



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



ST MARY'S
LOUGHTON
NOTHING
IS
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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.

28 December 2025 and 4 January 2026

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

This news sheet covers two Sundays; 28 December and 4 January 2026. I hope the week between Christmas and New Year is restful for you. We all need some time to switch off completely. This is like a time of sabbath and rest that I hope will restore your soul after all the activity of Christmas.

It also acts like a reset week, preparing us for a New Year. We take time to reflect on 2025 and look forwards to 2026. The only thing we can really know for sure is that God is faithful to all His promises!

In this news sheet we have two weeks of Bible readings to set you up for daily Bible reading as we start a New Year. We will be offering this throughout 2026 and the readings will align with our Sunday themes, so this will help you read the Bible around the same topic. This is for any of us who don't yet have a Bible reading plan. You can also see on the church website the readings and a tool to help you read and apply the Bible to your life.

The themes for the two Sundays coming are worship and prayer. What better way to end one year and start another. May I also really encourage you to put **13 January at 7:30pm** in your diary for our **church vision night**. This is a very important date for your diary. I want to encourage everyone to come. It makes such a difference when we can come together around a vision. The title is 'New Season.' Let's join in with what He is doing.

Happy New Year to you all,

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

28 DECEMBER THEME: AWAKE MY SOUL

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader: Peter Blake ; **Preacher:** Malcolm Macdonald

Readings: Psalm 57: 8-11 ; Matthew 2: 13-18 **Hymns:** 451, 39, 740

Worship for Everyone 10:30am

Service Leader / Preacher: Malcolm Macdonald

Reading: Psalm 57:8-11

@5PM Service

Service Leader: Malcolm Macdonald ; **Preacher:** Joshua Macdonald

Reading: Psalm 57:8-11

4 JANUARY THEME: STAY AWAKE AND PRAY!

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader: Ruth How ; **Preacher:** David Conlon

Readings: Ephesians 1:3-14 ; Matthew 26:39-44 ; **Hymns:** 708, 755, 746

Worship for Everyone 10:30am

Service Leader: Ruth How ; **Preacher:** Annie Payne

Reading: Matthew 26:39-44

@5PM Service

Service Leader: Sylvia Williams ; **Preacher:** Annie Payne

Reading: Matthew 26:39-44

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY REFRESH SERVICE 12 NOON - Next service on 7 January.

WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - HOPE CENTRAL - next Hope Central on 14 January.

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

- Gospel impact of Christmas Fayre
- People to come to faith this Christmas
- Youth and Chinese Alpha
- Sam & Anna Pollard (New Mission Ptrs)

DAILY BIBLE READING

THEME: WORSHIP

Sun - Psalm 57:8-11

Mon - John 4:1-26

Tues - Romans 12

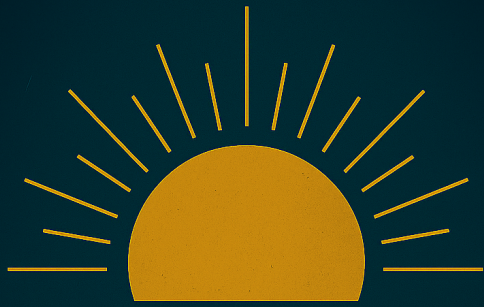
Weds - Isaiah 25

Thurs - Col 3:1-17

Fri - Luke 7:36-50

Sat - Psalm 95

CHURCH VISION NIGHT



NEW SEASON

JOIN IN WITH
WHAT GOD IS DOING

13 JANUARY 7:30PM

BIBLE READINGS

4 JAN

As we are covering 2 weeks in this News Sheet, here are the bible readings for the week beginning 4 January:

DAILY BIBLE READING

THEME: **STAY AWAKE AND PRAY**

Sun - Matthew 26:39-44

Mon - Matthew 6:5-14

Tues - Colossians 1:3-14

Weds - Acts 12

Thurs - Nehemiah 1:1-11

Fri - James 5:13-20

Sat - Psalm 40

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations after the morning Services on 4 January at about 11:45am.

If you can help, please come to the font where we will gather at that time.

WARM CLOTHING RACK



We continue to stock a rack of warm clothing in the Smith Room this winter.

Please feel free to take anything you need from it and also to donate any good quality warm clothing you no longer require.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK



With the exception of our shorter Encounter for Everyone Services, we run the following Children and youth sessions at our 10:30am Services:

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

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

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Ruth How p/t	07857 182784

Visit us online: stmaryssloughton.com

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.



SCAN ME

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