





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.

12 October 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

I wonder what the Lord is speaking to you about in this season of studying the Sermon on the Mount? Following Jesus is radically different from the ways of the world around us. May we be humble and hungry disciples, who prioritise the teachings of Jesus over those of the world. May we follow His ways and encounter His love and grace. I really want to encourage everyone to watch any teaching you have missed on our YouTube channel. Just search for stmarysloughton on YouTube and subscribe. Thanks.

This weekend is our Harvest celebration. If you are able, please come ready to give your harvest food donations this Sunday. We bring them up to the front during the first song in each service, as a sign of thanksgiving, worship and gratitude. The Lord is our Creator and Provider. As we celebrate Harvest we remember to give thanks for our food, to care for our planet and to help those in need around us.

This Sunday at our 10:30am Service, Amy Porridge from Epping Forest Foodbank will be sharing an update with us of all that is happening. We were one of the founding churches when Foodbank started back in 2013. Every week since then, we have been a hub on Wednesdays for Epping Forest Foodbank. It is so important to serve people in the local community, especially those who are struggling to have enough to eat. Let the love of Jesus flow from us each and every week.

Much love to you in Jesus name,



Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:

Ruth How

Preacher:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

Christian Generosity &

Priorities

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Matthew 6:1-4

Hymns: 449, 660, 396

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Susan Brown

Preacher:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

Christian Generosity &

Priorities

Reading:

Matthew 6:1-4

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

@5pm

Service Leader:

Sylvia Williams

Word:

Malcolm Macdonald

Theme:

Christian Generosity &

Priorities

Reading:

Matthew 6:1-4

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 - Brenda Miller 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

- Cafe Hope: more team and ministry
- God's love and peace over Loughton
- More people to come to faith
- · Foodbank (Mission Partner)

BIBLE READING PLAN

We are reading through the book of Ezekiel, reading a chapter a day. Please pray for Ruth Ejvet and family as her granddaughter Amelia is baptised here at 2:30pm this afternoon.

HARVEST CELEBRATION 12 OCT

foodbank

It is our Harvest celebration today.

Please bring your gifts for Foodbank along on that Sunday. Ideas for what to bring can be found on the following link:

https://eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Our Church warden Louise will be leading our Christmas Choir this year. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays - 21 Oct, 11 & 25 Nov, 9 & 16 Dec. The Carols with candlelight Service will be on Sunday 21 Dec.

If you would like to take part, please email Louise on:

louiethefly45@hotmail.com

LIGHTHOUSE PARTY 31 OCT



We are planning a Lighthouse Party again this year for our young people on 31 October from 5pm-6:30pm.

You can sign up your young person for this event at:

Lighthouse Party

If you are able to help during the event or in setting up or clearing away, please email hin@stmarysloughto.com.

Thank you.

Ruth and Philippe invite everyone to an evening where they will share about their mission to the Amazon Basin during August - September this year.

This will take place in Hope Hall at 7:30pm on 24 October.

DEMENTIA TRAINING 17 OCT

We will be hosting a session for information and training about dementia in Hope Hall on Friday 17 October at 1pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the back of Church.

CAFE HOPE



We currently need some more volunteers in our Cafe Hope on Mondays and Tuesdays.

If you are available for an hour or two and would like to be involved, this is a wonderful way of serving, getting to know people and sharing the good news of Jesus.

Email <u>lieu@stmarysloughton.com</u> if you would like to help.

NEWCOMERS GATHER 16 NOV

Our next gathering for anyone new to St Mary's in the last few months, will be on Sunday 16 November at 12:15pm in the Smith Room.

UNITY PRAYER - CTL

St Michaels are holding regular Prayer Meetings for Churches Together in Loughton on the following Tuesdays:

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

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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.

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 Caroline Macdonald
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 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: <u>hellohccloughton@gmail.com</u>

Regular giving to St Mary's

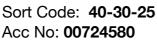
Every gift and tithe really matters. Thank you. It costs over £31K monthly to run St Mary's.

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.



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@stmasrysloughton.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











