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# ST MARY'S & ALL SAINTS NEWS

## 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY EPIPHANY 1

*Welcome to our service today! We meet in the name of Jesus Christ to celebrate what he has done for us, to listen to the word of God and to speak to God in prayer. Children are welcome at all of our services! At the 10.30, when it's not an all-age service, there is a crèche called Scramblers (0-3), Explorers (4-7) and Pathfinders (8+). Listen out for announcements about refreshments served after the service.*

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## Thank You!

*The last few weeks have been a lot of work for a lot of people in our churches.*

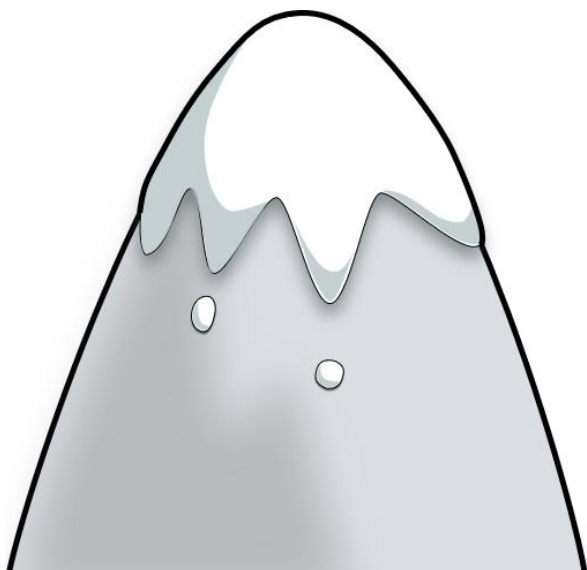
- 21 Christmas Events
- 113 Carols Sung
- 500+ Mince Pies Served
- 100s of Hours of Volunteering



### Ice Skating Trip

15<sup>th</sup> January

Our skating slot is at 2.15pm so we can leave the Church carpark at 1.15pm and get there early. Please bring a **Packed Lunch** so we can sit and eat it after the Church service. Price to skate is £10. Please bring, warm but loose clothes, hat and gloves and a coat. We will hopefully arrive back at 4.45pm. Closing date to book is 8<sup>th</sup> January. For more details and to book, please contact Fiona on 07581 233772 or [fionabeale01@aol.co.uk](mailto:fionabeale01@aol.co.uk)



On the 27th January at 7.30pm there will be a meeting in the Church Hall to discuss and finalise the **Ben Nevis** trip. All welcome to attend who want to walk up the mountain. The current day planned for walking the mountain is the 29th May.



## REFORMATION 500

2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the European Reformation, beginning when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to door of the church in Wittenburg. To reflect on this hugely influential moment in our history, we'll have a seven-part series of short talks starting at the evening service on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

5<sup>th</sup> March – **Did the Church need Reform?**

19<sup>th</sup> March – **Reformation: What Happened?**

*Big Ideas of the Reformation:*

2<sup>nd</sup> April – **Sola Scriptura/Scripture Alone**

16<sup>th</sup> April – **Sola Fide/Faith Alone**

7<sup>th</sup> May – **Sola Gratia/Grace Alone**

21<sup>st</sup> May – **Solo Christo/Christ Alone**

4<sup>th</sup> June – **Soli Deo Gloria/Glory of God Alone**

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The Parish now has its own YouTube channel! To see some of our films, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOBo7NsoyRpqqPg1-ZUzP9Q> or visit via the benefice website, [www.bransgore.org](http://www.bransgore.org) (where church news sheets are also posted weekly)

AND THE LORD CAME AND STOOD,  
CALLING AS AT OTHER TIMES,

"SAMUEL!  
SAMUEL!"

AND SAMUEL SAID,

"SPEAK FOR  
YOUR SERVANT  
HEARS."

1 SAMUEL  
3:10

**NEW SERIES ON 1 SAMUELS STARTS TODAY**

## **CHURCH FAMILY SOCIAL**

DEAR FRIENDS.

OUR PLANNED EXCURSIONS WERE DUE TO COMMENCE WITH TEA AND CAKES AT EDNA AND JOHN PRINCE'S ON THE 11TH JANUARY. UNFORTUNATELY A GOOD FEW OF THOSE INTENDING TO COME WILL BE ATTENDING A FUNERAL ON THAT AFTERNOON SO UNABLE TO BE PRESENT SO THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED.

THE NEW DATE IS THE 18TH.JANUARY. 3.30PM AT 23 WILTSHIRE GARDENS. BRANSGORE. BH23 8BJ PLEASE LET EDNA KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING.....SHE WOULD ALSO WELCOME OFFERS OF CAKES.

THE NEXT EVENT WILL BE A PUB LUNCH ON TH 8TH FEBRUARY. I HAD HOPED TO ORGANISE THIS BUT WILL BE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR A HOSPITAL OPERATION SO WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF SOMEONE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO MAKE A BOOKING AND COLLECT NAMES OF THOSE INTERESTED. PERHAPS WE SHOULD START WITH VISITING "THE CROWN"

WHEN WE HAD OUR COFFEE GATHERING WE AGREED THAT THIS TASK WOULD BE PASSED AROUND THE GROUP, ALSO THAT NO ONE SHOULD FEEL THAT THEY HAVE TO COME EVERY TIME, TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE NO LONGER DRIVING. THIS IS AN 'OPEN GROUP' MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THOSE RETIRED.

I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE TO PUBLISH A LIST OF DATES FOR THE YEAR, STEERING CLEAR OF PROBUS AND WI MEETINGS ETC. COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY OTHER GROUPS THAT MEET REGULARLY OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE VILLAGE LUNCHEON CLUB THAT MIGHT AFFECT PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO ATTEND.

WOULD YOU PLEASE PASS A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ANYONE NOT ON E MAIL (OR WHOSE E MAIL ADDRESS I DO NOT HAVE). COPIES WILL BE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

BEST WISHES. YVE GERWAT

## **BRENDA LEE**

Brenda Lee, a long-standing member of St Mary's who had been in a home for the last five years, sadly passed away last week. Her funeral will be taking place this coming Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 at St Mary's with a reception to follow. Please keep Brenda's daughter Marian in your prayers.

## **IMPENDING BABY AT THE VICARAGE!**

Due to the forthcoming baby in the Sargent family, there'll be a few small changes to our regular program of events over the next few weeks.

- The evening service will be on pause until the start of Reformation 500 on the 5<sup>th</sup> March
- The 10.30 service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan will be a Service of the Word (non-communion), with Jenny Miles leading and Josh Soal (from Moorlands College) preaching
- The 10.30 service on the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan will be Holy Communion led by the Revd Dr Ro Mody, until recently the vicar of Throop in Bournemouth and the only vicar in the Church of England who converted to Christianity from Zoroastrianism!

## **CHURCH PRAYER MEETING**

Don't forget that we have a benefice prayer meeting every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning at 9.30am at St Mary's. This time of prayer is the beating heart of all that goes on in our benefice. We pray for those in need, for all our events and aspirations and for everyone on our electoral roll. If you're free, please come along and be a part of this important work.