

What's on this week? 19th - 25th February 2024

Monday	10am - 11.30am - Under 1s www.stmarysely.org/under-1s 2.30pm - Monday Club
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9pm - Lent Course
Wednesday	10am - 12.30pm - Open Space
Thursday	9.30am - Holy Communion 10.15am - 11.30am - Thursday Coffee 1.30pm - 3pm - Lent Course
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	8.15am - Holy Communion 9.45am - Intergenerational communion service 11.15am - Contemporary communion service

Prayer Chain

Do you have a prayer request? Need people to pray for you?

Email: prayerchain@stmarysely.org

Your email will be automatically sent to the prayer chain members who will pray for you. Your request will be kept in confidence and will only be shared with those on the prayer chain.

If you don't have email access, please telephone the office with your request and it will be passed to the prayer chain for you.

Want to know more? Get in touch.....we'd love to hear from you

The Church Office

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Sunday 18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

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Welcome to Our Sunday Worship



Our Online sermon is available from 9am Sunday.

Readings: Romans 7: 17 - 25, Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - 30

This week we will be starting our Lent sermon series by looking at how Jesus transforms our destructive behaviour.

the eight15
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Our traditional communion service.

Leader: Jeremy James, Speaker: Phil Marsh

the nine45
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Our intergenerational morning worship service.

Team: Beccy Cox & Ruth New

the eleven15
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Our morning worship service,
including ministry with children over three.

Leader: Phil Marsh, Speaker: Ruth Holmes

Prayer ministry is available after all three services. Look out for our prayer team who will be wearing badges, or grab one of the ministry team.

Join us for Coffee!

Coffee will be served for all three Sunday services.
Chat to friends old and new, welcome new people, catch up!

MARKET DAY
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Thursday 22nd February 9.30am

Join us for a short said Market Day Communion

Join us for Thursday Coffee!

Coffee will be served after Communion
10.15am - 11.30am. All Welcome!

Monday Club 19th February 2.30pm

All welcome to come along for a talk from Ruth Holmes about the value of poetry and memory.

Mothers' Union Open Meetings

MU LENT LUNCHES: Served every Friday during Lent in the Cathedral Centre beginning on 16th February, following the 12.10pm Holy Communion Service which is held in St Catherine's Chapel. Co-ordinated by the Mothers' Union, the proceeds go to the MU charitable project AFIA - "Away From It All" holidays.

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World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 1st March 1.30pm, St. Mary's Church

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement promoting prayerful living and worship and raising awareness of the lives and concerns of others throughout the world. This year's service is prepared by the Christian women of Palestine.

All welcome, refreshments served after the service.

Thanksgiving Service for Wayne Lorden

2.30pm Wednesday 6th March

Wayne was a faithful member of St. Mary's congregation and will be missed by many. All are invited to the Thanksgiving Service, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

LENT COURSE

Tuesdays 7:30-9pm & Thursdays 1:30-3pm / St Mary's Church Rooms.
Refreshments available 20 minutes before the start.

Tuesday 20th / Thursday 22nd February

Jesus transforms our destructive behaviour. Revd Paul Foster will draw on his experience as a prison chaplain to help us think about sin, mercy, justice, and grace.

Tuesday 27th / Thursday 29th February

Jesus transforms our broken relationships: Mike Farrington runs a charity called Concrete Rose who work with 16-25s who are estranged from their families. He will help us to explore radical hospitality in the Bible and in our lives.

Tuesday 5th / Thursday 7th March

Jesus transforms our experience of mental illness. Mark Watson (Youth for Christ) will draw on his own experience of depression and ministry with young people to help us think about mental illness and wellbeing.

Tuesday 12th / Thursday 14th March

Jesus transforms our experience of getting older: Revd Val Kilner will be helping us to think about how we can journey through life's transitions with Jesus.

Tuesday 19th / Thursday 21st March

Jesus transforms our experience of grief and loss: Katy Coutts and Jean Woodman will be drawing on their professional experience and Jean's research into lament in the Bible to help us think more about grief and loss.

All are welcome to attend! Each session will have a different format: they might include a talk, Bible study, and/or a discussion. Some Thursday sessions will be a recording of the Tuesday evening, facilitated by the St Mary's team.

Children's Society Lenten Lunch

Tuesday 5th March 12.30pm, St Mary's Church hall

Jacket potatoes with various fillings, tea or coffee. Tickets £5 from Irene Dewsbury (07743 249600), to raise funds for The Children's Society.



Thank you to everyone who has participated in each of the congregational conversations so far. We will be finishing with all the congregations joining together to learn from one another across the fullness of the church:

Saturday 16th March

Whole Church: 9.30am for coffee for a 10am start, finish by 12pm