

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH AT ST MARY'S

Including 10am—11.30am ADventure in the Church Rooms, in Term Time

Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Informal Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	2.30 - 4.00pm	Café Stop at the Blenheim Centre
Sunday 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	4th Sunday at 10
	4.30pm	Choral Evensong

For Holy Week and Easter Services in the Group please see the enclosed flyer

Every Week:- Service at 9.30am on Wednesday followed by Tea & Coffee
Prayers at 5.00 - 5.30pm on Thursday
9.30 - 10.00am and 5.00 - 6.00pm on Saturday

STORY BAGS Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March at St. Mary's from 9.30 to 10.30am for parents and pre school children during term time only

ST MARY'S HOUSE GROUPS

If you would like information on the availability, place and times of House Groups, please contact Pauline Blackmore, the co-ordinator on 01953 883031.

The Winner of the 100 Club February Draw was No. 55 Galen Baldero

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES or NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WATTON

Newsletter March 2018

St Mary's believes in Reaching out with the power and love of Jesus in a caring, family atmosphere

THURSDAY CHAT Thursday 1st March 10am - 12 noon

A social coffee morning at St Mary's, Watton, continuing on the 1st Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

All God's Creation is Very Good

Praying for Suriname - a Service for Everyone

Friday 2nd March at 2.00pm

at Watton Methodist Church IP25 6AB

followed by refreshments, all welcome

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have received a letter from the National Committee for England, Wales and Northern Ireland detailing the possibility of a name change for this organisation.

Many countries have never had or have dropped the word 'Women's' from the title, as it has been seen as a possible barrier to involving younger women and encouraging men to attend the services.

The National Committee are asking us to consider prayerfully and thoughtfully whether or not the time has come to follow the rest of the world and drop the word 'Women's' from the title. If this were done the Movement would still be entirely women-led and our branches and committees would still consist only of women.

We wanted to make sure that everyone who has an interest in this is informed before the service day on Friday 2nd March and if you have an opinion and would like it to be known please be in touch with Margaret Cator on

01953 882187 or margaretcator1@gmail.com.

Watton Branch will be considering our response when we meet up after the service.

A NEW HOUSE GROUP

Alternate Tuesdays - 7.30pm Mervyn and Kay Wilcox
47 Dereham Road Watton IP25 6EZ (Tel: 01953 797607)

**1st Watton Rainbow Brownies – Mondays 4.30 – 5.45pm in the Church Rooms
at St. Mary's Church, on Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of March**

Rainbows provide the opportunity for girls aged between 5 and 7 to join with others to have fun – playing games, doing craft activities and making new friends.

It is part of the Girl Guiding organisation.

We will meet every Monday in the Church Rooms during term time only.

For more information contact Bekka.

Email: Rainbows1stwatton@hotmail.com or look on Facebook.

If you're old-school you could also phone Linda on 01953 884385.

**AFTERNOON SING ALONG WITH THE THIRD AGERS AT St MARY'S
Wednesday 7th March at 3.00pm**

Come along and join in a sing-along with Ukulele accompaniment

Enjoy tea and cake Raffle

No Admission charge - Donations welcome for St Mary's Church

SHARED MEAL FOR LENT

Watton Churches Together is hosting a 'Come and Share' supper at 6pm on Thursday 8th March at 88 Norwich Road, Watton.

If you would like to come please contact

Elaine Rodgers on 01953 889047

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Preparation starts for younger church members on **Sunday 11th March**, during ADventure in the Church Rooms, which is also our **Mothering Sunday Service at 10.00am**.

Any adults wishing to be confirmed or considering renewing their Baptismal Vows please see Gerry and we'll arrange to start Preparation after Easter at a time to suit everyone interested.

The Confirmation Service is at St Mary's 10.00am Sunday 5th August 2018

Do join us as we welcome **Residents from Local Homes, for Easter Hymns and Hot cross buns at St Mary's 10 for 10.30am on Thursday 22nd March.**

WATTON COMMUNITY CINEMA at St Mary's

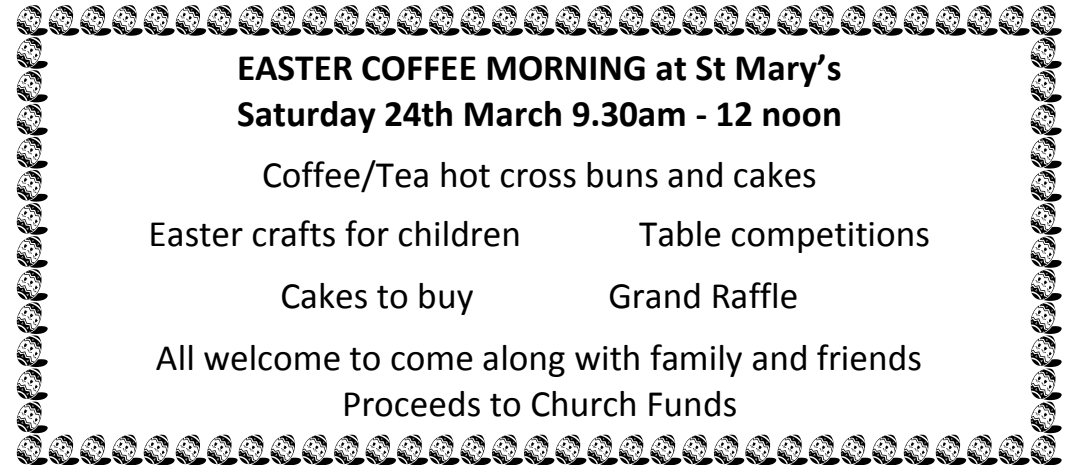
Screenings:

**Friday 23rd March at 2.15pm 'Murder on The Orient Express'
Saturday 24th March at 7.15pm Film 'Murder on The Orient Express'**

Refreshments/Café opens one hour prior to screening

Tickets available at the box office on the day

We look forward to seeing you at the movies!



EASTER COFFEE MORNING at St Mary's

Saturday 24th March 9.30am - 12 noon

Coffee/Tea hot cross buns and cakes

Easter crafts for children

Table competitions

Cakes to buy

Grand Raffle

All welcome to come along with family and friends

Proceeds to Church Funds

ORGAN PROJECT BOOK 2013 - 2017

All the pages of 'the book' are now in a folder in Church. Do browse through the pages....The original manuscript, bound in leather, sits proudly in the library of Norwich Cathedral. A bound copy of the book is now part of St Mary's archive too. Thank you for all your support in achieving a dream to provide an amazing instrument in church for all to enjoy! Lorraine

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21st starting at 10am and Sunday 22nd July after the 10am service

Flowers, Crafts and Seafarers Festival at St Mary's

Tea and Coffee will be available

It is hoped that the church will be full of knitted items, hats socks etc.

After the event these will be donated to the Mission of Seafarers

So if you can knit - please start now!

More details will follow, but for more information now please contact

Paul Weatherill on 01953 884215