

**REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AT ST MARY'S**

**Including 10am—11.30am ADventure in the Church Rooms, in Term Time**

Sunday 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Informal Holy Communion
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Wednesday 14th	7.30pm	Group Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	<b>2.30 - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Café Stop at the Blenheim Centre</b>
Sunday 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	4th Sunday at 10

Every Week:- Service at 9.30am on Wednesday followed by Tea & Coffee  
Prayers at 5.00 - 5.30pm on Thursday  
9.30 - 10.00am and 5.00 - 6.00pm on Saturday

**STORY BAGS** Mondays 5th, 19th & 26th February at St. Mary's from 9.30 to 10.30am for parents and pre school children during term time only

**ST MARY'S HOUSE GROUPS**

If you would like information on the availability, place and times of House Groups, please contact Pauline Blackmore, the co-ordinator on 01953 883031.

The Winner of the 100 Club January Draw was No. 18 Miles Conie

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES or NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT**

**Church Office - from 9am to 1pm Tues, Wed, & Thurs.**  
**TELEPHONE 01953 881252**

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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WATTON**

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*St Mary's believes in Reaching out with the power and love of Jesus in a caring, family atmosphere*

**FOCUS FOR LENT?**

There are so many ways you could be involved in St Mary's Church Family. Here are a few ideas to choose from and maybe Lent could be a time for you to think and pray about this and find out more?.....Training / full explanation will be given.

We always appreciate more people to join the Teams where there are Rotas.

Choir and/or do you already play a musical instrument?

Taking 'Welcome to Watton' bags to new residents in Watton

Joining a House Group

Making tea and coffee

Being on a Meet and Greet or Stewards Team

Helping with ADventure or Story Bags

Doing the Bible Reading on Wednesdays or Sundays

Leading Intercessions in Services

Joining the Fund raising Group

Becoming a Holy Communion Assistant

Helping on the Sound Desk

Giving out Blessing verses

Helping with visits to Residential Homes

Joining the Watton Community Cinema at St Mary's

Joining us at a Prayer time on a Saturday or Thursday

Helping with flowers in Church

Helping set up and set down for Holy Communion Services (Sacristan)

Joining in a Working Party looking after the Church Grounds/Car Park

Assisting the Church Office on Thursday mornings eg with folding Sunday leaflets

*Or anything else that's occurred to you? Please let me know - **thank you so much:***

*Your Vicar Gerry*

**PALM CROSSES** We would be grateful if you will bring in your last year's palm crosses so that they can be used for the ashing on Ash Wednesday. Thank You

**THURSDAY CHAT** Thursday 1st February 10am - 12 noon

A social coffee morning at St Mary's, Watton, continuing on the 1st Thursday of each month. All are welcome.



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)**

**FRIDAY 2nd March 2018**

**At 2.00pm at Watton Methodist Church, High Street, Watton**

**Theme: All God's Creation is Very Good**

On Friday 2nd March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'All God's Creation is Very Good.' The Christian women of Suriname, in South America wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on Friday 2nd March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

Why not find out more about the theme, the beautiful country of Suriname and the service?

This Service is not just for women; everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Contact details: Margaret Cator 01953 882187/881252

A very big "thank you" for contributions and support for the Organ Project. It is so wonderful to play and I hope it makes your praising uplifting too!!

I cannot believe that the end of January 2018 marked 8 years as Organist at St Mary's. Music is such a wonderful gift and I thank God every day that he has blessed me with this gift.

The original manuscript of the Organ Project has been bound in leather and now proudly sits on a bookshelf in Norwich Cathedral Library. A copy of the book is at St Mary's. Do ask to look at it when you have a spare minute. With love Lorraine

**LENT COURSE**

Watton Churches Together are not providing a Lent Study Group this year

**WATTON COMMUNITY CINEMA at St Mary's**

**Screenings: Friday 23rd February at 2.15pm 'Victoria and Abdul'  
Saturday 24th February at 7.15pm 'Victoria and Abdul'**

**Also Friday 23rd March at 2.15pm & Saturday 24th at 7.15pm Film, to be confirmed**

**Refreshments/Café opens one hour prior to screening**

Tickets available at the box office on the day

We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

**1<sup>st</sup> Watton Rainbow Brownies – Mondays 4.30 – 5.45pm in the Church Rooms  
at St. Mary's Church, on Mondays 5th, 19th and 26th of February**

Rainbows provide the opportunity for girls aged between 5 and 7 to join with others to have fun – playing games, doing craft activities and making new friends.

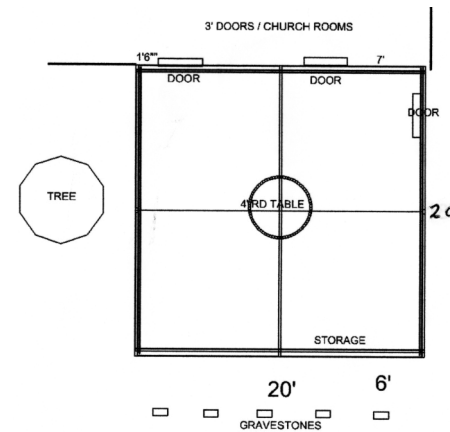
It is part of the Girl Guiding organisation. We will meet every Monday in the Church Rooms during term. The first meeting will be on 22nd January.

For more information contact Bekka. Email: [Rainbows1stwatton@hotmail.com](mailto:Rainbows1stwatton@hotmail.com) or look on Facebook.

If you're old-school you could also phone Linda on 01953 884385.

**YOUR HELP PLEASE**

In order to make space for the activities of the new Rainbow Group and the successful Adventure Group on a Sunday morning it is proposed to add a semi-permanent extension to the Church Rooms which will help with storage.



Paul Weatherill is team leader on the venture and he asks if anyone has any of the following to donate he would be most grateful, alternatively perhaps you would like to donate money towards it. He needs:- Timber, Chipboard, Racking, Dexion, Fluorescent Light Fittings, 4ft or 5ft (waterproof) 2.5 twin and earth cable, 1.5 twin and earth cable, screws and nails. If you can help with any of these, or would like more information please call Paul on 01953 884213

**St Mary's Church Watton '100 Club'**

St Mary's '100 Club' is a way of raising much needed funds for the Church whilst giving the ticket owner a chance to win £50 in the monthly draw.

The year for the '100 Club' ends in March, so now it is time to renew your subscriptions for the year April 2018-March 2019. Tickets are £12 for the year and may be purchased by mid March for the first draw on 1st April.

If you are interested please see Cath in Church or telephone on 01953 885811 for further details

**SING ALONG WITH THE THIRD AGERS AT St MARY'S  
Wednesday 7th March at 3.00pm More details to follow**