

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST AT ST MARY'S

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

Sunday 5th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.00am Holy Communion

**Confirmation and Renewal of Baptismal Vows with
Bishop The Rt Rev'd Tony Foottit (retired)**

Sunday 12th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.00am Informal Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.00am Holy Communion
2.30 - 4.00pm Café Stop at the Blenheim Centre

Sunday 26th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.00am 4th Sunday at 10
12 noon Holy Baptism

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

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from 10.00 till 11.30 on Mondays 6th and 13th August

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 July Draw was No. 88 Sybil Gant

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES or NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WATTON

Newsletter August 2018

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of Jesus in a caring, family atmosphere*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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THURSDAY CHAT Thursday 2nd August 10am - 12 noon
A social coffee morning at St Mary's, Watton, continuing on the 1st Thursday of
each month. All are welcome.

Sunday 5th August 10.00am at St Mary's Church
Confirmation and Renewal of Baptismal Vows with
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Saturday 18th August 12 to 4pm St Mary's Church, Green and Marquee
Family Fun day
Free Entry, fun and games for all the family. Messy Church Craft and children's races.
BBQ and hot and cold drinks (all priced)

Saturday 8th September Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride
Sunday 9th September 3.30pm Norwich Cathedral Collation & Installation of new
Archdeacon of Lynn, Canon Ian Bentley (Charlie and Kyla are going - any others ?)

Sunday 16th September Watton Town Carnival the theme is 'The Magic of Books'

Saturday 6th October 10.00 - 4.00pm St Mary's Open Weekend promoting Projects
for Support - Displays - Refreshments - Musical Items and a Cocktail Party from
6.00 - 7.00pm with Music and Refreshments (more information next month)

Sunday 7th October at 10am Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church

Friday 2nd November at 7.30pm Requiem Mass with the Horatio Singers

Sunday 4th November at 3pm All Saints Day Service at St Mary's Church

Free Spirit weekend and display of knitted items for the Seafarers' Mission

It was truly wonderful to see so many people turn out to enjoy the displays of craft and flowers at the Church this weekend. The theme of Free Spirit for the flower displays resulted in a lovely variety of arrangements, including some where real flowers were very cleverly replaced by silk and paper ones. Many thanks must go to all those who put so much work into the displays.

Thanks also go out to the busy crafters who not only displayed their home-made items, but also then spent time explaining to visitors exactly how it's done. We have so many talented people in the community and it was great to see what they make. With all the effort of looking at the displays we all needed refreshment at regular intervals and a fantastic band of volunteers kept everyone supplied with tea, coffee, cake and of course the barbeque at lunchtime. Delicious home-made cakes were donated. Without people prepared to give up their time to make cakes to sell, stand behind a counter selling refreshments, wash up, run raffle stalls and act as stewards we would never be able to put on any event and we are always so grateful to all who volunteer in this way.

Our initial plan for having a few hats, scarves and gloves for the Seafarers' Mission grew beyond our wildest imagination and the church was awash with knitted items pegged on lines strung between the pillars. Sunday services were certainly colourful this week.

Our last thanks go to everyone who helped with the clearing up – all done in record time and the church made ready for the evening service two hours later!

Archdeacon's Charge

Team St Mary's enjoyed the Charge this year held at Holkham Hall on Monday 7th May. We ran, walked and picnicked in glorious weather. The result of our efforts in sponsorship was £374.00, of which half will be credited to our parish share account at the Diocese and the remaining half goes to the Air Ambulance.

Many thanks for all your support Margaret Cator on behalf of the team

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CHANGE OF NAME

You may remember I wrote some months ago that the National Committee invited each Branch to submit their opinions on whether or not the name should be changed – dropping the word Women's. Watton Branch, after discussion and consultation with interested people voted to keep the name WWDP.

Disappointingly for us and I suspect many others, we received news in June that the returns of the responses received were 71% in favour of a name change and 26% not in favour. The Movement will now follow the rest of the World and be known as

World Day of Prayer – A Women Led, Global, Ecumenical Movement.

Margaret Cator

WATTON COMMUNITY CINEMA at St Mary's

Friday 3rd August 'Paddington 2'

(afternoon and evening showing)

FRIDAY 1.15pm Doors open *(Hot drink & cake in ticket price)*

2.15pm Screening

FRIDAY 6.15pm Café /Doors open

(Full café inc. popcorn, ice cream, hot dogs, falafels, hot drinks, cold drinks, wine)

7.15pm Screening

Tickets available at the box office on the day

We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

DVD HIRE

Following a Community Cinema showing, the DVD is available for loan if anyone who wasn't able to attend wishes to borrow it.

On a Sunday please speak to Charlie, Kyla, Sara or Linda or during the week please go to the church office. There is a sign out/sign in book and a donation of £2.00 is suggested. A few of the DVDs are only suitable for playing on a Blue Ray player, just check the box before taking the film.

1st Watton Rainbow Brownies – Mondays 4.30 – 5.45pm in the Church Rooms at St. Mary's Church, on Mondays, starting again on the 10th of September

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 time only.

For more information contact Bekka.

Email: Rainbows1stwatton@hotmail.com or look on Facebook.

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

WEST END WAITERS CONCERT

Thanks to our friends the West End Waiters for coming to give us an evening of good musical entertainment and fun. The result of ticket sales and raffle was £209.00 for St Mary's. The result of the donations for Motor Neurone Disease Research via the bucket collection was £100.50. With our thanks to who all attended and/or helped in any way.

Margaret Cator for the Fund Raising Group