



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.

17 November 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 we welcome people who may have never been to St Mary's before for our 'Come and See' Sunday. Everyone is welcome at St Mary's. Let's give everyone a great welcome this Sunday and speak to people we may not know, offering the welcome of Jesus to all.

We will be looking at what some consider to be the best verse in the whole Bible, Jesus said, in John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*" This is the good news of Jesus Christ; that through simple faith and trust in Him, we can actually experience a relationship with God.

I also wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who gave last Sunday for our Special Offering. We have raised just over £18,000 for the mission and ministry of St Mary's. A very sincere thank you to everyone who gave so generously. This will really help us going forward into the end of the year.

I also appreciate that this has been a very turbulent week in the Church of England. May I reassure you that here at St Mary's, we take safeguarding very seriously and are committed to making our church a safe place for all. If you have any safeguarding concerns please email our Safeguarding Officer, Michelle Stanesby on safeguarding@stmarysloughton.com

Yours with much love,

Malcolm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8.45am

Service Leader:
Matt White
Preacher:
Malcolm Macdonald
Theme:
Come and See
Readings:
Psalm 16
John 3:16-21

Hymns: 31, 200, 396

Morning Celebration 10.30am

Service Leader:
Matt White
Preacher:
Malcolm Macdonald
Theme:
Come and See
Reading:
John 3:16-21

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

@5pm

Service Leader:
Caroline Macdonald
Preacher:
Malcolm Macdonald
Theme:
Come and See
Reading:
John 3:16-21

*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

- Visitors to 'Come & See' Sunday
- Renewal in the Church of England
- Evangelical Alliance (Mission Partner)
- For MP's debating assisted dying

BIBLE READING PLAN

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

CHRISTMAS SIGN UPS

Thank you to everyone who has completed a Christmas serving form.

There remain many events where more help is needed and in particular, our Christmas Fayre and High Road carols in two weeks' time. If you are able to help at these particular events, please sign up at the back of Church today.

If you haven't yet completed a Christmas Serving form, please complete one and pop it in the postbox at the back of church.

CRAFTING FOR CHRISTMAS

On Thursday 21 Nov from 6:30pm-9:30pm in the Evans room, we will be making craft gifts for the Christmas Fayre.

Please let Caroline know if you would like to come along & use your "crafty" skills.

RAY BROWN FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral service for Ray Brown will take place at St Mary's on 25 November at 12:30pm, followed by a burial service at Chigwell Cemetery, then refreshments back at the church. All are welcome.

WARM CLOTHES RACK

The Warm clothing rack has started and mid-week it will be in the Church and on Sundays in the Smith Room.

Please feel free to have a look and take something you need. Please also bring in a few items if you have unwanted warm clothes at home to add to the rack (for all ages).

NEWCOMERS' LUNCH 24 NOV

Our next Newcomers Lunch will be in the vicarage on 24 November at 1pm. If you are new to St Marys in the last few months, please sign up at the back of church or [online](#) to come along.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 30 NOV

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 30 Nov from 10:30am - 1pm.

Please bring your donations in from 17 November - unwanted gifts, toys, soft toys, books, Christmas decorations, cards, wrapping paper etc. all in good condition, plants.

We also need lots of cakes with a list on ingredients. These can be brought in on Friday 29 or Saturday 30 November.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We will be making up Christmas Hampers again this year to be given out. Please bring in gifts of Christmas treats for these by 1 December. They may be left on Sundays in the box on our 'Saved' table at the back left hand side of church. Mid-week they may be brought to the Church office.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

If you would like to bring food items in for the Reverse Advent Calendar, we are collecting them on 24 November and 1 December if anyone wants to give to Foodbank.

PRAYER MEETING

Our Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting is on this Tuesday from 8-9pm in the Hope Centre. We will be praying into many important topics and welcome everyone to come along to pray together.

CONTACT & ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Church Office team: Martin Huff / Amanda Hart
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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

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 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

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