

St. Mary's Church Arnold

Welcome to church today as we come together to worship God. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to Angela or Ian our Churchwardens, or Sylvia our priest.

Sunday 24th. March, Palm Sunday

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9am. Holy Communion (CW)

10:30am. Morning Worship

Philippians 2: 1—11, Luke 19: 28—end

Thursday 28th

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion

Friday 29th.

Good Friday

12noon Church open for private prayer

1.00-3.00. 2 hours around the cross. (If you are unable to stay for the full 2 hours, please try to come on the hour or half hour when there will be a hymn.)

Sunday 31st.

Easter Sunday

10am

Easter Celebration of Holy Communion.

Preacher and President

Bishop John Finney

John 20: 1—18

Lent Challenge 2024

Week beginning March 24th. John 13: 1—17

Rosemary Dove

Sadly Rosemary has recently died. Her funeral will be held in church on
Wednesday 10th April at 10am.

Eileen Baker

There will still be people at Saint Mary's who remember the Baker family who moved to Sheffield and then to Hitchin a number of years ago. They were all very active members of the church, especially the Choir and Altar serving. Ken died a few years ago, but Eileen has just died, aged 89. Our thoughts are with the family, especially Philip, Andrew and Christopher, and their families.

Messy Church

We are looking for people who can help with occasional cooking for Messy church, help in the kitchen or come along at 5pm to help wash up and clear up. Messy Church is a great outreach opportunity, and we have many families who consistently come along. It is not just crafts and a meal, but is so much more than that, they get Christian teaching as well as songs and prayers.

It is only once a month on the second Saturday from 3.45pm to 5.30pm, and we don't expect you to commit to every month. If you volunteer to go on the list of helpers, I will send out a list of food or other help needed that month and you can decide if it is something you are able to help with.

Please talk to Andrea or the churchwardens who can pass any people interested on to me. Or email Andrea: and.ed.sands@gmail.com

Daily Bible readings

Weekly Readings	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Sunday 24th March	118	Philippians 2: 1—11	Mark 11.1-11
Monday 25th March	36	Isaiah 42.1-9	John 12.1-11
Tuesday 26th March	71	Isaiah 49.1-9	John 12.20-36
Wednesday 27th March	70	Isaiah 50.4-9a	John 12.20-36
Thursday 28th March	116	Exodus 12.1-4	John 13.1-17
Friday 29th March	22	Isaiah 52.13—end of 53	John 18.1-end of 19
Saturday 30th March	31	Job 14.1-14	Matthew 27.57-end
Sunday 31st March	118	Isaiah 25.6-9	John 20: 1—18

ST MARY'S PRAYERS FOR MARCH 2024

Loving God, I know that I am not perfect, and I am sorry that I sometimes make wrong decisions. Forgive me I pray. May I hear your voice guiding me today. In Jesus name I pray, **Amen.**

Pray for the many regions of our world where there is conflict, unrest, and oppression. Pray that reconciliation will overcome hatred, peace will conquer war and that hope will replace despair. Pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East that peace may return to their lands and that they may be able to live in peace once more. **Lord, in your mercy hear my prayer. Amen**

Father God thank you for carrying me through life's winter seasons and for bringing me into a new springtime season of hope. Thank you for the blessings you have prepared for me in the season ahead and above all thank you that your love never changes. **Amen**

As we join with fellow Christian's arounds the world to pray and reflect on the events of Holy Week, turn your eyes upon Jesus look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. Thank you, Lord, for sending Jesus into our world. to walk the road, we walk. I pray that we may walk more closely with him, day by day. **Amen**

An Easter prayer:

Lord God, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son that we too might be called your children. Lord help us to live in the gladness and grace of ~Easter Sunday every day. May we have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world, Amen

Requests for prayer and thanks for answered prayer can be emailed to:
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Contactless Giving

St Mary's has been awarded a Contactless Giving unit to accept donations by card or smart phone.

Located next to the door into church, the unit is simple to use – just select the amount you would like to give (by pushing the £5 or £10 or £20 or £30 button) and hold your card against the WiFi symbol on the top – just like for a unit in a shop.

St Mary's can automatically claim Gift Aid on donations from this machine – it does not need your details – so each £10 gift becomes a £12.50 donation for the church.

Or if you wish, you can donate your gift through the linked website Gift page – just open the link using this QR code.

And a huge thank you for any donation given.



Wheelchair

There is a wheelchair available for use in church.

This newsheet is produced on Friday afternoons. Please provide any information to Kristina and Ian by 9am. Friday morning.
admin@stmarysarnold.org.uk or ian.rosillo@gmail.com. Thank—you.