



EVERY PERSON,
EVERY PLACE,
SATURATED
WITH **GOD**

ST MARY'S
LOUGHTON
NOTHING
IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITH
GOD



WELCOME

As we come together today our prayer is that you will encounter God's presence and love. If you are new, please introduce yourself to us. You are so welcome here.

7 September 2025

If you would like to pray with someone, or have a practical need during this time, please call one of the clergy. Our numbers are on the back page.

Dear St Mary's family

A new term has started!

Well done to everyone at back at school or university; teachers, students and parents. I hope it has been a good summer for you; and for everyone!

As we come back from time away, I want to encourage us to really focus on the Lord in a new way.

A while ago I came across this short guide to belonging to a church, from the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher (served 1945-61). It may look a bit old-fashioned, but there is great truth in what it conveys; much we need to hear!

May I re-echo this call to us with all loving gentleness and also deep commitment. Across St Mary's, let's choose to fully engage and worship and serve together.

A Short Guide to the Duties of Church Membership

issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York
at the request of the Church Assembly.

ALL baptized and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty, we call upon you:

- To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life, and to bear personal witness to Him.
- To be regular in private prayer day by day.
- To read the Bible carefully.
- To come to Church every Sunday.
- To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.
- To give personal service to Church, neighbours, and community.
- To give money for the work of parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.
- To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.
- To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord.

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For the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with much love

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:

Ruth How

Preacher:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

Sermon on the Mount

Readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Matthew 5:1-2

Hymns: 517, 582, 501

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Colin Chastell

Theme:

Sermon on the Mount

Reading:

Matthew 5:1-2

*Prayer time prior to the service
at 10:15am in the Prayer Room*

@5pm

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Word:

Rachel Hodgson

Theme:

Sermon on the Mount

Reading:

Matthew 5:1-2

*Prayer time prior to the service
at 4:45pm in the Prayer Room*



Children and youth are very welcome here at St Mary's and may join in with our Ignite groups as follows:

- **Kindling** (0-4 years)
- **Blaze** (Y3 - Y6)

Sparklers (Reception-School year 2)
Ignite Youth (Y7 - Y13)

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY REFRESH SERVICE 12 NOON - Ruth How leading.

WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - HOPE CENTRAL a community for the 18-30's.

KINGDOM COME - PRAYER MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8-9pm in Hope Hall

2nd & 4th Mondays, 1-2pm in Evans Room

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- Schools restarting this week
- Peace in our Epping Forest Community
- Ruth & Philippe returning to the UK
- Mill Grove (Mission Partner)

BIBLE READING PLAN

*We are reading through
the gospel of Luke,
reading a chapter a day.*

CONNECT CROTCHETERS



Please contact Corinna
corinna.richards@me.com

if you can help with red wool
or joining in making poppies by knitting/
crochet/felt/fabric.

LITTLE LAMBS FUNDRAISER

Little Lambs is fundraising to replace the Forest Garden behind the Church. The target is to raise £1,300. If you would like to donate to this please use this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/littlelambsgarden>

YOUTH ALPHA



Fusion will be doing a Youth Alpha course this Autumn. If you would like to sign up or know more details, please contact Hin on:
hin@stmarysloughton.com

LOUGHTON DAY - 20 SEPT

If you would like to help out with the CTL cafe at Loughton Day on 20 Sept, please sign up on church website or at back of church.

CHINESE ALPHA AT ST MARY'S

We will be running an Alpha course in Mandarin (with subtitles). If you or anyone you know would like to take part, please speak to Annie Payne to sign up.

24/7 PRAYER IN LOUGHTON

As part of a national week of prayer, there will be prayer times at St Michaels Loughton. They are open Friday from 9-3pm and also from 5pm on Friday all through until 5pm on Saturday. Please go along and support this if you can.

8:45AM SERVICE PRAYER TEAM

If you would like to be part of a Prayer Ministry Team for the 8:45am Service, please speak with Malcolm or email him at malcolm@stmarysloughton.com

THE BIBLE COURSE

Use the following link if you would like to know more about or sign up for The Bible Course starting Monday 29 September.

[Bible Course](#)

JOIN THE TOTS TIME TEAM

If you would like to help out at Tots' time, our children and parents/carers fun sessions, here on Monday mornings, please contact hin@stmarysloughton.com

CAFE HOPE HELP

If you have a spare hour on Monday mornings or Tuesdays and would like to be involved with our Cafe Hope, please email lieu@stmarysloughton.com

UNITY PRAYER (CTL)

There will be regular Prayer Meetings for Churches Together in Loughton which will be held at St Michaels Church on Tuesdays over the coming months.

The times and dates of these meetings will be:

9 Sept 2pm; 23 Sept 7:30pm
14 Oct 2pm; 28 Oct 7:30pm
11 Nov 2pm; 25 Nov 7:30pm

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Church Office team: Martin Huff / Amanda Hart
office@stmarysloughton.com Tel: 0208 508 3643

Vicar: Revd Malcolm Macdonald
malcolm@stmarysloughton.com

All staff emails: name@stmarysloughton.com

Pastoral Care: Please contact your Life Group leader in the first instance. If you feel you want to speak to someone, please get in touch.

Malcolm Macdonald	07821011435
Caroline Macdonald	07903 983812
Ruth How p/t	07857 182784

Visit us online: stmarysloughton.com

Safeguarding - for any issues contact
safeguarding@stmarysloughton.com

Please remember that any disclosures that involve a person at risk will be referred to the appropriate agency for help. Please contact our Parish Safeguarding Team as soon as possible:

Hin Cheung (Safeguarding Officer)	07782 550612
Amanda Hart (Deputy)	07780 992325

Counselling - Hope Centre Counselling Loughton
Enquiries: 07858 561334

Email: hellohccloughton@gmail.com

Regular giving to St Mary's

Every gift and tithe really matters. Thank you. It costs over £31K monthly to run St Mary's.

Ways to give to St Mary's:

- Set up a Standing Order.
- Give by card or bank transfer (use the website or the Donation Station in the Welcome Area),
- Yellow Envelope or into the offering on Sundays.
- Don't forget to give with Gift Aid.

Giving Forms are available online. If you wish to give directly with online banking to the St Mary's bank account our details are:

Sort Code: **40-30-25**

Acc No: **00724580**

The best place for information on how to give is on our website stmarysloughton.com.



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St Mary's Values



ENCOUNTERING GOD



LIVING FOR THE KINGDOM



LOVING DEEPLY



SHARING JESUS

We encourage everyone to get connected and involved in some way.

For more information, contact us via
lifegroups@stmarysloughton.com



Essential reading

Set me on Fire,
2015 (£5)

Saturated with God,
2023 (£10)

Available from the
Church Office.

To give any helpful feedback about anything:
helpfulfeedback@stmarysloughton.com

To give encouragements:
encouragements@stmarysloughton.com

Prayer Support

Need urgent prayer? Send a prayer request:
prayer@stmarysloughton.com

Church Bibles are stored on the trolley
at the back of Church if required.



St Mary's Guest: Joyful55
Hope Centre Guest: John3:16



If you are interested in enrolling your child, or for more information please phone Little Lambs on 07769 433023