

Parish of
Harpenden



St Mary's Monthly Missive September 2019



St.Mary's Patronal Festival – Sunday 8th September

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Notices

SAS Youth Group – Sunday 8th & 22nd September @ All Saints, 5-7pm.

September 8th will be a chill out session with games, and food in the hall at All Saints. September 22nd programme to be confirmed. SAS is for youngsters in school years 6–9. Contact Sally Goodson (associate.vicar@st.marys.parishofharpenden.org).

A Little Lunch – Monday 9th September

If you would like to get involved, we are looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Maureen Lamburn.

Tuesday Afternoon Group - September 24th (note now 4th Tuesday of the month)

PCSO Alex will come and talk about the latest fraud and scam problems. If you are interested in coming along please speak to Carolyn McNicoll for more information.

Bike ‘n’ Hike ‘n’ Drive - Saturday 14th September.

Time to get out the **bike, walking shoes and sat nav** for this annual sponsored fund raising event on behalf of the Beds & Herts historic churches trust. Half of all money raised comes back to St Mary's. Car drivers are also welcome to take part. Visit far away and interesting churches from a different area. **Help also needed to welcome visitors to our church from 9am – 5pm.** Sponsor forms and information available from **Olive Hayward** or in church.

Magic Voices Concert – Saturday 14th September 7.30pm @ St.Nics.

Proceeds in aid of Ataxia-Telangiectasia or A-T (a rare and complex genetic disorder). Songs from Musicals and well known pop songs, suitable for all ages.

Simply Worship - Sunday 15th September 4.30pm

The first Simply Worship Service of the new term. This service is particularly suitable for families and involves crafts as part of the worship. Theme: Stories of Healing.

X-Site – Saturday 28th September at High Street Methodist Church

The first X-site Children's Event of the new term, for children in school years 3-6. PLEASE NOTE: Every child will need a new form completed regardless if they have attended in a previous academic year. Please download the form via the website harpendenxsite.org.uk and email to harpendenxsite@gmail.com to let them know you want to attend, and don't forget your £1!

Classes to prepare children to receive Communion

start on Sept 29th at St.Nicholas Church Hall. These are for children who will be over 7 years old before 1st September. If you have not received an invitation and your child would like to attend contact the Parish Office for details and an application form. Please speak to Sally if you would like more information. All application forms must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Fri 13th September.**

St Mary's 150th Anniversary - Sunday 29th September - 2.30-4.30

Songs of Praise and Cream Tea, we will be joined by Wood End School choir. If you are able to help with any of the following please contact as below:

- Welcoming our visitors on arrival (Sally)
- Teas, baking or serving (Jill Horn or Jenny Evans)
- Display material – photos, anecdotes, memorabilia from the past etc (Jenny Clark)
- Contact details for previous members of the congregation who have moved away (Sally)

St. Mary's Christmas Choir will be singing at the Carol service at 6.00pm on Sunday 22nd December. The practices will be on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the church. Dates are: 6th, 13th, 20th 27th November, 4th 11th 18th December, 4.45pm on 22nd December. If you would like to join please contact Jenny Goulding. New members are very welcome - reading music is not essential (practice CD provided)

Updating the Banners

Now that the times of the services have settled into their new routine the publicity committee have decided to update the banners. The cost per banner is £15 and there are 12 that need replacing. If you'd like to make a donation towards the cost of replacing these please speak to Ro, Maureen or Lindsey. Thank you.

Bible Study Group

The bible study group meets once a month on a Friday afternoon and we would welcome new members. We take the BRF New Daylight materials which gives you a short daily reading and some reflective guidance. If you would like to take the reading materials and then join our monthly discussions, please ask Cathy Goodbun or Jenny Clark who can give you more information.

Christian Aid Cake Stall: Saturday 21st September

The Harpenden Christian Aid committee will be running Wesley's coffee shop, including a cake stall to raise extra funds. Offers of large or small cakes welcomed, either on the day for beforehand. Cakes need to be wrapped for sale from a stall in the street please. (Jenny Clark) Do come and have coffee and buy cakes too!

A Message from Penny Ayres:

Penny would like to thank all at St Marys who kindly sent condolence messages, cards and letters to her on the death of her beloved husband Brian.

In Case You Didn't Know.....

Sally and Jenny meet together each week to pray for church and world concerns.

Do join us at Morning Prayer – **Tuesdays 9.15-9.40 a.m.**

Tuesday morning Holy Communion, a short quiet service at **10am on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month**, with coffee afterwards.

This Month Please Pray For....

- Anyone starting at a new school, university or a new job, that they settle in well and enjoy their new challenge.
- St Marys as we celebrate 150 years of worship in our church, remembering old friends no longer with us, and praying for our outreach to our local community.
- Little Lunch and Tuesday Afternoon Group, giving thanks for those who run these groups and praying for all who come, that they may enjoy the fellowship offered.

Future Dates

Harvest Supper – Saturday 5th October. We are looking for ideas for the entertainment and volunteers to run it too. If you have an idea doesn't mean you will have to run it!

Harvest Festival – Sunday 6th October

Services in September

Sunday 1st September – 11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Worship – Hilary Pask

11.00am Said Holy Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson

**Tuesday 3rd September 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):
Rev'd Sally Goodson, followed by coffee**

Sunday 8th September – 12th Sunday after Trinity (Patronal Festival)

9.30am Family Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson

Sunday 15th September – 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Communion – Revd James Hadley

4.30 pm Simply Worship – Jenny Goulding & Nina Featherstone

**Tuesday 17th September 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):
Jenny Goulding by Extension, followed by coffee**

Sunday 22nd September – 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson

Sunday 29th September – St. Michael & All Angels

9.30am Family Communion & Baptism – Rev'd Sally Goodson

2.30-4.30 150th Anniversary Songs of Praise and Cream Tea

**Tuesday 1st October 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):
Revd Sally Goodson, followed by coffee**

Sunday 6th October – Harvest

9.30am Family Worship – Rev'd Sally Goodson

11.00am Said Holy Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson (preside and preach)

**Please send submissions for October's Missive by September 20th to
marriott.ro@gmail.com or speak to Ro Marriott/ Sally Goodson**