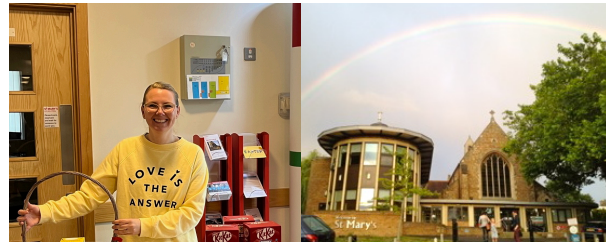




EVERY PERSON,
EVERY PLACE,
SATURATED
WITH **GOD**



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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.

10 August 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

We just got back from the New Wine festival in Somerset. It is an amazing gathering of 12,000 Christians seeking God from across the nation. Caroline and I also went to the Wildfires festival for one day the previous week. Again, there were 6,000 Christians gathering for worship, prayer and ministry. These times over the summer to grow in relationship with God are very important and powerful. We certainly saw God at work in our own family and church family who were there too. We would encourage you to consider coming to a Christian festival next year.

There were many encouragements shared about how God is at work in our nation. Stories of people coming to faith becoming much more common. One young lad shared how he felt promoted at New Wine last year to run an Alpha Youth course in his school (he was in Year 13). He did it and 100 pupils came, with 70 of them giving their lives to Jesus! Just amazing!

God is at work in a slow and quiet revival in this nation. Many people can see how hollow secularism is, and don't want it. There is a wonderful rebirth going on in many people with a deep spiritual hunger. It is up to us to help them hear the good news of Jesus. This is true in schools, work places, our own families and friends. Why not invite someone to come to church or read the Bible with you? We are called to make disciples. Are we all doing that actively? It's time to rise up in sharing the love of Jesus.

Very much love to you all, dear church family,

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

I was blind, now I see

Readings:

Isaiah 1:1-20

John 9:1-41

Hymns: 143, 148, 224

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

I was blind, now I see

Reading:

John 9:1-41

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

@5pm

Leader:

Caroline Macdonald

Bible Character:

Dorcas

Reading:

Acts 9:36-43

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

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During August, children and youth will be included in our Worship for Everyone Services at 10:30 am. On other Sundays through the year we run groups for them 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 - Malcolm Macdonald 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

- Revival in Epping Forest
- Philippe and Ruth's mission in Brazil
- More people to come to know Jesus
- International Justice Mission (IJM)

BIBLE READING PLAN

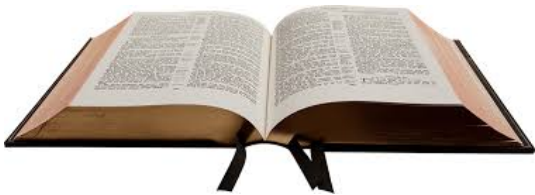
*We are reading through
the book of Deuteronomy,
reading a chapter a day.*

CHURCH SET UP - AUGUST

August is a time of holidaying, rest and recharging our batteries. Our Church Services will continue throughout the month with the Cafe Hope set-up ie. Tables set up in the rear half of the sanctuary.

There will be no Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting but we encourage you to pray at home.

THE BIBLE COURSE



The Word of God is so important for us in our discipleship as followers of Jesus.

We will be running an 8 week course on the bible starting Monday 29 September.

More details will follow nearer the time.

SERVING AT LIGHTHOUSE



We will be holding another Lighthouse party here on 31 October. This is always a hugely enjoyable and fun outreach event for our young people and friends, full of the light of Jesus.

If you are available and would like to serve our young people on the evening, please contact hin@stmaryssloughton.com or speak to him at Church.

WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE

During August at the 10:30am services, each one will be in a shorter, 1 hour Worship for Everyone format. This means the children and youth will be involved in the services along with everyone. They will be more interactive and seek to genuinely be worship for everyone.

Here are the themes for August:

10th - Testimony Sunday

17th - Scripture Sunday

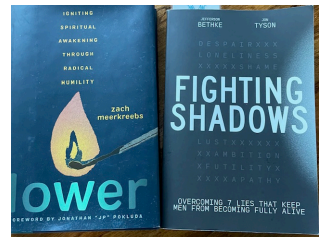
24th - Prayer Sunday

31st - Communion Sunday

Let's be expectant and come ready to encounter God together.

HOLIDAY READING

Here are two books I am currently reading and recommend so far! You might like to get them for holiday reading



'Lower' by Zach Meerkreebs

'Fighting Shadows': Overcoming 7 lies that keep men from becoming fully alive - Jon Tyson & J Bethke

BAPTISM SERVICE 14 SEPT



We are arranging our next baptism Service at 10:30am on 14 September.

This will be a great opportunity to be obedient to Jesus' call and give witness to his love and the gift of salvation.

If you haven't been baptised yet and would like to, please speak with Malcolm.

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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malcolm@stmaryssloughton.com

All staff emails: name@stmaryssloughton.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.

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Caroline Macdonald	07903 983812
Ruth How p/t	07857 182784

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Safeguarding - for any issues contact
safeguarding@stmaryssloughton.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 stmaryssloughton.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@stmaryssloughton.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@stmaryssloughton.com

To give encouragements:
encouragements@stmaryssloughton.com

Prayer Support

Need urgent prayer? Send a prayer request:
prayer@stmaryssloughton.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