





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.

23 February 2025

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

There are two events coming up that we want to really highlight for you.

Firstly, the Growing Hope training. We want to make everything we do together accessible to people with additional needs. There will be a training event on accessibility here on Saturday 1 March from 9:45am - 1pm. This will be led by the Growing Hope organisation. This practical training will look at how to support people of all ages with a range of physical, mental health, learning and undiagnosed needs. It would really help everyone in our church family. Please book on the church website under resources or click here: Growing Hope

Secondly, the Hope Explored course. This is a three-week exploring faith course, which is ideal for anyone who is interested in the Christian faith and has questions. This will start on 3 March here at the church. Do consider inviting people and coming along with them if they are interested. This is a great opportunity to grow in the spiritual discipline and practice of witness. You can also pick up an invitation from the Welcome Area.

Our heart is for everyone to grow in relationship with Jesus. We want everyone to have access to Him. We want to share His love with the world around us. As we worship this week, let's come with expectancy, passion and love. We want to see Jesus lifted high!

With very much love in the name of Jesus,

Malcolm

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:

Matt White

Preacher:

Ruth How

Theme:

Life together

Readings:

Revelation 4

Mark 3:32-35

Hymns: 366, 674, 925

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Matt White

Preacher:

Ruth How

Theme:

Life together

Reading:

Mark 3:32-35

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

@5pm

Service Leader:

Rachel Hodgson

Preacher:

Matt White

Theme:

Life together

Reading:

Mark 3:32-35

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

ignite

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 - Matt White 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

- Better safeguarding in the Church
- The progress of the Assisted Dying Bill
- · War and humanitarian crisis in DR Congo
- Open Doors and persecuted Christians

BIBLE READING PLAN

We are reading through the book of 2 Chronicles, reading a chapter a day.



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When: Mondays

3, 10 and 17 March '25

Where: Hope Hall, St Mary's

Time: 7:45pm - 9:30pm

Register: By using one of the

methods below

020 8508 3643
stmarysloughton.com/he
office@stmarysloughton.com
or scan the OR code

St Mary's Church 201 High Road Loughton. IG10 1BB



NEW ARCHBISHOP PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A consultation is being sought over nominations for and qualities of the next Archbishop of Canterbury. If you would like to take part in this and put forward nominations and or thoughts regarding the next archbishop, please use the following link: <u>Consultation</u>

CAFE HOPE

Do you have some free time on Tuesdays? Café Hope is looking for friendly faces to serve during the morning and afternoon shifts. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the mission and ministry of St. Mary's and building relationships with our community.

If you're interested, speak to Lieu, Karen, or Jeff or email <u>lieu@stmarysloughton.com</u> for more details. We'd love to have you on the serving team - come join us!



Lent and Easter dates for your diaries

Tuesday 4 March - Shrove Tuesday 11am - 1pm Pancakes in Cafe Hope

Weds 5 March - Ash Wednesday 7:30pm Service in Church

Holy Week:

Tues 15 April: 8pm Kingdom Come Weds 16 April: 1pm Refresh Service Thurs 17 April: 7:30pm Holy Communion

with Healing Prayer

Fri 18 April Good Friday

10am - Good Friday Service 11:30-12:30pm Easter Outreach 11:30-12:30pm Easter Meditation Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday

8:45am Easter Communion 10:30am Easter Celebration 5pm Easter Communion

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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 07821011435 Caroline Macdonald 07903 983812 Matt White 07824 556292 Ruth How p/t 07857 182784

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

hellohccloughton@gmail.com Email:

Regular giving to St Mary's

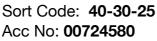
Every gift and tithe really matters. Thank you. It costs over £31K monthly to run St Mary's.

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:



The best place for information on how to give is on our website stmarysloughton.com.

St Mary's Values

ENCOUNTERING GOD

LIVING FOR THE KINGDOM.

C LOVING DEEPLY

SHARING JESUS

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

For more information, contact us via lifegroups@stmasrysloughton.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

To give encouragements: encouragements@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











