

What's on this week? 18th - 24th December 2023

Monday	10am - 11.30am - Under 1s www.stmarysely.org/under-1s 12noon - 12.30pm - Praying Through Advent
Tuesday	9.30am - 11am - Under 5s www.stmarysely.org/under-5s
Wednesday	10am - 1.30pm - Christmas Open Space with soup lunch 12noon - 12.30pm - Praying Through Advent 7pm - Blue Christmas Service
Thursday	9.30am - Holy Communion 10.15 - 11.30am - Thursday Coffee, including Knit and Natter
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	Christmas Eve eight15am - traditional communion service 4pm - Crib 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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Open weekdays 11am - 3pm.

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Sunday 17th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to Our Sunday Worship

This Sunday we are continuing our Advent sermon series Holy Moments looking at the groups represented by each advent candle.

Our Online sermon is available from 9am Sunday.

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Our traditional communion service

Leader: Phil Marsh, Speaker: Ruth Holmes

Readings: Psalm 146: 5 - 10, Matthew 11: 2 - 11

Exploring the candle representing John the Baptist who boldly proclaimed the way of the Lord.

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Our intergenerational communion service

Leader: Phil Marsh, Speaker: Ruth New

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Our morning worship service & ministry with children

Leader: Phil Marsh, Speaker: Ruth Holmes

Readings: Revelation 1: 1 - 8, Luke 1: 46b - 55

Exploring the candle representing Mary who had confidence and trust in God's plans and purposes for her.



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Praying through Advent

**Mondays & Wednesdays
at 12 noon
St Mary's Church Ely
4th 'til 20th December**

A twenty minute service following a simple structure
with space both for silence and open prayer.
All are welcome - whether you attend church or not.

Mothers' Union News

THURSDAY PRAYER: 21st December at 10.30am, Ely Cathedral.

"Waiting for Christ": Led by Deirdre Milner, Branch Leader, All Saints Church, St Ives. (also being live-streamed – for details email: MUElyDiocese@hotmail.com) All welcome for this half-hour of prayer and reflection. Followed by coffee in The Almonry.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Mothers' Union in Ely Diocese collect used postage stamps for 2 charities (Moggerhanger Hospice and Marie Curie Cancer Care). Please would you collect your stamps over the Christmas period and bring them along to the next meeting on 10th January, or drop them off at the Church Office. Carefully cut off the stamp from the envelope, leaving a small border around the edge of the stamp, without any damage to it at the edges.

Ely Diocese Growing as a Disciple Course

Discipleship is at the heart of our Christian faith; a way to follow Jesus – a journey to transform us into the people God wants us to be.

During this course we will spend time together learning - by reading the Bible, sharing our faith stories and by praying. We will meet online for 10 weeks, starting **9 January 2024 Tuesday's at 6.45pm- 9pm** via Zoom.

Book Online: https://elydatabase.org/events/mission_ministry

Join us for Christmas

Carol Service
6pm - Sunday 17th December

Tuesday 19th December
9.30am - 11am - Under 5's Christmas

Wednesday 20th December
10am - 1pm - Christmas Open Space
with soup lunch from 12 noon
7pm - Blue Christmas Service

Christmas Eve Services
8.15am - Sunday Morning
Communion
4pm - Crib Service
11.30pm - Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Services
8.15am - Christmas Communion
10am - Christmas Communion

New Year's Eve
10am - Combined Communion Service

Do you enjoy doing quizzes?

We have 3 different quizzes for you



Christmas General Knowledge Quiz
60 Seasonal questions to test what
you know about Christmas
OR
Cryptic Christmas Quiz
60 questions to make you think
Located on the Information Table
near the North Door
Please take a quiz, complete & return it
to the church with your £2 by 7th January
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE ST. MARY'S CHARITIES
For more information please speak to Lindsay Frost or Chris Watson

CAP Credit Help Climate Stewards 40 Years Love

**Quiz for
Christian Aid**

A cryptic quiz on the theme of
'TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT'
50 cryptic questions on things you
could travel on or in around the
world
For more information or to get a quiz
please speak to Brenda Pearce
Please return completed quizzes to
the address shown on the quiz.

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