

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.

14 December 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 are already well and truly under way with lots of events for this Christmas time. We have seen hundreds come to the Fayre, we have welcomed many people to school services, High Road Carols, and had almost 80 people get a Christmas dinner at Hope Supper. It has been amazing to welcome so many people, and see such an openness to the good news of Jesus.

I really want to encourage us all to now invite people to our Christmas Services. All the information is on the news sheet and you can pick up a postcard at church or use the image from the main email and copy it to your phone to send a social media post, inviting people to come to our Carols with Candlelight service on 21st December at 6pm as well as our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. People are often very responsive to an invitation, especially at Christmas. You may be amazed at who agrees to come. We want to welcome everyone.

Also, this Sunday, we have our usual 8:45am service, followed by Worship for Everyone with all generations coming together. Then from 4-4:50pm we can gather in silence to meditate around the crib, with an advent reflection from 5-6pm We are expectant this advent. This is a time for quiet faithful and hopeful expectation, and focussing on Jesus our infant Saviour and Lord, who went from the cradle to the cross and now wears the crown.

With much love in Jesus,



SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:

Ruth How Preacher: Pat Laker

Theme: Great Joy! Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Luke 2: 1-20

Hymns: 493, 337, 764

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher: Luke Gray Theme:

Great Joy! Reading:

Luke 2: 1-20

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

@5pm

Advent Reflection Service

Service Leader:

Caroline Macdonald

Word:

Brenda Miller

Theme: Great Joy! Reading:

Luke 2: 1-20

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

ignite

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 - There will not be a Service on 17 December.

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

- · Carol Services outreach
- Newcomers settling in at St Mary's
- · People struggling with ill health
- · Myriad (Church planting) Mission Ptr

BIBLE READING PLAN

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



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS 14 DEC

Our 10:30am Service on 14 December will be a Worship for Everyone Service. As in previous years, we encourage you to wear a Christmas Jumper as we make this Service a light-hearted and fun family time together.

NEW DAILY BIBLE READINGS

We are refreshing our daily bible readings section of the News Sheet. Look out from 28 December to see the new format.

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

This is a great time of year to invite friends, family and neighbours to our Christmas Services that are coming up shortly.

We encourage you to pray about who to invite and to step out in faith to ask them to come along.



CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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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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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

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Regular giving to St Mary's

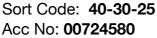
Every gift and tithe really matters. Thank you. It costs over £31K monthly to run St Mary's.

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:



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

St Mary's Values

ENCOUNTERING GOD

LIVING FOR THE KINGDOM.

C 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











