

Notices

A Message From The Bishops Of Devon

The Rt Rev'd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter, The Rt Rev'd Nick McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth, and The Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton, are urging churches to pray for an end to the suffering of the people of Yemen, as millions face the threat of starvation in the world's worst humanitarian crisis today. The Bishops are responding to the calls of leading faith-based international development agencies who are appealing to churches and mosques to pray for the desperate situation in Yemen where more than 14 million people face starvation and 85,000 children may have already died from extreme hunger since 2015. The full News Release is on the notice board at the back of Church and a prayer for you to use is below. Thank you.

A Prayer For Yemen

Giver of Life, who hears the cries from Yemen; of mothers choosing between medicine or food, of parents grieving children lost to starvation, of those who have given up everything in hunger, hear our cry for hope, for change, for peace. In your mercy, break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, change closed minds, open unhearing ears. Let people come before power. Let life be holy again. Let your justice and peace shape the nation of Yemen and the lives of all people. Amen.

Love South West

Flash Sale Extended!

£5 Tickets now available until Monday 4th March
Visit www.lovesouthwest.org.uk

A united weekend of worship, service and invitation from 7th – 9th June 2019.

Kingdom Come – A night of unhindered worship and prayer in Plymouth Pavilions on Friday 7th June at 7.30pm.

Serve Day - A day of local social action projects. Various locations throughout the South West. Saturday 8th June.

#TryChurch – Inviting the South west to try Church. Various local Churches throughout the South West on Sunday 9th June.

For tickets, information and how to get involved visit www.lovesouthwest.org.uk

Data Protection

Some people do not wish for their email addresses to be widely circulated or known to others. Under our policy at St Mary's with regards to the Data Protection Policy, if you are sending out group emails to more than 1 person, the recipients should be contained within the "Bcc" field when you copy them in. This prevents each person's email address being shown to everyone else included in the email. Add your own email address to the "To" field. Similarly, if you create a contact group which contains a number of people's email addresses, you should add the group contact to the "Bcc" field when emailing the group. If you cannot see the "Bcc" field, click on the "Cc" field and it should appear. Thank you for your co-operation and assistance with this. If you have any questions regarding this please do contact Andy King (Churchwarden) andy@saintmarys.org.uk

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Lone Working

If you have to do any work on your own in the Church or Church Hall, please notify someone that you are going and how long you expect to be. Then notify them when you have finished. If possible have a mobile phone with you. This applies to everyone, even volunteers, whether cleaning, flower arranging or climbing ladders! A Lone Working Policy will soon be included within a Health & Safety section in our Safeguarding Policy which will be available at the back of Church or on our Church website at www.saintmarys.org.uk.

Forthcoming Events

Messy Church at Southway 4pm Saturday 2nd March
Pancake Party at The Vicarage 6.30pm Tuesday 5th March
Proposed Churchyard Tidy Up Day Saturday 16th March
APCM 7.30pm Friday 5th April
Beetle Drive 7.30pm Saturday 6th April
Proposed Church Hall Cleaning Day Saturday 13th April
Carnival Concert 6pm Wednesday 8th May
May Carnival 2pm Saturday 11th May
Carnival Service 10am Sunday 12th May
Christian Aid Week Event 2pm Saturday 18th May
Messy Church at St Mary's 4pm Saturday 18th May

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker at the 6.30pm Evening Worship service today is Dr Leonie Boland, from the School of Health Professions at Plymouth University. Her PhD, funded by the Catherine Mounter bequest for Occupational Science research, looked at the problems people face when they first move into rented accommodation after having been homeless.

Catherine Mounter was a close friend of David and Fenny's family, and a lecturer in Occupational Therapy/Occupational Science at Plymouth until shortly before her death in 2009.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

There are currently 2 vacancies on the PCC this year. Further nominations for the position of Churchwarden are also invited. Forms are at the back of Church for your nominations. Candidates must sign to say they are willing to attend and must have a proposer and seconder.

Please prayerfully consider if you could stand for election. Members of the PCC are elected for 3 years but can elect to stand again at the end of their tenure. Churchwardens are elected annually.

Safeguarding Officers

Sara Grier is our nominated Safeguarding Officer and is the nominated person responsible for vulnerable adults. Jo Parker is the nominated Safeguarding person responsible for children. Their photos are on the Church noticeboard in the porch, together with photos of the Vicar, Revd David Gill, and your Churchwardens, Andy King and Susanne Burnett.

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy for St Mary's is available in Church and also via a link from the front page of our Church website at www.saintmarys.org.uk.