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Sharing monthly stories of God at work among us.



REMEMBERING VE DAY

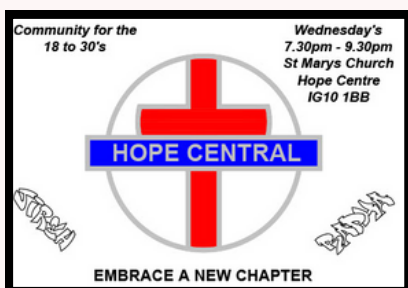
8 May 2025 was the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We had various events to mark this occasion. The crochet group that meet during Connect, made poppies for the cross and also to cover the font. Cafe Hope had a week of bunting up and special cakes to mark the occasion. At Hope Supper on the 8th many wore red, white and blue in various forms and on the menu

was Homity pie a war time classic made with vegetables that were grown in people's gardens and allotments. The 2025 version was delicious along with homemade sponges for dessert and trifle. The grandson of someone who comes regularly to Hope Supper came and played some songs and also read out a poem. Everyone joined in with some wartime songs at the end.



Matt White

We said farewell to Matt, Sarah, Elliot, Ava and Nate this month as they move to Chichester to start Matt's ministry there. It has been wonderful to have them here during Matt's curacy and we have been so blessed by Matt's ministry here at St Mary's.



Hope Central the community for 18-30's that is headed up by Mandy and Colin Chastell had a visit from The Send - who are gathering, training and mobilising young people into the Great Commission. If you want to know more about Hope Central please contact hopecentral@stmaryssloughton.com (Mandy & Colin) for more info on The Send <https://www.thesend.uk/>



Connect

Connect takes place every Monday from 3:15-5:30pm. Around 70 people of all ages come and chat, play games, crochet and knit, have table tennis matches and much more. This is mainly people from the community coming in and and we're making connections and having a lot of fun!

