

# Life News @ St Mary's

## NOVEMBER 2023

Verse for 2023    2 Corinthians 13:11

“Finally, beloved friends, be cheerful! Repair whatever is broken among you, as your hearts are being knit together in perfect unity. Live continually in peace, and God, the source of love and peace, will mingle with you.”

# Christmas FAYRE

Sat 18th November 10am - 2pm



CRAFTS, GIFTS & CARDS  
HOT FOOD · LETTER TO SANTA  
FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS  
HOMEMADE CAKES & PRODUCE  
CHILDREN'S GAMES

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## Welcome from the Vicar

How well do you remember important occasions in your life? What are some of the special memories you hold? November is a particular time in the year when we, as God's church, spend time remembering.

At the annual Service of Memories we remember and give thanks to God for those who have helped shape our lives over the years and contributed to making us the people we are today. Give thanks for them because without them, you wouldn't be the person you are!

In a similar way, the Remembrance Sunday services are an opportunity for us to remember that we live in a world where people continue to give their lives to combat regimes that would seek to oppress our freedom.

Shortly we enter the season of Advent - a time when we remember that Jesus who came as a baby to live, grow and die for each of us, will one day return in all his heavenly splendour to banish sin, evil and death forever! Are you looking forward to this day? Are you ready for Jesus's return?

With every blessing - Tim

### Warm Clothing Collection

There will be a basket in the South porch for you to make a donation of warm clothing to help those in our community for whom winter will be a particularly difficult time.

The clothes will be taken to Three Pillars who will distribute them as needed.

### **PRAY for ALPHA**

**Please pray for the Alpha Course as it gets under way on 7th November. Also continue to pray for the Youth Alpha which is already happening on Sunday mornings. Please pray for the leaders and all those taking part that God may touch their lives.**

### A Thank you from the Foodbank

'Thank you to the people of St Mary's for donating 20.42kg at your Harvest Festival services.' Did you know that during July, August and September 110 people received food from the distribution centre here? THANK YOU!!

The Foodbank is still short of longlife milk, jam, fruit juice and custard.

Please drop any donations into the box in church.

## WAVE Art and Faith Café

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**

People with learning disabilities and friends coming together. Join us for an art activity, make friends, eat cake and stay on for a faith based reflection if you would like to.



At [Berkley St Methodist Church](#), 10 Berkley St, St Neots, PE19 2NB.

Contact [wavestneots.aol.com](mailto:wavestneots.aol.com) for more information.

## Wednesday Welcome.

Resuming our Wednesday 3pm Meet ups in the church hall after the summer break has been very welcome indeed.

Before the break we had many enjoyable afternoons being

entertained by local 'talent'. Karen McKenzie, our resident poet and church secretary. Jane Gill's (Tim's P.A.) hand bell ringers, Caroline Muzolf and the

Evergreen choir, the St Neots U3A ukulele band and our own Brenda Hand and Wendy Stott's excellent quizzes. All providing great entertainment.

Money donated to the club has provided for our annual lunch and afternoon tea at The Stables-Bolnhurst, which never fails to please and we need to thank Jill Uings for organising all the catering. A warm and very enjoyable afternoon.

A visit was made to The Raptor Foundation, near St Ives and we were treated to a flying display by a variety of birds of prey, followed by an afternoon tea

We have some new entertainment coming up including keep fit with our own Leah Falzarano, a cream tea at Roxton Garden Centre and a Christmas lunch at the Barley Mow.

Everyone is welcome for a cup of tea and a piece of cake at 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon in the church hall. Mike: 07899856636



The Churches of St Neots have again been invited to perform at the Christmas Lights Switch On in the Market Square on November 26th. We will be performing for 30 minutes from 1pm. If you would like to join the choir there will be two rehearsals. These will be at Berkley St Methodist Church on **Tuesday 14th & 21st**

**November at 7.30pm.** For further information, please contact:

**Kathie Pugh on 07483 242393 or email [lighthouseballet@gmail.com](mailto:lighthouseballet@gmail.com).**



Remember to pick up a **shoe box** for the Samaritans Purse appeal which needs to be **filled & returned by 12th November.**

Latest newsletters from Mano Emmanuel and Allen & Litsa McClymont are on the World Mission Notice Board so do have a read and support them in your prayers.



# Calendar for November 2023

## MONDAY

6th - Creation Care working party - 9.30am

16th - M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am

Youth Café (For Years 7-11) - 3.30pm



## TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am

Alpha Course - 7pm



## WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm

## THURSDAY

Prayer meeting - 9am

30th - Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon

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## FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

Fusion - 7.30pm



## SATURDAY

11th - Soulbox Gig - 7pm

18th - Christmas Fayre - 10am-2pm

## SUNDAY

5th - Service of Memories - 6pm

19th - HIVE - 2pm



## ADVANCE NOTICES FOR DECEMBER

2nd December - The Stables Christmas Sale - 10am-2pm

2nd December - Christmas Decoration Day - 9am-1pm

Sign up sheet in church - Refreshments will be served

7th December - Church Christmas Lunch - 12.30pm