

## What's on this week? 25th - 31st March 2024

Monday	10am - 11.30am - Under 1s <a href="http://www.stmarysely.org/under-1s">www.stmarysely.org/under-1s</a> 2pm - 3.30pm - Creative Minds 8pm - Open Prayer in the small meeting room
Tuesday	9.30am - 11am - Under 5s <a href="http://www.stmarysely.org/under-5s">www.stmarysely.org/under-5s</a>
Wednesday	10am - 12.30pm - Open Space 10am - 12 noon - Bereavement Café
Thursday	9.30am - Holy Communion 10.15am - 11.30am - Thursday Coffee 4.15pm - JAM packed <a href="http://www.stmarysely.org/jam-packed">www.stmarysely.org/jam-packed</a> 7pm - Maundy Thursday Meal and Prayer Stations
Friday	10am - Walk of Witness starts from St. Mary's 12pm - 2pm - Good Friday Prayer Stations 2pm - 3pm - Good Friday Hour at the Cross
Saturday	
Sunday	10am - Easter Sunday Combined Service

### Prayer Chain

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

Email: [prayerchain@stmarysely.org](mailto: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

<b>The Church Office</b>	office@stmarysely.org or call 01353 659550 Open weekdays 11am - 3pm.
<b>Priest-in-Charge</b> - Revd. Phil Marsh	phil.marsh@stmarysely.org
<b>Team Curate</b> - Revd. Ruth Holmes	ruth.holmes@stmarysely.org
<b>Operations Co-ordinator</b> - Kirsty Smith	kirsty.smith@stmarysely.org

Sunday 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

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### Welcome to Our Sunday Worship



Our Online sermon is available from 9am Sunday.

**Readings:** Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 19 - 29, Luke 19: 28 - 40

This week we will be journeying through Holy Week, starting with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

Our traditional communion service.

**the eight15**  
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**Leader & Speaker: Phil Marsh**

Our intergenerational communion service.

**the nine45**  
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**Team: Phil Marsh**

Our contemporary communion service

**the eleven15**  
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**Leader & Speaker: Phil Marsh**

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 28th March 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!

## Church Office Easter Opening Hours

The Church office will be open 11am - 3pm Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March and Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April

# Easter

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## at St. Mary's

### Maundy Thursday 28th March

Maundy Thursday reflective meal at 7pm  
(please book via the church office)

followed by Stripping of the Altar and prayer stations

### Good Friday 29th March

Christians Together Walk of Witness  
starting at St. Mary's at 10am.

12 - 2pm Good Friday Prayer stations

Space to come and explore a series of prayer stations,  
with a short, creative, reflective reading  
at 12.30pm and 1.30pm

2 - 3pm An Hour at the Cross

Reflective space at the foot of the cross,  
interspersed with readings and prayers.

### Holy Saturday

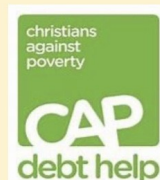
A quiet day. Material provided for reflection at home.

### Easter Sunday 31st March

10am Sunday Easter Celebration

How well do you know your Bible?

We have 50 Bible questions to test your skills.  
Pick up a copy of the quiz from the notices table.  
All proceeds to SME Charities



## APCM and Electoral Roll Revision

The St Mary's and ChristChurch annual parochial church meeting will take place this year on **Sunday 28th April after a combined service at 10am.**

Prior to the APCM, the Electoral Roll will be revised. A copy is on display **until the 31st March.** If you are not on the Electoral Roll but would like to be, please fill in an application form and return it to the office. If you are on the electoral roll, could you inform the office of any corrections, such as change of address.

**New applications and corrections must be received by 31st March** to be included. After the 31st March and until after the APCM, the Roll will be closed for additions. The revised Roll will be on display from 14th April.

Many Thanks, Elizabeth Anderson, Electoral Roll Officer.

## Monday Club is looking for a new Chairperson

Monday Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 2.30pm in the church hall. The club is open to all with a varied programme of speakers offering an opportunity to learn something new. If you are interested in the role, please contact Barry Scott on 01353 661944 or email [cmbas@me.com](mailto:cmbas@me.com)

## Main Points from the PCC Meeting on 18 March 2024

### Team Vicar Adverts and Benefice Profile.

The proposed Team Vicar Adverts and Benefice Profile were circulated to PCC members before the meeting to enable them to review the documents and suggest any amendments. Some amendments/corrections had been received.

The PCC approved the final version of the documents. The PCC also agreed that the adverts should be published on the Diocesan website and Pathways for 5 weeks from 22 March 2024.

### 2. Re-introducing the Common Cup for Communion.

The re-introduction of the Common Cup for Communion had been discussed at the congregational conversations for each congregation and at the combined congregation meeting.

The PCC discussed the views of each congregation as recorded during the meetings. Guidance from the Diocese was only that Communion should be received in 2 kinds, i.e. both bread and wine. The manner of receiving was not determined.

No agreement was reached during the meeting. It was decided that members of the PCC would speak individually to people in their own congregations, with a view to discussing the issue again later in the year.

### 3. Feedback from the congregational conversations.

Feedback had shown that there was a need to listen to each other in order to meet the challenge of future growth. We also needed to learn to adapt and be flexible, mindful not only of the needs of our own congregations but recognising that we all belong to the whole, and each congregation represents a part of our body.

Reverend Phil will write to the congregations about this.

### 4. Finance.

The following items were approved by the PCC:

The Reserves Policy.

The revision to staff pay increases.

The current financial position at the end of February 2024 was encouraging. In particular Regular Giving was climbing towards the higher target.

### 5. Communion Assistants.

The PCC approved the following as communion assistants:

Becky Morley

Erin Coppin

John Dickinson

Mary Richards

### 6. Review of Policies.

The following policies had been reviewed:

SME Photography policy. Further work was required to take account of GDPR guidelines. Consequently it would be reviewed again in May alongside the SME Confidentiality & Data Protection policy.

Safeguarding policy. The PCC approved this policy after review.

The following policies would be reviewed in May.

PCC Code of Conduct. The Standing Committee would lead on this.

Conflict of interest policy (including Declaration of Interests form). Sue Morley and Katy Coutts would action this review.

SME Confidentiality & Data Protection policy and Draft Privacy Notice. The lead on this remained with Reverend Phil and Kirsty.

### 7. Churchwardens' Report.

The PCC was informed that the estimated cost for completing BTP 2 (WC's, office/hall upgrade) was higher than expected at £500k.

The PCC agreed that work should be focussed on the more realistic target of upgrading the WC's and then the office, if possible.

### 8. Appreciation for David Graves' service as a Deputy Verger.

The PCC wished to record its appreciation to David Graves for his service over many years as a Deputy Verger. The PCC Secretary would send a letter of appreciation.