Church

Ladies Breakfast: Saturday 7 November 9am in the Church Hall

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 14 November 8.45am in the Church Hall

Maker & Fixer: Sun 13 September and 11 October, 3pm in the Old Dairy, Culverton Farm.

Bereavement Drop-in Group: in the Chapter House, 3pm on Monday 14 September & 13 October

Tea for All: in the Chapter House at 2.30pm on Sunday 27 Sept and 25 Oct

Play Cafe: Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11am in church during term time

Re-starts for the Autumn on Tuesday 8th September, no session on 27 Oct

Youth Group: Sundays during term time, 6.30pm to 7.45pm, Chapter House

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