

## What's on this week? 4th - 10th March 2024

Monday	10am - 11.30am - Under 1s <a href="http://www.stmarysely.org/under-1s">www.stmarysely.org/under-1s</a>
Tuesday	9.30am - 11am - Under 5s <a href="http://www.stmarysely.org/under-5s">www.stmarysely.org/under-5s</a> 12.30pm - Children's Society Lenten Lunch 7.30pm - 9pm - Lent Course
Wednesday	10am - 12.30pm - Open Space 2.30pm - Thanksgiving service for Wayne Lorden
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> 1.30pm - 3pm - Lent Course
Friday	2pm - 4pm - An afternoon of music and refreshments
Saturday	
Sunday	8.15am - Holy Communion 9.45am - Intergenerational bible study service 11.15am - Contemporary communion service 6pm - 8pm - Pathfinders

### 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

#### The Church Office

office@stmarysely.org or call 01353 659550  
Open weekdays 11am - 3pm.

#### Priest-in-Charge - Revd. Phil Marsh

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#### Team Curate - Revd. Ruth Holmes

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#### Operations Co-ordinator - Kirsty Smith

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Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

**ST MARY'S**  
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### Welcome to Our Sunday Worship



Our Online sermon is available from 9am Sunday.

**Readings:** Job 19: 21 - 27, John 9: 1 - 11

This week we will be continuing our Lent sermon series by looking at how Jesus transforms our experience of being unwell.

**the eight15**  
ST MARY'S

Our traditional communion service.

**Leader: Rob Henderson & Phil Marsh,**

**Speaker: Erin Coppin**

**the nine45**  
ST MARY'S

Our intergenerational breakfast service.

**Team: Ruth New & Phil Marsh**

**the eleven15**  
ST MARY'S

Our contemporary morning worship service, including ministry with children over three

**Leader: Phil Marsh, Speaker: Erin Coppin**

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**  
ST MARY'S



### Thursday 7th 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!

### 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.

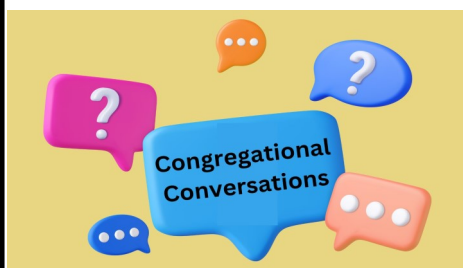
### Thanksgiving Service for Wayne Lorden

**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 Tuesday 7.30pm - 9pm & Thursday 1.30pm - 3pm

This week will be looking at how 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.



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 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### Mothers' Day Flowers

The sharing of posies of daffodils is a traditional part of the St. Mary's Mothers' Day services.

If you can help with making the posies in the church hall at **1pm on Friday 8th March** please email the office that you can come along.

## AFTERNOON CONCERT & REFRESHMENTS

**Tom Kennedy**  
IRISH  
SINGER



**Friday 8th  
March  
2pm - 4pm  
St. Mary's  
Church Ely**



### Donations Only

towards the church  
charities: Ely & District CAP,  
Children's Society, To Kenya  
with Love, Climate Stewards

To help with catering, please let us know you are coming!  
Contact Ann-Marie on 07787 517555 or the church office  
t. 01353 659550, e. [office@stmarysely.org](mailto:office@stmarysely.org)

### 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 PCC Meetings on 22 January and 26 February 2024

## PCC Meeting on 22 January 2024

### 1. Deanery Plan.

The PCC considered the proposal in the Deanery Plan for the 11 parish Benefice with 2 clergy. 3 parishes within the current Ely Team would be transferring to that Benefice. (Little Downham, Stretham and Little Thetford) The PCC approved the proposal and it would now proceed to Deanery Synod.

### 2. Recruitment of Team Vicar.

The recruitment of the Team Vicar was discussed. Ruth Holmes informed the PCC that she would not be applying for the post at the end of her Curacy.

### 3. Funding Agreement for Team Vicar.

The PCC was informed about a meeting with the Archdeacon in which the funding agreement for the Team Vicar was discussed. Due to an historical agreement, St Mary's does not pay the full cost of our 2 clergy posts. Proposals for making the transition for paying in full for the post in a way that was achievable over the next 6 years were discussed. The PCC wanted to ensure that the Team Vicar post would be guaranteed until 2030, and then approved the proposed funding arrangement.

## PCC Meeting on 26 February 2024

### 4. Reintroducing Baptism with Sunday Services.

There was a discussion about reintroducing Baptism within Sunday services. The PCC members agreed in general with the concept of

Baptisms taking place during the Sunday services. However, the frequency and timings of the Baptism services would need to be programmed for the whole year and fit in with the regular sermon series. More work needed to be done.

### 5. Finance.

The PCC approved the following:

The Annual Financial Statement to 31 December 2023.

The addition of Phillip Marsh, Elizabeth Taylor and Poppy Crooks as signatories on the CCLA account.

### 6. ALM Pastoral Training.

The PCC approved Chelle George from ChristChurch to undertake ALM Pastoral Training.

### 7. Policies reviewed.

The PCC approved the following policies/guidelines following their review:

Social Media Policy and Crisis Strategy

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement

SME Pastoral Visiting Guidelines.

### 8. Minutes of previous PCC meetings.

The PCC approved the minutes of the following PCC meetings:

27 November 2023

22 January 2024

### 9. Outstanding Matters to be progressed.

Chair of Charitable Giving required for 2024.

Lay Post Role Description.

Advertisements for Team Vicar.