



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.

26 April 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

I would love to underline something that was a focus last Sunday in church. I invite everyone at St Mary's to get into your Bible in a fresh, deeper and new way. Get into God's Word! His Word works! The Bible is relevant for today and it is so important that we don't neglect hearing, reading, studying, memorising and meditating on it! This is the foundation of hearing God speak to you; getting into the Bible. All scripture is God-inspired. It is useful for training us in righteousness in these turbulent times.

One amazing way you can do that is by following our **church daily Bible reading plan**. We suggest a reading for every day of the week. See page 2 of this news sheet. It is right there every week and online too. The readings are selected to compliment the Sunday preaching text, to help you follow up on meditating on that theme. So, you can start there. Let's all commit to being followers of Jesus who love reading and practising His Word.

This Sunday we also have a real blessing. Revd Dr Sam Pollard is speaking at the 10:30am and 5pm services. Sam was with us as Curate and then Associate Vicar from 2011-2018. His ministry here brought such blessing to many and he and Anna and their children (Leo and Cora) are with us this Sunday. Sam will be preaching and we are looking forward to it. They are currently serving the Lord, leading a church in the Barking Riverside area.

This comes with all my love in Jesus,

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:

Ruth How

Preacher:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

Depending on God

Readings:

Proverbs 3:5-6

John 10:1-10

Hymns: 560, 755, 404

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Sam Pollard

Theme:

Dying to know

Reading:

Genesis 2:4-25

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

@5pm

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Sam Pollard

Theme:

Dying to know

Reading:

Genesis 2:4-25

*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 - Ruth How leading.

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

KINGDOM COME - PRAYER MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8pm in Hope Hall

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

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- God to move in these times of turmoil
- Church family experiencing tough times
- Open Doors (Mission Partner)
- For our Church Council (PCC)

DAILY BIBLE READING

THEME:

Sun - Genesis 2: 4-25

Mon - John 6: 60-71

Tues - 1 Samuel 17

Weds - Mark 5: 25-34

Thurs - Jeremiah 17

Fri - Proverbs 3

Sat - Psalm 121

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Our annual Church Meeting (APCM) will be taking place in the main Church on Tuesday 5 May 7:45pm for 8pm start.

This is an important time where the members vote on some important issues including adding new members to our board of Trustees (PCC). All are welcome.

INVITE TO HOPE SUPPER

The next Hope Supper is on 14 May at 5pm in Hope Hall. Anyone is welcome to come along. Look out for the sign up sheet which will come out at the end of the month. Booking essential.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We will be providing Foundations Safeguarding training at St Marys on 29 April from 12:15pm to 1:45pm.

If you would like to join this session, please email hin@stmarysloughton.com

SHARING PROJECT REVIVED

We will be reviving the Sharing Project soon. This is where items no longer required can be passed on to others or simply shared.

If you would like to be added to it, please email your facebook profile to: ruth@stmarysloughton.com .

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED?

We are planning to hold more baptisms on Sunday 12 July.

If you feel the Lord may be prompting you to take this important step of faith and obedience, please speak with Malcolm or Ruth.

SPRING CONFERENCE 13 MAY

Encountering
God 

Contending for Awakening

Speaker: **Pete Hughes**

Lead Pastor, *KXC (Kings Cross Church)*

Evening conference at St Mary's Loughton

Wednesday 13 May 2026, 7:30 - 10pm



SCAN ME

Worship
led by
St Mary's
Worship Team

Tickets are free but please register

To Register sign up online:

stmarysloughton.com/petehughes

020 8508 3643

201 High Road | Loughton | IG10 1BB

ST MARY'S
LOUGHTON

We expect this to be very popular. If you would like to attend, please visit our website or click here: [Spring Conference](#)

FOODBANK TRUSTEES NEEDED



Epping Forest Foodbank is looking for 3 new Trustees to join the team: Fundraising & Grants Lead, Finance Trustee, Marketing Trustee.

If you are interested in this, you can find more information at:

<https://eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk/2026/04/09/trustee-recruitment/>

Over the last financial year they reported:

- 2,485 vouchers issued to households
- 4,071 adults supported
- 3,505 children supported

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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

Vicar: Revd Malcolm Macdonald
malcolm@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 some £33,000 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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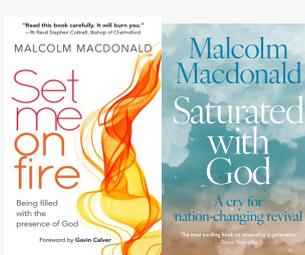
St Mary's Values

-  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

LIFE GROUPS



Essential reading

Set me on Fire,
2015 (£5)

Saturated with God,
2023 (£10)

Available from the Church Office.

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