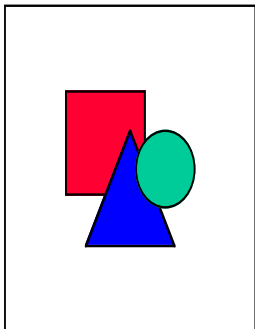


St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 27th September 2015



17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Sung Eucharist

3.00pm Holy Baptism

~ Emily Charlotte Braybrook ~

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WE WELCOME all who join us for our service today. Please stay on for coffee or squash – the time to meet and greet.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Ben Pratt; Janet Wilgrass; John Searle; Eli Garland; Anne Tasker; Timothy Shillito; Keith Wetherill

....those in care homes: Pat Cook; Barbara Sunderland

....R.I.P: Kate Freeston

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 28th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

9am – 3.30pm Church open

9.45am - 4 Churches Together meeting

7.30pm Henlow Singers

Tuesday 29th – 6.00pm Jumping Dolphins

7.00pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Bellingring Practice

Wednesday 30th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

9am – 3.30pm Church open

Friday 2nd - 9.00am Morning Prayer

Saturday 3rd - 10am - 4pm church open for

Harvest decoration

1.00pm Bible Society AGM

NEXT SUNDAY 4th October 2015

HARVEST FESTIVAL

18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**11.00am Harvest Festival Family Service
followed by bring-and-share lunch**

NOTICES

Operation Christmas Child - We have decided to support the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal this year – please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church if you would be interested in taking part. Filled shoe boxes can be brought to the November family service.

If you would like to be involved, but would prefer someone to shop for you – please see Sue or Carol, as we will be wrapping boxes with the Dolphins and could easily add a few more items to our shopping list!

Open Church - As from this week, we are intending to have the church open every day during the hours of daylight. There are always people in and out of church, both visitors and members of our congregation, and we are sure that everyone will appreciate having easier access to the church. We would be very grateful to anyone who felt that they could pop into church during the day to chat to any visitors and make sure all is in order.

Harvest Lunch - This is on 4th October, after the Service. A list is at the back of the Church for names and their item for Bring & Share.

Evensong. Following last Sunday's service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer, the PCC has voted in favour of having a monthly Evensong on the third Sunday of the month at 6pm from January onwards

Harvest Festival - Our Harvest Festival service this year will be held next Sunday, October 4th. We would be very grateful for any gifts during the previous week, to allow us to decorate the church on Saturday. Equally, any gifts brought on Sunday would be most welcome, and all our gifts will be sent to St John's Hospice.

Help for Refugees - As well as requesting guidance received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, we have now been in contact with Central Beds, who are intending to offer their full support to the government plans for supporting refugees. We have registered our desire to help, and will wait to hear from Central Beds as to what form this can best take.

Crib Festival - Advance notice – we are hoping to hold a Crib Festival on the weekend of 5th/6th December. Please keep the date free, and look out your cribs!

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