



EVERY PERSON,
EVERY PLACE,
SATURATED
WITH **GOD**



ST MARY'S
LOUGHTON
NOTHING
IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITH
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WELCOME

As we come together today our prayer is that you will encounter God's presence and love. If you are new, please introduce yourself to us. You are so welcome here.

28 April 2024

If you would like to pray with someone, or have a practical need during this time, please call one of the clergy. Our numbers are on the back page.

Dear St Mary's family

This Sunday is our final Mission Gift Day. This is a very important time for us as we are being called to help resource St Mary's to reach out with the good news of Jesus. **We are seeking to raise £50,000.**

Each month we minister together to around 1,000 people in our community and church. It costs well over £1,000 each day to do that. This calls on us all to give according to our means and cheerfully, to help supply the needs of our church in mission and ministry. Our God supplies the needs through one another. Our generous giving will open doors of mission and make a real difference to people's lives in time and eternity.

Here is how you can give? See stmarysloughton.com/give

1. **Online** - please visit the Give menu on our website for more information.
2. **Bank transfer** - our bank account details are on the same giving page.
3. **Cheque** - made payable to St Mary's Loughton PCC.
4. **Donation Station** - at the Welcome Area in church (up to £100 only).

All the information you need in in our Mission Gift Day leaflet, which is also available on our website as above. We will take up Gift Day offerings at each service. We will keep this invitation open until **Wednesday 1 May**, so if you want your gift to be included in the total, please make sure it comes to the church by then. Thank you so much for your generosity. We need to keep a real vision in our hearts to give to our gospel mission.

Much love and sincere thanks to you,

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:
Malcolm Macdonald
Preacher:
Matt White
Theme:
The Heart of Giving
Readings:
Genesis 22:1-18
John 12:1-8

Hymns: 89, 647, 784

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:
Malcolm Macdonald
Preacher:
Matt White
Theme:
The Heart of Giving
Reading:
John 12:1-8

*Prayer time prior to the service
at 10:15am in the Prayer Room*

@5pm

Service Leader:
Hannah Marsh
Preacher:
Richard Milne
Theme:
The Heart of Giving
Reading:
John 12:1-8

*Prayer time prior to the service
at 4:45pm in the Prayer Room*



Children and youth are very welcome here at St Mary's and may join in with our Ignite groups as follows:

- **Kindling** (0-4 years)
- **Blaze** (Y3 - Y6)
- **Sparklers** (Reception-School year 2)
- **Ignite Youth** (Y7 - Y13)

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY REFRESH SERVICE 12 NOON - Malcolm Macdonald leading.

WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - HOPE CENTRAL a community for the 18-30's.

KINGDOM COME - PRAYER MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8-9pm in Hope Hall
2nd & 4th Mondays, 1-2pm in Evans Room

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- God's provision for St Mary's
- Malcolm on sabbatical
- Matt and team leading over the Summer
- More people to come to faith in Jesus

BIBLE READING PLAN

*We are reading through
the book of Isaiah,
reading a chapter a day.*

5PM SERVICE MEETING 28 APR

There will be a special meeting for those who attend our @5pm Service on Sunday 28 April at 3:30pm. We will be reflecting together on the Service and how we can shape it as we go forward together.

We would also welcome new people serving in terms of hosting, refreshments, prayer ministry, audio / visual operating and picking up food from M&S after the service. If you can help please email matt@stmarysloughton.com

MISSION GIFT DAYS

This Sunday is our final Mission Gift Day. To join in and make a donation, you can pay in cash or cheques via the collection that is passed round in our Services, use the Donation Station just outside the Church Office or pay online via our website: [Website Link](#)

You can give in church or any time over the next days until and including 28 April. We are asking everyone to give according to their means. Thank you so much for your generosity.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be a Worship and Praise evening for Churches Together in Loughton at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 May. This will be held at Epping Forest Community Church in Grosvenor Drive, Loughton.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE 2 MAY

Bereavement Cafe takes place on Thursday 2 May from 10:45am-12noon in the Prayer Room. Teresa and Brenda welcome all who are bereaved and who wish to meet with others to chat and listen.

MALCOLM'S SABBATICAL

Every 10 years, Vicars are able to take a 3 month sabbatical and extended study leave. Malcolm is taking his sabbatical this year from **6 May-5 August**. This has been planned now for over a year. This means Malcolm won't be around St Mary's or serving as Vicar over those months. He will share more about his plans for the time over the next few weeks in church. Matt White will be leading St Mary's during that time, which will be great.

EPHING FOREST FOODBANK

Epping Forest Foodbank are advertising a maternity cover post. If this is of interest to you or someone you know, details may be obtained from the following link: [Foodbank job](#)

TED RICHARDSON

There will be a Service of remembrance for Ted here on Monday 29 April at 2:30pm. Ted was a valued and longstanding member of our 8:45am congregation.

NEW BISHOPS

A few weeks ago I mentioned we are now receiving spiritual oversight from Bishop Pete Broadbent. This is a temporary measure and will be reviewed by the PCC in the autumn. It was also just announced by the Diocese that our Deanery is moving to come under Bishop Adam Atkinson. He is our new Area Bishop and Malcolm met him last week.

HOPE SUPPER

We need a catering co-ordinator for Hope Suppers over the next few months. If you would like to know more, please email caroline@stmarysloughton.com

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL

Church Office team: Martin Huff / Amanda Hart
office@stmarysloughton.com Tel: 0208 508 3643

Vicar: Revd Malcolm Macdonald
malcolm@stmarysloughton.com
All staff emails: name@stmarysloughton.com

Pastoral Care: Please contact your Life Group leader in the first instance. If you feel you want to speak to someone, please get in touch.

Malcolm Macdonald 07821 011435
Caroline Macdonald 07903 983812
Matt White 07824 556292

Visit us online: stmarysloughton.com

Safeguarding - for any issues contact
safeguarding@stmarysloughton.com

Please remember that any disclosures that involve a person at risk will be referred to the appropriate agency for help. Please contact our Parish Safeguarding Team as soon as possible:

Michelle Stanesby (Safeguarding Officer) 07921 297379
Amanda Hart (Deputy) 07780 992325

Counselling - Hope Centre Counselling Loughton
Enquiries: 07858 561334

Regular giving to St Mary's

Every gift and tithe really matters. Thank you.
It costs over £31K monthly to run St Mary's.

Ways to give to St Mary's:





- Set up a Standing Order.
- Give by card or bank transfer (use the website or the Donation Station in the Welcome Area),
- Yellow Envelope or into the offering on Sundays.
- Don't forget to give with Gift Aid.

Giving Forms are available online. If you wish to give directly with online banking to the St Mary's bank account our details are:
Sort Code: **40-30-25**
Acc No: **00724580**



The best place for information on how to give is on our

St Mary's Values

-  ENCOUNTERING GOD
-  LIVING FOR THE KINGDOM
-  LOVING DEEPLY
-  SHARING JESUS

We encourage everyone to get connected and involved in some way.

For more information, contact Ruth How on
ruth@stmarysloughton.com



Essential reading

Set me on Fire, 2015 (£5)
Saturated with God, 2023 (£10)
Available from the Church Office.

To give any helpful feedback about anything:
helpfulfeedback@stmarysloughton.com

Prayer Support

Need urgent prayer? Send a prayer request:
prayer@stmarysloughton.com

Church Bibles are stored on the trolley at the back of Church if required.



St Mary's Guest: Joyful55
Hope Centre Guest: John3:16



If you are interested in enrolling your child, or for more information please phone Little Lambs on 07769 433023