

**Welcome to the Church of  
St Mary serving the Parish of  
Pulborough with includes  
Nutbourne and North Heath**



**Autumn 2021**

## From the Rector

*I am delighted to extend a **warm welcome** to you on behalf of all the members of the church family here at St Mary's.*

*We are rightly proud of our beautiful historic church building which is a special place for many people in our village and parish. The church is here, not just for the regular congregation, but also for the wider parish community.*

*I would encourage you to make contact with us if you are thinking about getting a child baptised (christened), contemplating getting married or would like to celebrate the life of a departed loved one in the church. You may also be considering having a loved one laid to rest in our peaceful churchyard.*

*This booklet gives a brief introduction to some of the groups and activities that take place here at St Mary's Church, as well as other community activities that members of our congregation are involved in. This is an exciting time in the life of our church as we begin celebrating 800 years of this present building and are formulating a new Mission Action Plan (MAP) to help us shape and develop the work we are doing in serving our community.*

*Our first priority in this place is to offer worship to God, as our forebears have done over many centuries. Like most churches our worship is expressed in a particular style or tradition. In our case this is sometimes called 'high church', as we value the use of symbols, colour and ritual. We are also working to offer a broader provision while cherishing what we have inherited.*

*However at the heart of what we do is our call to help each other understand what it means to follow Jesus Christ and live the Christian life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If you are interested in exploring this with us, please speak to me or another church member. It could be that you are one of those people who we can learn from as we move forward together?*

*Please enjoy the sanctity and beauty of the church and churchyard and let us know if you think we can help you in some way. If we can't help you, we may well know someone who can! Pulborough is a great place to live and visit and we are proud to be an important part of village life.*

*With my prayers and best wishes to all who read this booklet and are finding out about this special place.*



**The Reverend Canon Paul Seaman (Fr Paul)**

**01798 875773**

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## Regular services

### Sundays:

**8am The Holy Eucharist**

**10.30am The Parish Eucharist**

*Our main Sunday service is the Eucharist, also called 'Holy Communion' and 'the Mass', which all are welcome to attend. Visitors from other Christian traditions are invited to receive Holy Communion at St Mary's Church.*

**8am First Sunday of the month: BCP  
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)**

### Wednesdays:

**9.45am Morning Prayer**

**10.15am The Holy Eucharist**

### Fridays:

**12noon The Holy Eucharist**

## Useful Contacts:

### Church Wardens:

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**Do please check our website: [www.stmaryspulborough.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspulborough.org.uk)  
or church notice boards for all current details of services and  
other special occasions.**

## From the Organ Bench

Music plays a very important part in our church life. We have a sung Eucharist every Sunday morning at 10.30 throughout the year and Choral Evensong currently on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Now that the Covid restrictions are being lifted, we are going to re-introduce our younger family orientated services on the first Sunday in each month. We currently have nine regular members of the choir, although we are able to call on others for the Evensongs and other special occasions. We have a fine and versatile three manual pipe organ for accompanying services and we will be arranging organ recitals again once the Covid coast is fully clear.

We also have a Clavinova piano which is ideal for accompanying the more informal young family services. If anyone is interested in joining our merry band of singers, I would be delighted to meet with you after a morning service for an informal chat. Please do come and introduce yourselves.

**Tony Hancock, Director of Music. (01798) 873479**



## Life at St Mary's



## St Mary's Flower Arrangers



The flower arrangers at St Mary's work on a rota system, based on carrying out a duty of two weeks.

On church festivals such as Easter, Christmas and Harvest we all work as a "team".

Occasionally we are asked to do weddings but we also welcome florists or friends of the bride if they wish to do the flowers. Offers of help and foliage are always appreciated.

If you would like to join this friendly group or would like any further information, please contact **Pauline Adsett (01798) 874243**

## Handbell Ringing

The St Mary's Handbell group meets on a Friday evening 7-8pm during term time. We currently have a group of 10 ringers and between us ring a full 2 octave range of bells. We cover a wide range of repertoire including traditional hymns, songs from musicals and TV themes, to music from Beethoven and Strauss. The level of difficulty also ranges from very easy to the much more complex.

Our ringers also have different levels of musical prowess and providing that they can tell their left hand from their right and be able to count to four, a high degree of success and enjoyment is achieved by all.

As well as regular rehearsals we perform at various venues throughout the year including the Harvest Fayre and local nursing homes.

**For more details please contact Ann Kaiser (01798) 872819**



**Summer ringing practice outside the Church**



## School Visiting.

St Mary's Church is very proud to have a C of E (Aided) Primary School. There are strong and developing links between the church and school.

We support the school by being involved in regular school and class assemblies. On major festivals there will often be a Eucharist in school, held in the main hall. Individual classes also visit St Mary's Church during a week-day morning to enrich the connection between church and school. The annual year six leavers service is also held at the church.



## **Pastoral Visiting.**

During regular (non-pandemic) times the pastoral team make scheduled visits to the local care / nursing homes. These visits will either be for an act of worship or for pastoral support held in group form or one-to-one. Individual house visits are also undertaken as requested by parishioners.



**Tony Holloway – Parish Reader and Pastoral visitor**

## **Ladybirds**

This is a very popular mums and toddlers group held weekly in church. There is a relaxed structure to the gathering that allows for craft-themed activities, scripture-book story telling and chat. There then follows a 'special time' when the children are involved in their own worship format with singing and short prayers. Many of these children will ultimately go on to attend reception class at St. Mary's School after two to three years at Ladybirds.

**Tony Holloway: 01798 8741**



St. Mary's has a regular children's workshop once a month on the last Sunday of the month from 9am – 10am in the church where the children enjoy games and craft and learn about their faith as well as enjoying a breakfast snack. Each session the children learn a new song which they perform during the all age worship on first Sunday of the following month. We welcome children of all ages. If you would like more information you can contact Charlotte, Vicky or Hannah at the following email addresses:

**[charlottelcargill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlottelcargill@yahoo.co.uk)**

**[vickyfsmith70@gmail.com](mailto:vickyfsmith70@gmail.com)**

**[hannah@bigbookmedia.com](mailto:hannah@bigbookmedia.com)**

St. Mary's also organises workshops for families to try different crafts on a theme during the year on a Saturday, in the past we have had Advent, Easter and Harvest workshops which are always very popular.

## St Mary's Church Bells

The church has a fine ring of 8 bells. Rung in the traditional and uniquely English manner, they are regularly used for Sunday morning services and practices are held on Monday evenings. They are also rung for weddings, funerals and other national events. In addition, we can arrange for them to be rung for a special birthday or other occasion upon request. We are always pleased to show the bells to visitors and particularly to welcome anyone who would like to try their hand and join the band of ringers.

Please contact **Peter Gregory** if you would like more information, (01798) 812788.





**Nativity Play – Children’s Workshop – Christian Aid Week**



# MONTHLY WORKING PARTY AT ST MARY'S CHURCH



There is always a variety of jobs to do!

**THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**10am to 12noon**

**Weeding – Cobwebbing**  
**Pruning- Collecting Litter**  
**Hedge-trimming**  
**Painting and Decorating**  
**Grass trimming**  
**and much more**



**REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AT THE END OF THE MORNING.**



## Community Outreach



### **Singing for Pleasure**

On the last Tuesday of the month from 2-3.30pm with a break for refreshments, a light-hearted singing session. No auditions, no choir but very good for mental and physical health. During the summer we sing outside and move into Church for the cooler months. We sing a variety of songs from various decades. For more details please contact: **Michael Pioli on 01798 368342 or Ann Kaiser on 01798 872819**



## **Family Support Work (FSW)**

We support this county-wide charity that cares for families in need of help. The congregation support by food donations, August sponsored walk, toy donations at Christmas and various other events during the year.

## **Fairtrade**

Each month we have a Fairtrade Stall in Church for people to support this very worthy initiative. We are a Fairtrade church and village.

## **Charitable Giving**

During the year we support various charities including:  
Mission to Seafarers on Sea Sunday.  
Turning Tides for the homeless in Worthing at Harvest.  
Water Aid during Lent.  
The Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Sunday

