



What's happening at St Mary's, Thakeham, in October 2019?

We will be Loving God and Loving our Neighbour!

Sunday 6 October 2019 @10.30am

Family Service HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our theme for 2019: **God's Playlist**

NOTE: Summer Evensong: 6.00pm @ Sullington Church

Sunday 13 October 2019 @ 9.30am

Morning Prayer

Sunday 20 October 2019 @ 8.00am

Iona Communion

NOTE: 10.30 Joint Communion Service at Sullington

Sunday 27 October 2019 @ 9.30am

Family Communion

6pm A Special service to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Dates for your diary

Monday 7 October @ 8pm CHURCH IN THE PUB

Wednesday 9 October @ 7.45 SINGING GROUP

Wednesday 23 October @ 7.45 SINGING GROUP

Thursday 24 October @ 4pm -5.30pm MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 27 October @ 6pm A SPECIAL SERVICE to remember loved ones who have passed away. Please bring a candle

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE? DO COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR HOME GROUPS WHERE A WARM WELCOME IS GUARANTEED!

A group of about ten church members meet fortnightly at 10.30 am on Wednesday mornings for Bible study, prayer and support at the home of Julie Andrews. Sometimes meetings are based on a reading or readings linked to a theme. At other times, the Bible Study may arise from questions posed by one of the group. Julie is an excellent leader who makes even the most troublesome of texts accessible. 01903 740405

God in Real Life group meets at on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Lis and Derek Osborne's home. Lis writes, 'We aren't your traditional Bible study group! We look at a short (ish!) Christian DVD and discuss, hoping to apply whatever we have learnt in our

everyday lives. We would love more people to come so if this type of homegroup appeals to you, please do come and give us a try - we'd love to see you! 01798 813012
Another home group takes place fortnightly at 7.45/8pm on Thursdays. If that is a good time and a small group setting is a good place for you to pray, worship and find out more about living the Christian life then please contact Chris or Elke Whitehead, email: music.stmarysthakeham@gmail.com or 01903 741252.'

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church returns on **Thursday 26th October**, at Thakeham Village Hall, 4pm-5.30pm. It is for Primary School age children accompanied by an adult. **Helpers, cooks and befrienders needed**, please contact Sara-Jane!

THANK YOU FROM JUBYLEE BAKES

Thank you to all at St Mary's for your generosity in supporting Jubylee Bakes. I thought you would be interested in how we spent both the earlier donation and the money from the Flower Festival. We felt that we should as far as possible link this to Thakeham, and in particular the kitchen project and therefore we have used this to help with the legal costs associated with sorting out the lease. Our solicitors, Rix & Kay in Uckfield gave their time pro bono, but we had to cover search costs etc. In addition, we have bought a commercial microwave oven and a hob. The balance has contributed towards a new branded gazebo that hopefully you will see at events in Thakeham and the surrounding area in years to come. Best wishes, Colin Tomlinson, for Jubylee Bakes

SAVE THE DATE! A 'FIRST' FOR US!



THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON PARISHES CHRISTMAS LUNCH

2pm - 4pm

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

In the Village Hall, Thakeham

MENU

TURKEY OR A VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE

SAUSAGES AND STUFFING

ROAST POTATOES

VEGETABLES

GRAVY

HOME- MADE CHRISTMAS PUDDING OR GATEAU

CREAM

COFFEE AND MINTS

Donations please to cover costs, any remainder to CRISIS



ART EXHIBITION

8- 20 October

The Old Workshop at Sullington Manor Farm

10 -3 daily

Watercolours, wooden bowls, bespoke furniture

Drinks, soup and cake available

St Mary's Thakeham Building Project UPDATE



Work on the detailed design for this project has now started. Drawings of the proposed scheme are displayed in The Church Rooms.

The scope of the project includes:

- Demolition of the old vestry, boiler house and shed
- Construction of an extension to house a new vestry (large enough to be used as a small meeting room or creche), Toilets (including accessible and baby change facilities), a plant room (for equipment, not for pot plants!).
- Repair of external stonework.
- Construction of a new bell ringing gallery at mezzanine level with installation of a small kitchen area at ground level of the bell tower.
- Relocation of the font
- Repositioning of 2 rows of front pews and realignment of some others to create more flexible space at the front of the church.
- Renewal of heating, lighting, electrical circuits and audio-visual equipment.
- Enclosing of the porch on the South side to minimise draughts.

Due to the intrusive nature of the work the church will regrettably need to close during the period of construction, estimated to start in June 2020 for a period of 6-9 months. We will provide updates about alternative arrangements in due course.

Next steps are as follows:

- Continue to pray for God's help and wisdom in everything we do.
- Work with architects to finalise detailed designs.
- Seek final permissions as required at the end of the year.
- Plan alternative arrangements for services, meetings and activities to prepare for next year.