

Notices week commencing 19 February 2023

Please support Christian Aid's work in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine & elsewhere, by making a donation, see <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies> for more information.

Regular events;

Tuesday Church House 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only.

Wednesday St. Mary's 10:00 Holy Communion

Wednesday Church House 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4+-11+. Term time only

Friday Church House 10:00 - 16:00 Drop In at the Warm Space.

Friday St Mary's 19:00 Choir Practice

Other notices;

Tuesday 21 February Church House 19:15 Standing Committee

Wednesday 22 February 10:00 St Mary's Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday 22 February 19:00 Christ Church Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 23 February 19:30 Deanery Synod. The Croft, St Bartholomew's Church. Royal Wootton Bassett.

(PCC members have been invited as there is an item on the agenda regarding St Mary's Purton Renewal Project and also update of deanery fabric projects underway, planned or dreamed of.)

Friday 24 February 12:30 - 13:30 & every Friday in Lent Church House Lent Lunch of Soup, Bread Cheese .

All are welcome no charge, but donations gratefully received.

Tuesday 28 February 19:30 Holy Trinity. FOHTCC committee meeting.

Wednesday 1 March 19:00 Church House. Parish Buildings Maintenance Group meeting.

Friday 3 March 10:30 St. Mary's service for World Day of Prayer - a women led, global, ecumenical movement, the theme for 2023 is "I have heard about your faith" based on Ephesians 1: 15-19. More details <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Events in Lent - The Church of England has developed the resource 'Dust and Glory' 'to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life.' This is available as a booklet from church, and also as an app you can download on your phone:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections>. If you would like an informal chat about your readings and any groups you are attending during Lent, why not drop in to the 'Warm Space' in Church House on Fridays (1000-1600) to swap notes over coffee?

Lent prayers please join us during lent for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 8:30, and for Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 17:30, both in St. Mary's Church, from 23 February to 6 April.

Lent groups meet weekly in Lent using materials from the York Course 'On the third day' all are welcome details below:

Tuesday 28 February 19:30 Lent Group meets at the Baptist Church

Thursday 2 March 19:30 Lent Group meets on Zoom - for more details and to be emailed the Zoom link, please contact Steven Colby on stevenc@mardenvale.org.uk.

Wednesday 15th March 19:00 Rise Christian Theatre Group, will stage their new touring production of "Faithful Companions" at Saint Edmund's Church. More Details on <https://www.saintedmundscalne.org.uk/news/rise-theatre-faithful-companions>

Good Friday 7 April - Cherhill church will be carrying a cross up onto the downs leaving the church at 14:00 all are welcome to join this march of witness

We welcome Ann Stiff as our new Parish Administrator and wish her well in her work in Church House.

Church House will now be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30 - 12:30.

Please pray for.

All those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and all those involved in the work of rescue and rehabilitation.

The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict.

The victims of violence and for those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster or famine.

For those helping people and families in poverty.

All in need of God's healing especially those known to this Parish; Cheryl Heaton, Christopher, Connor, Curtis, Debbie Smith, Eddie Elliott, Goff Morris, Jackie Anniss, Jennifer Fenton, John Keller, baby Kallie Davey, Nicola Rigby, Rex Hitchens, Teresa Elliott, Thomas.

All those who mourn the loss of a loved one and especially the family and friends of; Claire Biggs, Patricia Haselton, Roland Manners, John Mowlem, John Ridley, and Don Rose (Teresa's Dad) who have recently died.

We would like to thank all who give financially to support the parish. You can give by; using the collection plate at the back of the church, or by standing order, or a weekly envelope, or through the parish website, or using the card reader in St. Mary's, Please gift aid if you can, it gives that little extra but costs you nothing. To find out more about how to give, please contact our treasurer, grahamspencer1947@outlook.com.