

**Our Mission Statement**  
**'to share the light and hope of Jesus in our community'**

## Who's Who at St. Mary's

**St. Mary's Church, Weaverham, takes its duty and obligation to protect everyone, extremely seriously. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding nature our Safeguarding Officer is Louise Parry, who can be contacted through the Church office, 01606 851880 or by e-mail: [weaverham.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:weaverham.church.office@gmail.com)**

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### Giving to St. Mary's

Please use the gift aid envelopes if you would like to make a gift for the church and are a UK taxpayer.

If you attend St. Mary's regularly, you might like to consider setting up a Standing Order

**Talk to John Freeman our Treasurer for more information**



## St Mary's Church Service & Notice Sheet 15th January 2023

We are delighted that you have come to join with us for our worship services today. If there is anything you're not sure of, please ask any of the people at the back of church. For Communion services, Gluten Free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available - please ask.

### Services Today - 15th January

8.30am Communion

10.30am - Morning Worship & Baptism

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Readings:** 1 Cor 1: 1 - 9 & John 1: 29 - 42

If there's something you would like to bring to God in prayer our Prayer Ministry team will be in the side chapel after the 10.30 service.



### Welcome for Baptism

Leo & Amelia Bailey, their mum & dad Stacey and Dean, their family and friends.

We send our love, our prayers and good wishes to Leo & Amelia on this very special day.

Children & young people are very much part of our church family and welcome at any service. Activities for small children are at the back of church at the 10.30am



### Young People's Fellowship 7.00 - 8.30pm - in the Lighthouse

[High School years 7-13]

We look at the bible, pray for each other, play games and eat! Social events are organised too.



Hearing aid users please turn to the T setting

Fully Accessible Toilet facilities are available in the main entry porch

### Collect - Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### After Service

**Refreshments** - are served in church after 10.30 & 6.30 services why not join us - its good to talk!

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## What's happening this week

**Morning Prayers - Monday 16th @ 9.00am & Wednesday 18th @ 8.30am**  
Join us in church to informally discuss the Scripture readings for the day and pray for the church, our community and beyond.



**Monday 16th January**  
**STICKY FINGERS**  
9.15 - 10.45am

Time for kids to have fun be creative & socialise and for parents & carers to meet up with friends.



**Connecting in Prayer**  
**Monday 16th January**  
**7.30pm in the Annex**

Lets join together at the start of this New Year to pray together as a whole church. Usually lasting about an hour, in a relaxed atmosphere, why not join us - you are part of our family too!

**Wednesday 18th January**  
Communion Service 10.30am

**Wednesday 18th January - 12.45pm**  
Funeral - Mary Kiernan

**Saturdays - Church is open from 10 - 12 noon** [Weather Permitting]  
Come in and sit quietly for a few minutes - you'll be glad you did!

### **Volunteers Wanted!**

Can you spare 1 hour every 5 weeks to be part of this important outreach for the village?  
Talk to Dot or John F for more information



**Tuesday 17th January**  
**9.15 - 12.00 Lighthouse Cafe**

A warm welcome awaits! All the usual treats - Coffee, tea, toasted teacake, cake - the choice is yours. come along - you'll be glad you did!

**Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.30am - Food Hub in the Lighthouse**  
Fresh Supermarket Food at its 'Sell-by' date for a donation of £1.00.



**Upcycling Shed**  
**Thursday 19th 9.30am**

January is the best time to sharpen your creative skills!  
Why not come along, share ideas over a coffee and get to work.

**Next Sunday - 22nd January**  
8.30am Communion;  
10.30am Methodist Covenant Service & Communion -  
**New Year, New Start with God**  
6.30pm - Evening Prayer

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**Mens Breakfast - 28th Jan 8.00am**  
Join us for a 'Full English'. The Speaker will be our own Phil Bishop  
Sign up sheet at the back of church

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## Other News and Dates for your Diary

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING [ACM]**  
**Monday 13th February - 7.30pm in the Lighthouse**

We are coming up to the ACM - where we review the last 12 months and ask for God's guidance for the year ahead. So put the date in your diary and come along.

**ECC [Ecumenical Church Council]** - We currently have six vacancies on the Church Council - the group that oversees the running of the church. If you are interested in joining this group - there are nomination forms at the back of church. *Please be aware that it is a requirement of our ECC that all members will have to be DBS checked.*

**Church Wardens** - These 2 positions are elected annually - currently Vicky and Colin are our wardens. If you would like more information please talk to them or to Paul

**Electoral Roll** - As part of the ACM we carry out a revision of the Electoral Roll. If any of your details have changed - please let us know so that we can keep up to date. [Please note your details are not shared elsewhere]. If you're not already on the Roll - please think about 'Joining Up and Joining In' There are forms at the back of church - Talk to Jules for more information. We're all in this together!

**Photographs** - A lot has happened at St. Mary's in the last twelve months and at the ACM it is our custom to have a slide show of all the various activities. So that yours can be included, please send any photos you have to the Church Office e-mail and we can make sure they are 'on view'.

Lots to think about - thanks for your help!



**FOODBANK Contributions**  
**April - December**

Total 646.6 kgs a tremendous total, thank you to everyone. There has been a great increase in both donations and those in need.

### **REMEMBRANCE TREE**

donations of £11.00 will be forwarded to St. Luke's Hospice.  
Thank you for the people who contributed.