Welcome to St Mary’s Church.

“What if Jesus comes that day expressly to spill into that void his fresh and living water,..

Filling the waiting jar of the empty heart with Love’s own Presence.”

‘For The Jar of the Empty Heart ‘ by Andrew King copyright 2019

**TODAY**

**Sunday 19th December eWorship on Zoom** is hosted by the **Rev Julie Norris 6.30pm.**

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5280143141?pwd=TndUaGkwRjRrZFE5LzhoQmJGbFAzdz09>
**Meeting ID: 528 014 3141 Passcode: SundayEve**

**FUTURE SERVICES**

**Sunday 26th January Third Sunday of Epiphany**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Parish Communion

18.30 Zoom eWorship

**Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Parish Communion and Baptism of Henry Griffiths

18.30 Zoom eWorship

**NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

We have moved the Family and Parish Communion to the Second Sunday of the Month. We would like to encourage children and young people to be involved in the service by reading, saying prayers, carrying the candles. If you would like to do something please email Rev Chris Shore revchrisshore@outlook.com or Gillian Pett gillian.pett29@gmail.com

We are starting a new Venture which we are calling, **‘Quiet Time’ .** This is a space to draw breath and to be. It is a time to pray for the church, your life, the world. We are going to be introducing a time of quiet reflection and meditation using tools offered by Julian of Norwich, Centering Prayer, Ignatius of Lyola. People who practice meditative prayer with others often tell me that. ‘this is the best bit of my week’. You do not need to have done this before, or you may have experience to share with others. You will be welcome. This will begin in The Vicarage until the warmer weather and then move to Church. The first session will take place on **26 February at 7pm at The Vicarage.**

There are a number of building projects beginning soon. The Sacristy Roof which has been leaking for a long time is now going to be repaired. There is a site meeting for this on 31 January. The final stage of the organ restoration is also going to take place as soon as possible. This does mean that builders will be in our church over the coming months. Please take particular care when coming into church during the week.

**The Pilgrim Group** meets on **Monday 20 January** at the home of **David and Norma Coggins at 2pm**. Last week Rev Chris developed further the theme of Epiphany. On Monday we are starting the new series called ‘Connect’! which looks at 6 contemporary issues which present us with challenges, the titles are Home, Work, Waste, Food, Neighbour, Nature. We are meeting at the home of David and Norma Coggins. There is room for a few more people if you would like to join us. Contact Rev Julie Norris, revjulienorris@gmail.com for more information.

**‘Friends’ Evening Meal at The Forum Chinese Restaurant, Great Shelford.**On **Wednesday 22nd January** at **7.00 pm**we’re meeting up at The Forum to relax and enjoy an evening together!  It’s also a chance to support our ‘Friends’ fund-raising efforts. Tickets are £25, available until 20th January, from Trevor Ward (843146) or Bob Doel (843946). The ticket covers the meal - a selection of popular Chinese dishes from the restaurant menu. Drinks can be purchased separately on the night and donations will also be invited to support the ‘Friends’ Organ Restoration Fund. Come and join us!

**The St Mary’s Lectures** will start up again on **23 January in the Community Room at 7pm for a 7.15pm start.** Rev Chris Shore will be talking about **‘**Colossus at Bletchley Park’.

**ADDITIONAL INFROMATION**

**Sunday refreshments*.*** Your support over the year has enabled us to donate £417 to MACS.  You may have wondered what happens to the cash you drop in the ‘glass bowl’ each Sunday.  With thanks to the generosity of the ‘Coffee team’ we have few expenses so the collection builds up as the weeks move on..  Years back the PCC agreed that half should be retained for Church expenses and the remainder be donated to MACS (Malawi Association for Christian Support). **Why MACS?** *-*In memory of Margaret Bliss, a former Church Warden and PCC member. In the late 1980s Margaret worked on a VSO project in Malawi and saw first hand the work of MACS.  On her return she suggested we may be able to give a little support to MACS through donating some of our coffee takings. So If you would like to join today’s team, please let us know.

If you think that there is information that should be in this Newsletter, please send it to **Church Administrator** by **2pm on Tuesdays.** Ms Julie Hughes administrator@stmarysgreatshelford.org Julie Hughes can be contacted by phone on Wednesday 9am -12am. Mobile 07731 615407

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