

**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 30th April 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

8.30am - Communion

10.15am - Café Church in the Lighthouse

6.30pm - Methodist Communion - Service Book & H&P

### Readings:

1 Peter 2: 19 - 25 [NT231] & John 10: 1 - 10 NT[100]



### After Service

**Refreshments** - are served in church after

10.30 & 6.30 services why not join us - its good to talk!



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

### Collect - 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Fully Accessible Toilet facilities are available in the main entry porch



### 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



### SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**7th May**

8.30am Communion

11.00am Special Village

United Service in the Community Centre

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## What's happening this week

**Morning Prayers - Prayers next week on Wednesday 3rd May only at 8.30am** Join us in church to informally discuss the Scripture readings for the day and pray for the church, our community and beyond.



**NO STICKY FINGERS**  
**On Mondays 1st & 8th May**

Back on 15th May 9.15 - 10.45am

**Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.30am - Food Hub in the Lighthouse**

Fresh Supermarket Food at its 'Sell-by' date for a donation of £1.00.

**Wednesday 3rd May**

Communion Service 10.30am

**Saturdays - Church is open from 10 - 12 noon**

Why not come in and sit quietly for a few minutes away from the hustle and bustle - you'll be glad you did!

**Eco Tip of the Week**

Did you know - 30% of the food produced in the world is wasted, with serious repercussions for the environment?

Food waste can be reduced by freezing anything you can't eat while it's fresh and if you can, why not buy loose produce so you can select the exact amount that you need?



**Tuesday 2nd May 9.15 - 12.00**  
**LIGHTHOUSE CAFE**

A warm welcome awaits!  
All the usual treats - Coffee, tea, toasted teacake, scones - the choice is yours - all for £4.00!  
Why not come along?  
You'll be glad you did!



**NO UPCYCLING SHED AND CRAFTY IDEAS THIS WEEK**

The Lighthouse is being used as a Polling Station for the Election on 4th May.

We will be back on the 11th May  
Look forward to seeing you - why not bring a friend?



**FOODBANK**

Please leave donations in the box near the organ.  
Cash donations are welcome too  
Thank you for your generosity.  
[Please make sure all items are well within their sell-by date - thanks!]

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## Other News and Dates for your Diary



**Monday 8th May 2023**  
**THE BIG HELP OUT**

The Big Help Out is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners ie: Scouts, the RVS and faith groups from across the UK. It will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.  
We're asking you to join in to tidy up the area around the church & car park.  
Bring some gardening tools, hoes, rakes, hedge cutters, outdoor brushes, weed burners etc and bags to put the cuttings and weeds in.  
**Meet outside St Mary's at 10.00am, refreshments will be provided.**  
**Thank you!**



**Saturday 13th May**  
**WALKING GROUP**  
**10.00am - Meet in the Church Carpark**

We're 'staying local' this month and we may well see Bluebells and Orchids!  
The walk will be about 4 miles long. Please wear strong shoes or boots and bring a mid morning snack.  
Liz 07572 995 789 can give you more information.



**Phil's Installation Service at Burley in Wharfedale**

Phil will be welcomed into his new Parish on:

**Sunday 23rd July at 4.00pm**

So we can give Burley some idea of how many of us will be going, there is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

We are hoping to organise a coach [there will be a charge]. Please indicate on the sheet if you would like to use the coach



**DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE**  
**Sunday 21st May**

Paul, and Colin this year, will be taking part in the DGR around Cheshire to raise funds for **Men's Mental Health and Prostate Cancer**  
[Sponsor form at the back of church]



**Wednesday 17th May**  
**CONNECTING IN PRAYER - 7.30pm in the Annex**

Usually lasting about an hour, this is the time when we gather together as a family, in a relaxed environment, to ask for God's guidance and help. Why not come and join in?  
The topic for this month is: 'Potted Prayers'