



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



ST MARY'S
LOUGHTON
NOTHING
IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITH
GOD

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.

22 December 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

Christmas Day is drawing near. We are now at the 4th Sunday in Advent, which means our celebrations are getting more and more vibrant. Jesus is coming. Glory to God in the highest!

It was great to see a packed church for our Carols with Candlelight last weekend, and to see people responding to the gospel invitation. It has been an amazing season of outreach, witness and sharing Jesus. Please pray for people coming to church over the coming week, to encounter Jesus.

This Friday night (20 Dec), the vicarage will be open for **Fireside Carols** from 6:30-8:30pm. There will be carol singing, sharing testimonies, mince pies and mulled wine around a roaring fire. This event is adults only please, due to the open fire.

Also, this Sunday at the 5pm Service, we will be having a special **Advent Reflective Communion Service**. I am really looking forward to this so please do come along if you can.

As we enter this special week, let's remember that Jesus came in all humility to serve and save us; may we come to Him this week in humility and seeking to worship, serve and honour Him - for He alone is worthy!

With all my love in Christ,

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:
Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Pat Laker

Theme:

Zechariah's Song

Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:57-80

Hymns: 491, 539, 211

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:

Ruth How

Preacher:

Matt White

Theme:

Zechariah's Song

Reading:

Luke 1:57-80

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

Advent Reflective Communion (5pm)

Service Leader:

Malcolm Macdonald

Preacher:

Brenda Miller

Theme:

Silent Night - Advent
Reflective Service

Reading:

Luke 1:39-80

Prayer time prior to the service



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

No Wednesday Refresh Service or Hope Central as it is Christmas Day.

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

- For Christians in Syria
- Those coming to Christmas Services
- Foodbank (*has helped 5,000 people in 2024*)
- Those who find Christmas time hard

BIBLE READING PLAN

*We are reading through
the book of Psalms,
reading a Psalm a day.*

START 2025 IN PRAYER

2025

25 days of prayer for 2025

We want to start 2025 in prayer as a church. If you would like to join with many others praying for 20 minutes for 25 days and receive a daily email from Malcolm each day, please sign up on the church website. See the Resources menu or use this QR code:



GET READY - VISION NIGHT



Please put 14 January in your diary for our church vision night for 2025. Come and be inspired with a vision for the year ahead.

If you consider St Mary's to be your home church, please make it a priority to come if possible. For those unable to attend, it will be recorded, but we do encourage everyone to attend as approaching the coming year united in vision and purpose is essential to helping the church grow and flourish. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

We are making Christingles on Sunday 22 Dec at 12:30pm. The more help the merrier so come and join us if you would like to help (not suitable for under 10's).

You are warmly invited to all our services

Sunday 15 December

6pm Carols with Candlelight

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle Service

5:30pm Christmas Eve Carols

11:15pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Celebration

(bring your favourite present)

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CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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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

Email: hellohccloughton@gmail.com

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 website stmarysloughton.com.



SCAN ME

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 us via
lifegroups@stmarysloughton.com

LIFE GROUPS



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