

SERVICES IN OCTOBER AT ST MARY'S

Sunday	1st	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Holy Communion Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Informal Holy Communion
Sunday	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	4th Sunday at 10
		12 noon	Holy Baptism
Sunday	29th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.30am	Group Holy Communion at Ashill

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

Sunday 15th October from 2.30 - 4.00pm.

Café Stop at The Blenheim Centre, Tedder Close, Watton IP25 6HU.
Crafts for all the family, free refreshments

STORY BAGS Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th October at St. Mary's
from 9.30 to 10.30am for parents and pre school children during term time only

The Winner of the 100 Club September Draw was No. 45 Janet Selvey

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES or NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WATTON

Newsletter October 2017

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

St Mary's Harvest Weekend

Saturday 30th September—3.00pm—4.30pm

Harvest Cream Tea—£2.50 (Tea and Scone)

Additional drinks and cakes 50p

Sunday 1st October (Services details on back page)

**Please bring your gifts of items for the Foodbank, and cakes to sell, either on
Friday 2.00pm—3.00pm, or on Saturday 10.00am—12 noon,
when help with the flower arranging would be gratefully welcomed**

Come and join our Alpha Course

**A joint venture between the Fountain of Life, St Mary's Watton, St Nicholas' Ashill,
S.S. Peter & Paul's Carbrooke, St John's Ovington & St George's Saham**

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

The course is 10 weeks long, starting on Wednesday 4th October.

Leaflets containing full information are in the basket on the Welcome table at the
back of the church. Please take one.



**Please remember that from the 15th of October
your old £1 coins will cease to be legal tender**

**Why not put them in the collection plate
on Sunday, unfortunately our bank won't**

**accept them after the 15th, so Sunday the 8th of October
is your last chance to donate them to St Mary's**



Thursday 26th October 2 to 4.30pm

St Mary's Church, Watton

Please note the change of time

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.

ADventure! is an exciting new part of St. Mary's Church Watton **starting on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 1st October at 10.00am**. Open to ages 0-16 yrs, it will be running EVERY SUNDAY between 10.00-11.30am. It's for parents and family members hopefully to be part of it too. It's a FREE event, starting with Breakfast.

So what is it? It's an opportunity for children of all ages to come together in friendship on any Sunday, under the supervision of a dedicated and qualified team, committed to providing quality crafts and games and delivering an element of Christian teaching. It aims to encourage the development of a strong community, not just for children but for their family members and friends.

We're building on all we've learnt from connecting with families through Messy Church, Superhero Sunday, Story Bags, Café Stop and Stop Gap at The Blenheim Centre and Junior Church, which after many years of commitment, feels it's time for a new 'ADventure'.

There will also be a fantastic opportunity for the development of young leaders as part of ADventure and for participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There are other opportunities for the younger children too. "We are hoping to become a learning destination for the Children's University," says Rev'd Gerry Foster, linking with our local schools.

Perhaps there will be people who'd like to consider St Mary's Choir now that the organ has been rebuilt and restored to a 'state of the art' instrument, through the generosity of church, community and grants. Maybe budding musicians or some who have laid down their instruments would like to consider picking them up again....

ADventure is a great place to make new friends, have some fun in learning and growing together. On our first Sunday 1st October, Harvest Thanksgiving gifts will be going to Foodbank. We look forward to seeing you on ANY Sunday.

For more information see the Facebook Page @ADventurestmarys or email us at adventurewatton@gmail.com

The ADventure! Team
St. Mary's Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 17th October 7.00pm

Rev'd Deborah's Collation at St Catherine's Church, Ludham
If you wish to travel on the coach please add your name to the list in church and pay at the Parish Office, cost £10.00

Friday 20th October Watton Community Cinema 'Hidden Figures'
2.30pm Screening—1.30pm Café Opens

Saturday 21st October Watton Community Cinema 'Hidden Figures'
7.15pm Screening—6.15pm Café Opens

Thursday 2nd November 7.30pm
All Souls Requiem Service at St Mary's Church with the Horatio Singers

Sunday 5th November 3.00pm
All Saints Tide Service and Tea at St Mary's

Sunday 12th November 3.00pm
Remembrance Service at Watton Methodist Church

Saturday 25th November 10am - 12.30pm
St Mary's Christmas Bazaar
at Watton Christian Community Centre

Please may we have 'Home Made Goods' to sell
Knitted, Crocheted, Sewn etc.

THURSDAY CHAT Thursday 5th October 10am - 12 noon

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

St Mary's Open Church Wed. 10.30am - 3.00pm and Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm

Church members will welcome you and serve refreshments.

**Please note that Thursday 19th October will be the last
Open Church of 2017**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

St Mary's is leading the appeal to fill shoe boxes with gifts, which are then sent to underprivileged children in the UK and Europe. Boxes are available with information leaflets. Please make sure you read this as the instructions are quite specific. A postage donation of £3.00 per box is also requested. If you would like to take a box to fill please ask Margaret Cator at the office or on a Sunday.

The deadline for filled boxes is early November. Margaret Cator