

# St. Mary's News



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New Course CONTINUES: Thursday 16 January 8pm. Contact Peter (768391) for venue details.

Prayer Service Tonight 6.30pm Join us to pray for 2020.

Wootton & Stewartby Churches United Service  
at Wootton Baptist Church Sunday 26 January 6pm

Women's Ministry at St. Mary's A team are planning monthly events for all women in our congregation with something for everyone. Our aim is to have fun, get to know one another and help one another to know Jesus better. Look out for a diary of events soon. The first will be a movie night on 31 Jan 7.30pm - save the date!

Church Spring Social Sun 2 Feb 12.30pm after church. Lunch at the hall. More next week. Sign the sheet on the table if you plan on attending - for catering purposes.

Understanding Our Mental Health Tues 11 Feb 7.30pm at the Hall.  
We will be running this event to help us see how we can better understand mental health as individuals and as a church. Come and find out more about how we can be better equipped. Guest speaker: Kate Wilson (St. Mary's member & Mental Health First Aid Instructor).

Guest Service at St. Mary's: 'Who do I say I am?'  
Sunday 16 Feb 10.30am. Invitations will be available next Sunday for your family and friends. Start thinking about and praying for those you will ask.

Cambridge Women's Conference Sat 21 Mar 9.30am- 4pm  
Holding On: Faith Hope and Encouragement from Hebrews 10. Sign the sheet on the table if you would like to go. We would love to take as many St. Mary's women as possible. Booking by 12 Jan. Cost £10.

The Marriage Course Starts Weds 22 Jan 7.30pm with a meal. At Three Rivers Church, Denmark St, Bedford. More details on the table. Book via the Church Office.

## Please pray for...

- CYFA and Pathfinder Ventures - that many of our young people will have the opportunity to enjoy these life-changing Christian summer holidays run by CPAS (and take advantage of the discounts and support available); pray too for the recruitment of leadership teams.

- Growth and Discipleship Explored Groups meeting this week - for healthy learning, mutual encouragement and prayerful support.

- Church members suffering illness or infirmity, including: Mervyn Pestell, currently recovering from an infection in hospital and awaiting transfer to a suitable nursing home; David Price, undergoing a course of chemotherapy treatment; Pam Richardson, currently housebound through infirmity.

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## Sunday 12th January

We warmly welcome you today

9am Morning Prayer | 10.30am All Age Morning Service  
Proverbs 2: 'Wisdom Calls' Preacher: Peter Ackroyd

- 🔍 Large print sheets available as you come in.
- 🔊 Sound loop.
- 🗑️ There is a jug of water at the back on the coffee area, help yourself during the service.
- 🎵 Please feel free to sit during the hymns & songs if you feel more comfortable.
- 🍷 Gluten free bread is available at communion services. Ask at the door.
- 👶 At 10.30am - a crèche (0-2 years) is through the doors at the front of church, where you will also find a toilet/disabled toilet & baby changing facilities.
- ☕ Refreshments are served after the 10.30am service.

## This Week at St. Mary's

**Tonight: 6.30pm** Prayer Service (Church) **7.15pm** J.A.M (Hall)  
**Monday: 10am** Wrigglers (Wootton Baptist Church) **1pm** Lunch Club (Hall)  
**Wednesday: 7pm** Pathfinders (Hall)

## Sunday 19th January

9am The Lord's Supper **10.30am** Morning Service  
Proverbs 3 'Wisdom calls' Preacher: Shaun Atkins

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## Morning Prayer 9am

### 🎵 Hymn 131

- Songs of thankfulness and praise

### Confession

### Old Testament Reading

- Proverbs 2

### 🎵 Psalm 47

### New Testament Reading

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### Sermon *Peter Ackroyd*

### 🎵 Hymn 571

- Be thou my vision

### The Apostles' Creed

### Prayers

### 🎵 Hymn 133

- The people that in darkness sat

## All Age Morning Service 10.30am

### 🎵 Hymn

- O worship the King

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### 'A stitch...'

### 🎵 Songs

- All through history  
- Behold our God

### Reading: Proverbs 2

### Talk *Peter Ackroyd*

### 🎵 Song - Bless the Lord O my soul

### Prayers

### 🎵 Hymn

- Be thou my vision

### Proverbs 10:1-5

The proverbs of Solomon:

<sup>1</sup>A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.

<sup>2</sup>Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

<sup>4</sup>Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.

<sup>5</sup>He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

## Proverbs 2

<sup>1</sup>My son, if you accept my words  
and store up my commands within  
you,

<sup>2</sup>turning your ear to wisdom  
and applying your heart to  
understanding,

<sup>3</sup>and if you call out for insight  
and cry aloud for understanding,

<sup>4</sup>and if you look for it as for silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasure,

<sup>5</sup>then you will understand the fear of  
the LORD

and find the knowledge of God.

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD gives wisdom;  
and from his mouth come knowledge  
and understanding.

<sup>7</sup>He holds victory in store for the upright,  
he is a shield to those whose walk is  
blameless,

<sup>8</sup>for he guards the course of the just  
and protects the way of his faithful  
ones.

<sup>9</sup>Then you will understand what is right  
and just

and fair – every good path.

<sup>10</sup>For wisdom will enter your heart,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to  
your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Discretion will protect you,  
and understanding will guard you.

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom will save you from the ways of  
wicked men,

from men whose words are perverse,  
<sup>13</sup>who leave the straight paths  
to walk in dark ways,

<sup>14</sup>who delight in doing wrong  
and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,

<sup>15</sup>whose paths are crooked  
and who are devious in their ways.

<sup>16</sup>It will save you also from the  
adulteress,

from the wayward wife with her  
seductive words,

<sup>17</sup>who has left the partner of her youth  
and ignored the covenant she made  
before God.

<sup>18</sup>For her house leads down to death  
and her paths to the spirits of the dead.

<sup>19</sup>None who go to her return  
or attain the paths of life.

<sup>20</sup>Thus you will walk in the ways of good  
men

and keep to the paths of the righteous.

<sup>21</sup>For the upright will live in the land,  
and the blameless will remain in it;

<sup>22</sup>but the wicked will be cut off from the  
land,  
and the unfaithful will be torn from it.

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## Sermon Notes

## The New City Catechism

### Q50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A: Christ triumphed over sin, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.

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## Prayer Support

Members of St. Mary's prayer support team are available after the 10.30am service to listen and pray with anyone who would like it. Please approach them in the Prayer Room (straight in front of the main door) - whatever your need.