Coming up this week...

Sunday 29th November

Services at Beacon, St. Mary's, Ferndown

8.30 am – Rise Service
with guest speaker, Archdeacon Penny

Refreshments served from 9:15am in the Cafe

10.00 am – Baptims Service
Pre-service prayers in the Church Lounge at 9.40am (all welcome to join in)

BEACON
ST MARY'S FERNDOWN

3pm – Service of light
Quiet, reflective service for those who have been bereaved to remember loved ones. Followed by refreshments in the Beacon Cafe.

Services at All Saints, Hampreston

Refreshments served from 10am

10.30 am – Morning Worship Service
with guest speaker, Archdeacon Penny

ALL SAINTS
HAMPRESTON CHURCH

Midweek Service / Prayer Gatherings

Mon - 12.15pm - Prayer in Venue 1
Tues - 7.15am - Prayer in Venue 1
Thurs – 10am – Holy Communion Service in the Worship Space
Fri - 9.00am - Prayer in Venue 1

Monthly missions Prayer Focus

Each month we want to encourage focussed prayer for one of our mission partners or a particular area. This month, is ***Open Doors***

Get involved...

Everyday Evangelism

A special small group with Andy Bannister (of Solas)
7pm, Thursday 3rd December at the Beacon.

Click here to sign up -
https://stmarysferndown.churchsuite.com/events/7vfh9xvu

"You're invited to an informal conversation and Q&A with Andy Bannister (of Solas) the evening of Thursday 3rd December at 7pm. Andy and Dom will kick things off with an informal conversation around personal and church-led evangelism, before opening things up for discussion in small groups and open Q&A with Andy. That evening Andy will share some details about an opportunity for 8 members of St Mary's to pilot an evangelism mentoring programme currently being developed by Solas, provisionally titled the Everyday Evangelism Programme. The pilot group will meet monthly January-June 2027, for six online 1.5hr sessions led by Andy."

Alpha - this January

Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm,
Starts January 13th

- **Exploring faith?** Then **sign up here**, and enjoy a weekly hot meal, lively input, and friendly discussion - all as a gift from us

- **Want to help?** Then please get in touch - the team is growing, but to make it happen we need a few more. We have the main parts of catering covered; but are particularly looking for some kitchen hands to chop and serve. And may also need more assistant group leaders for the discussion and hosting.

Want to get involved in one of our teams?
www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk/getinvolved

Caring for those experiencing homelessness

From time to time, we encounter people whose circumstances have led them to experience homelessness and sleep rough. Recent figures from Dorset Council indicate that just over two dozen people are sleeping rough in Dorset.

Behind every statistic is a person, with their own story, struggles and circumstances. Homelessness is often complex, and it can be difficult to know how best to respond when we encounter someone in need.

Our natural instinct may be to offer immediate help, and that compassion is something to be valued. At the same time, we want to ensure that the support offered is thoughtful, safe and makes a lasting difference.

As a church, our calling is to treat everyone with dignity, kindness and compassion, and to offer care that addresses immediate needs while also seeking longer-term support and solutions.

At the time of writing, a gentleman has been regularly using the south porch of St. Mary's as a place to sleep. Please be assured that our clergy are in regular contact and are working in a coordinated way with relevant professional agencies to support him. This includes attending to immediate needs while exploring appropriate longer-term help, with due care for the wellbeing and safety of everyone in our church community.

If you would like to help, please speak to a member of the clergy or the safeguarding team in the first instance, rather than offering money or making arrangements to provide personal support independently. This allows us to coordinate the help being offered, work alongside the relevant agencies and ensure that support is appropriate to his needs.

Above all, we encourage everyone to respond with kindness and respect, recognising the dignity of each person we encounter. There is no expectation that individuals should take on the responsibility of providing support themselves. By working together and involving those best placed to help, we can offer compassion in a way that is safe, consistent and gives the best opportunity for lasting support.



Coming Soon...

Calling all youth... Resound are running a new Youth Carol Service, here at the Beacon.

Sign up here:
www.resoundyouth.org/events

One not to miss!

There is more information of local events and other news in our "Community News"

Click here for Community News

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