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LIGHTHOUSE PARTY

Another brilliant Lighthouse party took place at St Mary's on 31 October to celebrate Jesus as the light. Michelle Stanesby headed up the event and double the amount of people came from last year, so we had 120 who heard and sang about Jesus, played games, had their faces painted, ate hotdogs, picked their sweets, painted with UV paint and then hung out in the UV room, which was a highlight of the event. Many thanks to all involved from our young people to our older ones! It was a great event.



Visit by our MP

Dr Neil Hudson, our new MP visited St Mary's earlier this month. Malcolm and Caroline spent some time showing him around and chatting with him about what we do at St Mary's to help in the community and the activities that we hold. He said "St Mary's Loughton is an incredible community hub that does so much for our local community. Thank you so much to Malcolm, Caroline and the whole amazing team."



If you are interested in helping in any of these activities contact
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Hope Supper

November seems to be a good month for bangers and mash and this month there was home made sticky toffee pudding, which was very popular and Mandy was given much advice on how to cut it up! Those who wanted to had fun with sparklers outside after the meal. Around 60 people came, many from the local community, for a great meal but mainly as an opportunity to spend some time chatting with others and enjoying some company.



Remembrance

Our act of remembrance was at the War Memorial with members of Loughton community. St Mary's was well represented there and we were able to get this lovely photo with Eddie and Nobby who are in Pauline's Monday Bible Study group along with Malcolm and Matt and a friend of Eddie's. Two minutes silence was held on 11/11 in the Church and Cafe.

The crochet group that meet at Connect on Mondays also made lots of poppies to sell and the proceeds go to Poppy Appeal and they created a beautiful cross and display in the front window at Church.



B&Q Community Service Day



A team from B&Q Enfield spent a day volunteering at St Mary's clearing leaves, power washing and working on the pathway to the High Road. We are very grateful to them for choosing us for their community day this year and donating the tools as well.

Alison and Peter

We said 'farewell and thank you' to Alison and Peter Kennelly who have moved away from the area along with their daughter Emma and children. They have served so faithfully in many ways while they have been here. *Photo with some of their lifegroup on their final Sunday.*

