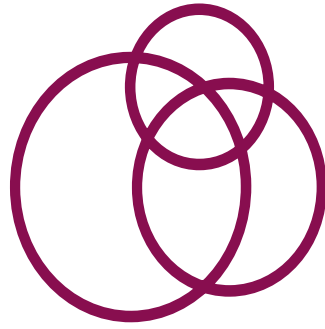


ST MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM

A Time for Re-dedication



Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst

Same family, Two parishes, Working together.

Loving God and Loving our Neighbour

- ❖ Thank you for your love of this place, this church
- ❖ Thank you for ALL you do to support its work, life and worship
- ❖ We now Thank God for all the goodness we have received!

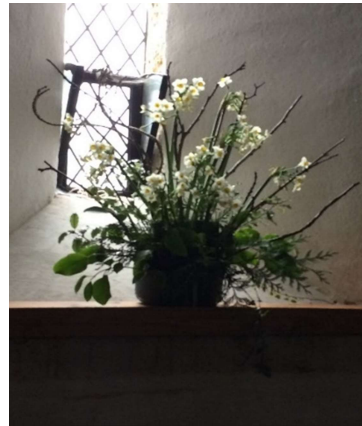


Gift Day 2019: Sunday 5 May
Re-dedication Month: May 2019

Introduction

This is the first period of re-dedication that we have experienced for more than two years. It is the first since the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge, Rev Sara-Jane Stevens.

In response to our many, many blessings from God, we want to give you each the opportunity to give, sacrificially, back to God – as Jesus did for you. During the month of May, we will re-dedicate ourselves, our time, our money and our talents to God and the mission in this place.



Over the past two years we have, for many reasons, experienced a steady erosion of our regular financial giving. Inevitably, this reduction in income is beginning to impact on church life – on Ministry and Mission. We are blessed that people continue to give in other ways, by their time and talents, their skills and their leading of others. We have much for which to be thankful.

MINISTRY

- ❖ The appointment of Rev Sara-Jane
- ❖ The constancy of the PCC
- ❖ The emergence of Worship Leaders to support services
- ❖ The rise in the number of volunteers who keep our church and grounds lively, safe and beautiful
- ❖ The Music Group
- ❖ Our youth work
- ❖ Those who work with our children and in Thakeham Primary School

MISSION

- ❖ Our commitment to support those in need through our mission giving
- ❖ Men's breakfast
- ❖ Many enjoyable social events

THANK YOU for all you have contributed - great and small

What do we hope to do in 2019?

- ❖ Develop a vision, teaching and a life-giving passion about our faith
- ❖ Review and re-imagine how we 'do church' so that as many people as are able join us for worship, and feel welcome in our services
- ❖ Resource a home-visiting team
- ❖ Start new Home Groups and enable new relationships
- ❖ Make new connections with local youth and children
- ❖ Complete the planning stages for the building work starting in 2020

How will this affect our finances?

This will cost money!

How will this affect our church community?

This will cost us commitment and prayer

Where do we start?

- ❖ Task the PCC and congregation to agree a clear vision for the future of St Mary's in 1, 2, 5, 10 years' time
- ❖ Be explicit about what we are spending our money on. Make a couple of presentations each year about how well we are fulfilling our vision and managing the finances. Be accountable!
- ❖ Exercise faith, pray together and ask God what we should be doing!

Having read through this leaflet, please prayerfully consider filling in the short pledge form enclosed – for your financial giving and for your time and talents.

On Sunday 5 May, we will offer these pledges to God in the 10.30am service. Then through May, we will pray, as a church, for the future God enables us to resource.