

Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter February 2024

Verse for 2023/2024 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.”

3:16 Service

1st Sunday of the month

at St Mary's Eaton Socon (church hall)

3:16pm start (refreshments from 3pm)

A service for all ages, open to everyone using interactive worship and fun activities to help us learn more about God and grow together.

- ✓ Makaton for songs (as much as possible)
- ✓ Interactive Media
- ✓ Visual timetables & fidgets available
- ✓ Activities to help everyone engage with the service.

Come as you are, whether you've been a Christian for years or are just searching for something, young, old, everyone in between, all are welcome to join us.

For more information contact Liz Faulkner on cfcw@eatonsocon.org



St Mary's Eaton Socon
THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Dates: 04/02, 03/03, 07/04, 05/05, 02/06, 07/07

John 3 v 16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 24th 9am - 12noon

Refreshments will be served

Please come and help.



Many hands make light work!!!

A Word from the Vicar

What is your favourite fruit? Two of my favourite are Zespri and Boysenberries, though I don't get the latter in the UK! In the Bible, Galatians 5: 22-23 teaches us about nine Fruit of the Spirit that we as Christians are called to grow in our lives. They are *love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*.

As we approach the start of Lent on 14th February, why not ask the Lord to help you grow in these? To help, you're invited to a simple soup and roll lunch in the church hall on Tuesday 13th February at 12noon (please sign up in the church or through the office).

You may also wish to join us at the monthly Thursday lunch club, where we are looking at each of the Fruit of the Spirit in turn (next lunch is on Thursday 29th February).

Wherever you are and in whatever you're doing, may God's Fruit grow in your life for the world to see.

With every blessing - Tim



How can we support the Ministry at St Mary's?

The best way is by
using the
Parish Giving Scheme
Alternatively, Gift Aid
envelopes are available
in church.

For more details please
contact our Treasurer,
Roy Notley on
01234 589308 or
finance@eatonsocon.org

Rocha Uk's Easy Eco Tip for February

Go Green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's wellbeing and enhance others' lives through sustainable, eco-friendly living?

Explore some of these changes at
arochoa.org.uk/go-green-for-lent



WAVE Art and Faith Café is starting to become quite established, with a good sized group of people with learning disabilities and friends meeting bi-monthly for a chilled, gentle time.

There is a different art activity each time, brilliant cakes from SWITCH NOW and a faith based reflection. We are learning as we go and experimenting with music and Makaton and we are delighted to see friendships forming and people with learning disabilities starting to take a part.

We meet at Berkley Street Methodist Church in Eynesbury and our next meeting is in **March**. If you have a learning disability, or a friend or family member who has please come along. Entry is free. Also please pray

Thank you

Sue Baker-Maher

(To book a place/places please contact Sue on wavestneots@aol.com)



Mina, Serena and Alfie are to be baptised by full immersion on Sunday 11th during the 10.30am service. Please pray for them and be there to support them if you can.

Shrove Tuesday Lunch

Join us in the church hall at 12 noon on Tuesday 13th for a simple soup and roll lunch followed by a time of prayer in preparation for Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm

Please join us in church.

Calendar for FEBRUARY



MONDAY

Café on the Green - 10am (NOT 19th)

5th - Creation Care Working Party - 9.30am

19th - M (Maintenance) Team - 9.30am

Youth Café - 3.30pm (For children in Years 7-11) (NOT 19th)

TUESDAY

Morning Prayer - 9am

Craft Group - 10am

6th & 13th - Alpha - 7pm



WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion - 9am

Little Stars - 10am (NOT 21st)

Wednesday Welcome - 3pm (NOT 21st)

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.30pm



THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9am

Thursday Lunch Club - 12noon (29th)



FRIDAY

Food bank 10am - 12noon

Fusion 7.30pm (NOT 23rd)

SUNDAY

4th - 3:16 Service - 3pm

18th - HIVE - 2pm

25th - Sharing Life Through Learning - 6pm



PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Please contact us if you need help or support:

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Calls listened to within 24 hours

