

Advent and Christmas 2016

★ Christingle Service
Sunday 11th December at 4.00 pm

★ Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 18th December at 6.30 pm

★ Crib Service - Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December at 4.30 pm

★ Midnight Communion - Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December at 11.00 pm

★ Christmas Day
Sunday 25th December
Holy Communion at 9.00 am
All Age at 10.00 am

Sunday Services

1st Service at 9.30 am
Morning Worship

2nd Service at 11.00 am
Informal Worship

1st Sunday of the month:
Service of Healing and Wholeness
at 6.30 pm

2nd Sunday of the month:
Refuel at 6.30 pm

3rd Sunday of the month:
Messy Church at 4.00 pm

4th Sunday of the month:
Service of Prayer and Reflection
at 6.30 pm

Crib Service

December 24th 4:30 pm

Come and be part of the Christmas story as the characters from the events of the first Christmas are placed in the crib scene.

Hall Hire

Main Hall suitable for Children's parties - £20 per hour.

Crypt and Small Hall suitable for meetings, small dance and exercise groups - £10 per hour.

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God's Promise of Hope

Did you join us this year, perhaps at the BIG Lunch, the Summer Fair, a meal, film? Or maybe at one of the four concerts we staged? We have keep fit classes, dog training groups, a shelter for the homeless, activities for young people, Brownies and Rainbows, a group for 0-5 year olds, Messy Church, Wednesday World Café and a monthly Café Matinee. Community activity is really growing.

I spent a few days in Lebanon in June with the



Christian charity TEARFUND called Heart for Lebanon. I sat with refugee families from Syria, Iraq, Kurdistan and Afghanistan living in very poor conditions. Their stories were heart rending; they had lost everything.

These charities

provide food, education, but

more importantly hope, and a way to find healing from trauma. One woman said to me "Life is really not fair but there is always hope."

We have this hope not just at Christmas or Easter, but every day.

Jesus, the Son of God, was born to set us free from disappointment, fear and

addictions. In Jesus, God draws near to us. The Bible says: "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love, neither death nor life nor any other trouble. May you have the power to understand ... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love is for you"



Whatever your difficulties or challenges, you can reach out to God and ask Him to pour his love into your heart.

This is His gift for you today.

Amanda, Vicar



Open to questions about the Christian faith.

Find out more about God - we will be running Alpha in 2017. You are invited to come for something to eat after work early evening and we spend time discussing our views and answering questions.

SPAs at St. MMM

At St. Mary's we have four SPAs (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries), who have been authorised by our Diocese to help develop caring and pastoral work on behalf of the church, in a voluntary capacity. We are Sharon, Norma, Gillian and Marion. Our different interests include taking services in the nursing home in the parish, co-ordinating pastoral care, bereavement counselling, running the 0-5 toddler club, and chaplaincy work in our local mental hospital. We each visit sick, elderly and housebound people in the parish, often taking communion where requested. We try to keep in touch with those who may not be in church for whatever reason, and twice a year manage and run lunches for our older members, or those who are at home.



Prayer and Healing

Prayer has always underpinned the life at St Mary's. For the last few years a small group have met every Saturday morning at 9am to pray together for the community, church and individuals. Let us know if you would like us to pray for you.

Each service has an opportunity for personal prayer and to pray with one of our prayer partners in confidence.



On the first Sunday evening of every month there is a 6.30pm service to offer prayer for healing. Do come and join us.



Messy Church

Messy Church is for everyone! Come and get messy during a creative time that explores the theme followed by a short celebration involving a story, prayer, song, game and a meal. Everything is for people of all ages, adults and children. The aim is to introduce Jesus to people who don't normally come to church. We meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm. Dates for next term:

15th January
19th February
19th March.



Open for you: World Café

We run a café in the church on Wednesdays 12.00-1.30 pm in term-time to give people somewhere to bring their children, meet others, and to make friends. It is very popular and we offer free tea, coffee and cake as we want to encourage connections between members of our community. Come and try this out.



Café Matinée

Bringing the community together in the Church on the 4th Thursday of each month to watch a popular film on the BIG screen. Tea/coffee, cake and comfortable seats provided. Doors open from 2.00 pm and the film starts at 2.30 pm. Do come along.



St. MMM's 0-5 Club

Are you at home with an under 5 child?

For parents and carers of 0-5's, St Mary's has a thriving club on

Wednesdays from 2.00 – 4.00pm during term time. In our large hall we welcome guests from all cultures for unlimited refreshments, a supervised craft, the use of toys and play equipment both inside and outside in our large garden, ending the afternoon with singing.

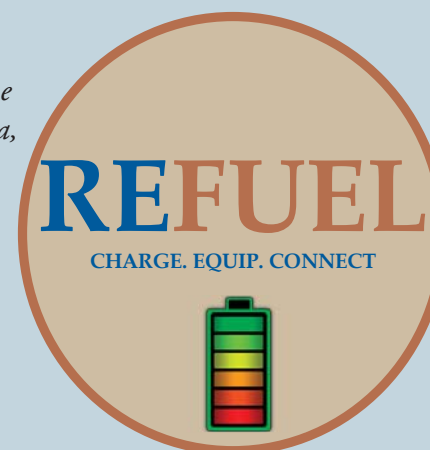
It's great fun and all for a small fee of £1 per family. Why not come along and make new friends? You would be most welcome.



Refuel

Refuel is an informal service where everyone is welcome. You can expect some time for reflection and Bible study, where we aim to bring the Bible to life by applying the lessons learnt to our daily lives. Sessions are in the main church every 2nd Sunday of the month on sofas accompanied with tea, coffee and biscuits.

All are welcome :)



Children's and Young People's Groups at St. MMM

Sunday Service 5-11 Group

Come and join us on Sunday mornings during the 11 o'clock service for games, activities and Bible stories. We'd love to see you.

Inspire 11 - 17 Group

We meet every Sunday morning during the service to chat, get into the Bible and apply it to our lives. Once a month we have a social such as a pizza and prayer night or attend an event.

Holiday Club

We run a fun themed Holiday Club each Summer for a week for children aged 5 - 11 years in the local and wider community. Children can learn more about Jesus and the Bible through stories, games, crafts and more.

