



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

January 2023

## WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of morning services.
- Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy.
- An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
- Toilets, including disabled and nappy changing facilities are situated at the far end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

## EPIPHANY PRAYER

A prayer for the season of Epiphany by Janet Morley

*O God of celebration,  
you have kept the good wine until now-  
the wine that we longed for,  
but never thought to taste,  
Take the tap water of our lives  
Our struggles and our dullness  
And with your grace make strong and dark and  
joyful all that our hearts contain,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.*

## COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Jon Sparkes sadly had to leave St Mary's at the end of last year due to health issues.

We are now looking to recruit a new CEO to take the work of the Community Centre forward. Please hold this process in your prayers.

## PART TIME JOBS AT ST MARY'S

There are current vacancies for: Part-time Evening Caretaker (20+4 hours) and Receptionist 15 hours

Thursday and Friday 9-5pm. If you know anyone who might be interested information is available on

the website or email [admin@stmarys-church.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-church.co.uk) . The closing date is Friday 20th January.

## ELAINE RUSAK

Many of you will remember Elaine who was a faithful member of St Mary's for many years.

She sadly died at the end of last year. Her funeral will be taking place on **Tuesday 31st January** at St Mary's at **10.45**

following by a Committal at City Road and then refreshments afterwards at St Mary's. You are very welcome to come and remember Elaine and give thanks for her life.

## FAMILY CHOIR

Come and sing Songs from Westside Story!

All ages and abilities welcome

Here in the hall at St Mary's

**Wednesdays**

3.30 drinks

4pm singing

£1 pp/pay as you feel

Any enquiries call Yo 07925 634 420

## ECO CHURCH

Please speak to Ann Brownhill for more Eco Church info.



Do you care about our beautiful planet?

Are you concerned about the Climate Crisis?

Would you like to do something positive?

Environmental Organisations are coming together lead by Extinction Rebellion (who have 'Quit' unpopular actions) calling 100,000 UK residents to join them for one day in London...

**Friday 21st April 2023**

**To ask our government to prioritise policies that will mitigate climate crisis**

For instance

- Green Economy
- Renewable Energies
- Affordable Public Transport
- Business Flight Tax
- Peoples Assemblies

Please let Yo know if you are interested in coming incase we can support each other with transport 07925 634 420

NB There is an Event Update about the London rally on Zoom

This **Sunday 15th Jan TODAY 7-8pm**

Meeting ID 832-4449-7081

Pass 616-133

# Talking Climate Justice Tour

Every transformative social movement started with a conversation that moved people into action.

**Join us as we have powerful and honest conversations that stir up action for climate justice!**

Victoria  
Methodist  
Church,  
Stafford Road,  
S2 2SE

6.15pm to  
8.30pm

Sunday 22nd  
January 2023



For bookings and further details please contact Alison Trezise:  
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*Yo is going on to this Christian Aid event on 22nd, you can let her know you are coming 07925 634 420*

*Booking helps the organisers but you can just let Yo know or just turn up*

**...find out more...talk to someone...send some news...**

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