

**REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY AT ST MARY'S**

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

Sunday 1st 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Informal Holy Communion

Sunday 15th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**2.30 - 4.00pm Café Stop at the Blenheim Centre**

Sunday 22nd 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am 4th Sunday at 10  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 29th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
**10.30am Group Songs of Praise - Norfolk Day**  
**'Followed, for those who wish, by a shortened Service of Holy Communion'**

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 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd July at St. Mary's from  
9.30 to 10.45am 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 June Draw was No. 73 David Sell

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES or NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT**

**Church Office - from 9am to 1pm Tues, Wed, & Thurs.**  
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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WATTON**

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 24th June – 3.00pm Town Mayor's Civic Service at St Mary's  
Saturday 30th June 10am – 1pm Engaging Communities at The Queens Hall  
Watton – Kyla and Charlie wanting to gather any promotional fliers etc for the  
display – anyone else to help?

**THURSDAY CHAT** Thursday 5th July 10am - 12 noon  
A social coffee morning at St Mary's, Watton, continuing on the 1st Thursday of  
each month. All are welcome.

Sunday 29th July 10.00am 5th Sunday Group Summer Songs of Praise @ St Mary's  
with Readings to celebrate Norfolk Day (27th July 2018)

Sunday 5th August 10.00am Confirmation Service @ St Mary's  
Saturday 18th August 12 – 4pm St Mary's Green/Marquee Family Fun day

Saturday 8th September Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride  
Sunday 9th September 3.30pm Norwich Cathedral Collation & Installation of new  
Archdeacon of Lynn, Canon Ian Bentley (Charlie and Kyla are going - ? any others)  
Sunday 16th September Town Carnival

**'FREE SPIRIT'**

**Flowers, Crafts and Seafarers at St Mary's**

Saturday 21st July at 10am to 4pm and Sunday 22nd July at 12 noon to 4pm  
Flowers and Crafts and knitted items for the Mission to Seafarers will be on display  
Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be available  
B-B-Q from 12noon until 2pm - both days

After the festival the knitted items for seafarers will be forwarded to the Mission

For more information now please contact Linda Benton on 01953 884385

## ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th October St Mary's Open Weekend promoting Projects for Support with Saturday Music Programme and 10.00am Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving Service

## A Message from Rev'd Gerry Foster

**Congratulations to Everyone at St Mary's! We received 'Highly Commended' in 'The Welcoming Churches Awards 2018' and were presented with our Certificate by the Bishop of Norwich on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Norwich Cathedral. The Judges' feedback to all the 30 – 40 nominated churches was extremely helpful and we were affirmed in the areas we are already considering, to be even more welcoming, as well as other noteworthy suggestions.**

**Six of us attended the 'Leading your Church into Growth' (LYCiG) Conference at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre in June. This was facilitated by a very experienced LYCiG Team and attended by 61 people from a number of churches. It was the first time the Course had been held in the Diocese of Norwich and all three of our Bishops were present at different times, which indicated their support.**

**It was organised by the Diocese's Continuing Ministry Development Team.**

**This has given us a focus for Prayer, as we put before the PCC in the first instance our feedback, as we go forwards at the time of writing to key church and community events:**

**The Mayor's Inaugural Service (24<sup>th</sup> June), The Engaging Communities Event at the Queens Hall (30<sup>th</sup> June), Free Spirit Festival / Mission to Seafarers Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July, Norfolk Summer Songs of Praise 10.30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July, Confirmation Service 10.00am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Family Fun with BBQ 12 – 4pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August and Open Church Harvest Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> October.....**

**We do hope you'll be able to come along and join in!**

## WATTON COMMUNITY CINEMA at St Mary's

**Friday 6th July 'The Post'**

**Saturday 7th July 'The Post'**

FRIDAYS 1.15pm Doors open (*Hot drink & cake in ticket price*)  
2.15pm Screening

SATURDAYS 6.15pm Café /Doors open  
(*Full café inc. popcorn, ice cream, hot dogs, falafels, hot drinks, cold drinks, wine*)  
7.15pm Screening

Tickets available at the box office on the day  
We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

## DVD HIRE

Following a Community Cinema showing, the DVD is available for loan if anyone who wasn't able to attend wishes to borrow it.  
On a Sunday please speak to Charlie, Kyla, Sara or Linda or during the week please go to the church office. There is a sign out/sign in book and a donation of £2.00 is suggested. A few of the DVDs are only suitable for playing on a Blue Ray player, just check the box before taking the film.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Watton Rainbow Brownies – Mondays 4.30 – 5.45pm in the Church Rooms at St. Mary's Church, on Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd of July

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](mailto:Rainbows1stwatton@hotmail.com) or look on Facebook.

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

## Urgent Request

We all enjoy our coffee after the 10.00am morning services, but we have an urgent need to recruit more people to help with this ministry. It is not onerous and help will be given to new volunteers re the layout of the kitchen and duties required. We would expect participation to be about one Sunday in two months. Please would you speak to Gail Adcock or Margaret Cator if you would be willing to become a 'coffee maker', offers of help would be so much appreciated.