

Life News @ St Mary's

October 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.”



Light Night Family Event

- An alternative to Halloween -

Sunday 29th October 2023 – 5pm till 7pm at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

FAMILY FUN

CRAFTS & GAMES

FACE GLITTER DESIGNS & GLITTER TATTOOS

SENSORY AREA

HOT FOOD

NIGHT WALK WITH LANTERNS

Everything included
in ticket price

Important Information

- Tickets are £5 per child and £2.50 per adult. Under 2's free. This includes all activities and food.
- Everyone welcome – this is a family event so bring the whole family. Grown ups are responsible for their children at all times.
- Sensory area, visual timetable / choosing board available for those with additional needs.
- Children are welcome to dress up – non scary costumes only please (theme: light / bright / rainbow etc)

TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY FROM:

www.eatonsocon.org/whats-on/children

For additional info email: cfcw@eatonsocon.org

A Word for October

Do you know who to approach if you need some extra help? We are truly blessed here at St. Mary's. In addition to **Tim** as our **Vicar**, we have three **retired clergy**, namely **David Miller, Ray Porter and George Cobb**. Furthermore, the PCC have recently authorised three individuals as **Elders (James 5:14)**, namely **Christine Harris, Edward Jarvis and Ali Wood** and the PCC hope to add a couple more in due course.

Then we also have our excellent **Pastoral Care Team**, co-ordinated by **Roger Peppiatt**, who can provide some practical support when needed, as well as providing **Home Communion** services for those unable to get to church services. Then if you are a member of one of our **Life Groups**, you can also approach your **Life Group leader** for support as well. So, there is no need to struggle alone. Please don't hesitate, therefore, to approach any of the aforementioned when the need arises.

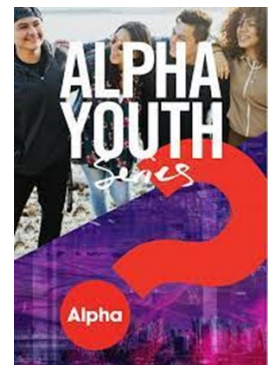
Rev. George Cobb

YOUTH UPDATE

September saw the opening up of the Youth Cafe again with an encouraging first week attendance of 19. It was lovely to see familiar faces return and to see everyone happy and enjoying themselves. After a successful New Day Service on 10th September we launched an Alpha Youth Course on 17th September to run every Sunday morning until December.

A good brunch is eaten followed by the course. Ten youngsters attend and we have some very interesting and intelligent questions.

Please continue to pray for all the youth that attend our church activities.



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The shoeboxes will soon be in church and need to be filled and returned by 12th November

October Hints and Tips from the Creation Care Team

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year.

Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants.

Put up a nest box well in advance of the next breeding season. A nest box could provide a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.



Churches Together is holding it's Annual Meeting at

**CHURCHES
TOGETHER**
in St Neots

7.30pm October 12th at Berkley Street
Methodist Church in Eynesbury.

You are very welcome to attend.

A new Chairperson is needed so please pray that someone will step forward to take on this very important role.

ALPHA COURSE starts on
Tuesday 7th November at 7pm.



Each evening will start at 7pm with dinner.
(donations towards the cost of food would be very welcome)
Followed by a DVD based talk and questions.
Finishing by 9.30pm

Contact Rev'd George Cobb for more details
Email: george.cobb@cobbweb.co.uk
Or pick up a leaflet from the display in the porch.

Calendar for October 2023

MONDAY

- 10am - Café on the Green (not 23rd)
- 2nd - Creation Care working party - 9.30am
- 16th - M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am
- Youth Café (For Years 7-11) - 3.30pm (not 23rd)



TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer - 9am
- Craft Group - 10am

WEDNESDAY

- Holy Communion - 9am
- Little Stars - 10am (not 25th)
- Wednesday Welcome - 3pm
- Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm



THURSDAY

- 26th - Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon



FRIDAY

- Food bank 10am - 12noon
- Fusion 7.30pm (not 27th)

SUNDAY

- 1st - Wildlife Walk and fat ball making - 3pm
- 15th - HIVE - 2pm
- 22nd - Sharing Life Through Learning - 6pm
- 29th - Light Night Family Event - 5pm



ADVANCE NOTICES

- 5th November 6pm - Service of Memories
- 11th November - Soulbox Gig with YfC
- 18th November 10am - Christmas Fayre

