

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER AT ST MARY'S

Sunday	3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Informal Holy Communion
Sunday	17th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	4th Sunday at 10
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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

Sunday 17th September from 2.30 - 4.00pm.

Café Stop at The Blenheim Centre, Tedder Close, Watton IP25 6HU.
Crafts for all the family, free refreshments

STORY BAGS Mondays 11th, 18th & 25th September at St. Mary's
from 9.30 to 10.30am for parents and pre school children during term time only

THURSDAY CHAT Thursday 7th September 10am - 12 noon

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

The Winner of the 100 Club August Draw was No. 72 Jimmy Johnson

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES or NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WATTON

Newsletter September 2017

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

It's very good to see Everyone again now I'm home from my three months' Sabbatical Leave and to meet people I've not met before too.

I have had an astonishing time, accomplishing all I'd planned and so much more besides. I am very grateful to Revd Deborah Hamilton-Grey for providing cover along with so many others. We can now all wish her and Michael every happiness and blessing as she moves on to her new position as Rector of The Waterside Group of Parishes (Catfield/Hickling/Ludham/Potter Heigham) in the Deanery of St Benet at Waxham with Tunstead. Rev'd Gerry



Thursday 31st August 3 to 5pm St Mary's Church, Watton

Friday 8th September at 7.30pm

**Dance to 1940s music with 'TIMESCAPE' in a marquee - 40s dress optional
Tickets £8 each from Adcocks, High Street, Watton - or the Church Office**

**Saturday 9th September at 10am Military Vehicle Day and Community Event
with the Royal British Legion**

Official Opening at 11am by General the Lord Dannatt

Both events will be on St. Mary's Church Green

**To book a stall or for more information please contact
Helen Daly 01953 885124 or Paul Weatherill 01953 884213**

St Mary's Open Church Wed. 10.30am - 3.00pm and Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm

You are welcome to come into church to enjoy the peace and tranquillity
say a prayer & light a candle, or just look around.

Church members will welcome you and serve refreshments.

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.

DONATIONS & HELP PLEASE

For Saturday 9th September, alongside the Military Vehicle Day St Mary's will be running a Tombola Stall, for which there is a yellow bin in the porch and we would appreciate gifts of bottles for that event.

This will be a very busy day so we would really appreciate any offers of help.

Please speak to Paul Weatherill or Margaret Cator

For Saturday 25th November at the Christmas Fayre

Please may we have 'Home Made Goods' to sell
Knitted, Crocheted, Sewn etc.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE

Sat 9th September

Organisers are Charlie Houlder –Moat and Margaret & Ron Smith. Charlie will be cycling and is hoping a good number of friends will join her. Margaret & Ron will be welcoming visiting cyclists into St Mary's and would appreciate if anyone who is able to help out by manning the church for an hour could sign up to the rota in church. If you are intending to cycle, sponsorship forms are available in church. Any sponsorship money is shared between St Mary's and the Norfolk Churches Trust. It is a lovely day out and if people wish they can walk or drive between churches, the main aim is visiting the churches and having your sponsorship form signed on arrival. Please speak to Charlie, Margaret, Ron or at the church office for more information.

QUIET DAYS at St Mary's Vicarage

I am holding 2 identical Quiet Days at St Mary's Vicarage from 9.30 – 3.30pm on Thursdays 21st and 28th September 2017.

The aim is to step out of busy life for a day to have personal quiet space, take part in the optional Prayer Workshops, which will be on offer led by two qualified Practitioners and the prompts for Quiet Reflection, which I will bring following my Sabbatical.

There are sign up sheets with 20 places allocated on each day, on a 'first come first serve' basis, with a reserve list, with a few remaining spaces left.

There will be no charge – drinks will be provided and please bring your own lunch. Voluntary contributions will be appreciated towards the cost of the days.

There is limited parking at the Vicarage, which could be reserved for those less able to walk far. I'd encourage those who can park at St Mary's to do so and walk down to the end of Church Road, entering our driveway through the gap in the long wall on the opposite side of Norwich Road. The Vicarage is the third and last house. Or alternatively, park in Priory Road, entering The Vicarage garden through the marked side gate near the pedestrian cut-through to Norwich Road. Rev'd Gerry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16th September at 7pm

Inaugural Organ Recital by Julian Haggett on the Rebuilt Organ
Free entry Donations welcome for the continuing musical education of the Young Choristers

Saturday 23rd September Watton Community Cinema

7.15pm Screening—6.15pm Café Opens
'Beauty & the Beast'

Saturday 30th September 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Harvest Cream Tea £2.50 Raffle, Produce and the
Launch of the 'Smartie Tube Appeal'

Come along and view the Harvest floral decorations, whilst enjoying tea and cake. Proceeds towards the ministry of St Mary's Church

Saturday 25th November 10am - 1pm

Christmas Fayre

This year this is being held at the
Watton Christian Community Centre

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

St Mary's Church is again enthusiastically, leading the appeal to fill shoe boxes with gifts, which are then sent to underprivileged children in the UK and Europe. Boxes are available together with leaflets informing what can and cannot be included in them. Please make sure you read this as the instructions are quite specific. A postage donation of £3.00 per box is also requested. If you would like to take a box to fill please ask Margaret Cator at the office or on a Sunday.

We have been given a number of tubes of toothpaste especially for the boxes.

The deadline for filled boxes is early November. Margaret Cator

Come and join our Apha Course

A joint venture between the Fountain of Life, St Mary's Watton, St Nicholas' Ashill, S.S. Peter & Paul's Carbrooke, St John's Ovington & St George's Saham

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

The course is 10 weeks long, starting on Wednesday 4th October.

Leaflets containing full information are in the basket on the Welcome table at the back of the church. Please take one.