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**Our Regular Weekdays**

**Mondays** 14:45 Prayer Group: The Chancel  
**Tuesdays** 10:30 House group: White Horse Cottage  
 19:30 Bible Study: The  
**Wednesdays** 09:00 Holy Communion The Chancel  
**Thursdays** 09:00 Coffee Shop; Olveston Stores  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays** 19:30 Lent Group Extended at Denis'  
**Fridays** 19.00 Choir Practice  
 20.00 Bell Ringers Practice  
**Saturdays** 09:30 Hand Bell Practice

**Dates for Your Diary**

Mon 6 Feb 10:00 Olveston School Assembly  
 Mon 6 Feb 19:30 MM  
 Wed 8 Feb 19:30 Worship Committee  
 Sat 11 Feb 10:00 Churchyard Bash  
 Mon 13 Feb 10:00 CMC  
 Mon 13 Feb 19:30 MMX  
 Thur 16 Feb 19:30 Denis' Lent Group Ext.  
 Mon 20 Feb 19:30 Pancakes & UWE Big Band  
 Wed 22 Feb 09:00 Imposition of Ashes (Ash Wed)  
 Wed 22 Feb 19:30 Ditto at Olveston Methodist Church  
 Sat 25 Feb Church Gift Day  
 Mon 27 Feb 19:30 CHAT group  
 Tue 28 Feb 19:30 Lent Film

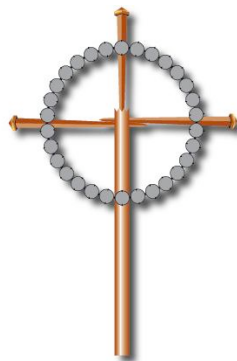
**Services Next Week: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
 The Revd Roly Bain  
 10:00 Choral Morning Worship  
 The Revd Roly Bain  
 10:00 Breakfast Club at Olveston School Hall  
 Revd Helen Webb  
 18:00 Holy Communion  
 The Revd Roly Bain

Daily Office: **16. Hoping for a Saviour**  
 Pray daily before Study: You Lord are all I have, & you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!  
 (Psalm 16:5-6)  
 Day 1: Daniel 1:3-20 & 3:16-27 Day 2: Daniel 6:13-23  
 Day 3: Daniel 9:4-18, Day 4: Isaiah 52:13- 53:6  
 Day 5: Isaiah 9:2-7, 42:1-4; Day 6: Malachi 2:17-3:2  
 In hard times it is easy to become discouraged and to believe that evil prospers but we are reminded that we are God's people.

St Mary's mission statement is to provide stimulating and challenging worship, to assist each other to grow in faith in Christ, and to show His love in the Parish and beyond

# St Mary's, Olveston



**Pews News**

Creating a Community of Wholeness  
 with Christ at the Centre

**Sunday 5 Feb 2012**

3<sup>rd</sup> Before Lent

**"In the morning, while it was still very dark, he went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35)**

**Today's Services**

08.00 am Holy Communion  
 The Revd Phillip Rowe  
*Isa40:21-end, 1Cor9:16-23, Mark1:29-39*  
 10:00 am Holy Communion  
 The Revd Phillip Rowe, Ann Lloyd  
*Isaiah 40:21-end, Mark 1:29-39*  
 10:00 Breakfast Club at Olveston School Hall  
 Revd Helen Webb  
 6:00pm Choral Evensong  
 Janet McBride  
*Psalm 5, Philippians 2:12-28*

**Collect for Sunday**

Eternal God,  
 whose Son went among the crowds  
 and brought healing with his touch:  
 help us to show his love,  
 in your Church as we gather together,  
 and by our lives as they are transformed  
 into the image of Christ our Lord.. Amen.

**Post Communion**

Merciful Father,  
 who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
 that those who come to him should never hunger:  
 draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
 that we may eat and drink with him  
 at his table in the kingdom,  
 where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.. Amen

**And finally (coz there's no more room inside!).....**

**Apologies from Roly to Sandy Shaw & Stephanie Fairhead for leaving them off the list of Neeps & Tatties providers - thank you to them too!**

**Lent Films**-Tuesdays at 7.30pm. The Mission - Feb 28th, No Greater Love - Mar 6th, The Way - Mar 13th, The People's Preacher - Mar 20th, Chocolat - Mar 27th. See separate leaflet for details. Tea & coffee available - there will be no bar!

**Our next charity supper will be March 10th, at 7.30pm for Fisch, a Christian charity that helps street children of Iringa in Tanzania. This is a fundraising evening. Tickets are £5 for costs of a Fish pie supper, but we'll be hoping for donations too.**

**Apologies** as there was **no room for some folks' items** this week. They'll be in next week's issue for sure!

*If you are a taxpayer and not on the envelope scheme, please gift aid your offertory money by using the yellow envelopes on the end of the pew.*

**Welcome** to St Mary's today & to your jam-packed issue!

*We're having 2 splendid handrails made to go either side of the chancel steps to make access easier. If anyone feels moved to sponsor them, we'd be very grateful. They're designed by Peter Floyd & will cost £400. Please see Mike Wright or Roly, if you're interested.*

**ARBAN UK** thank those who attended the Bangladesh evening in church last May & all those who have supported them. The health centre has been constructed in the slum in Dhaka & a physician is now seeing patients, so your money is being spent wisely. There's still £10,000 to raise to help the health centre become self-supporting. Please visit [www.arban.org.uk](http://www.arban.org.uk) for more info & to see photos of the clinic. The next major fundraising event is a **fun run** on Sun 29 April. ARBAN UK are reinstating the Olveston School fun run & would be grateful for any **offers of support** such as marshalling the race. Please call Esther McLaughlin on 07837 234 949 if you can help.

**Pews for Sale!** *The two side pews that were removed to create our quiet corner are now for sale, following faculty approval. Only £100 each – plez see Mike Wright or Roly*

Mark the **60th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession** on 6 Feb 1952 on 6/2/12 at 6:00pm, there's a fully choral celebration of the BCP Accession Service, at Christ Church, Broad Street, BS1 2EJ.

*Our next Monday Movie is showing 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm. Our next MMX is showing 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm Our next Children's film will also be on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.00am For more details of all our films please pick up the movie's brochure from by the sides person table. Admission is free, licensed bar open for adult films, donations always welcome.*

No **Breakfast Club** report this week as we were all together having fun in church last week! More next week.

From Philip the Vicar:

*The next Mid-week Bible study series is on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7:30pm in the Chancel. We will be looking at "Shout for joy" (Isaiah 54 & 55)*

We are planning to take candidates to a Confirmation **Service** on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Peter's, Lawrence Weston. Please contact me (Philip Rowe), Roly Bain or Ruan Crew if you would like to know more

**Creating flexible space update:** *The building committee is investigating mounting lockable wheels on the Altar rails to ease their movement. The PCC in July will also discuss whether any other measures should be considered. Please speak to me (Phillip) or any PCC member about this*

We have circulated the next edition of **St Mary's Church Directory**. If you have not signed up please complete a form and put it into the box in church so that we can easily contact each other.

*Visitors are welcome to join the Olveston School Assembly which will be in church at 10am tomorrow (Monday)*

The next **Going for Growth** prayer meeting is in the chancel at 9am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. **Please pray for:**

- Our Building Team & Our Lent groups & films.

**CHAT meets** next on **Mon Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** to ask "How much is enough?" & again on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** to ask "What does Easter mean to you?" For catering purposes please let Sue know if you can attend. (614861)

*Our next churchyard session, weather permitting, will be Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Bacon butties will be provided, though they're not compulsory. Last time we cleared the lower branches at the front of the church, so now you've got a wonderful view to your left as you come into church. We did a fair amount of stone cleaning & weeding too.*

The **UWE Big Band with Sound of Soul** are coming back on Monday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, and it should be a marvellous concert & a good, if early, Mardi Gras celebration before the rigours of Lent! Free Pancakes will be served. There will be a licensed bar. Tickets are only £7.50. Get your tickets from June Robbins, Roly, or Olveston Stores.

*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, & there'll be Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes here at 9am, as well a service at Olveston Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Why not join a Lent Group this year. Dorothy Stoppard is hosting a group on Tuesdays at 10.30am - they will be looking at the book, 'Lent for everyone - Mark'. Denis Jones is leading a group at his house on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm - they will be looking at the York Course, 'Passing on the Torch'. We will also be having Lent Films on the Tuesdays at 7.30pm - se separate leaflet for details.*

Leaflets concerning our **Gift Day** on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> have been distributed round the parish this week. We're grateful to our regular leaflet deliverers who were willing to do this extra delivery. The real focus & target of the Gift Day is for everyone in the parish to play their part in supporting their parish church - it's **not aimed at the congregation** on this occasion. It's all taking place outside Olveston Stores from 8am till 3pm.

**Bookings for this summer's Scripture Union Lager Camps for teenagers need to be made during early March** by logging onto [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/midlandsholidays](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/midlandsholidays). The SU are also looking for anyone 16 or over who is a committed Christian who can sleep in a tent and look after a group of kids and who is happy to go through the CRB process.

Please **bring in tins & produce** as suggested by NW Bristol Foodbank's shopping list **each week**, & then each month they'll come & collect them. It's a very worthwhile charity, founded by local Christians, & supplies food to those recommended by statutory agencies. So it could go to anyone who falls on hard times, even you & me. Shopping lists & leaflets are by the church door.

**Church cleaning:** *Weekly a band of wonderful helpers clean a specific area in church, for which we are very grateful. However the church needs a thorough basic clean, so we need a willing band of extra helpers on March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10am till 12.00. There'll be musical accompaniment from the handbell ringers for the 1st hour! There are jobs to suit everyone, & even if you can manage only 10 minutes it will all help & be much appreciated. It'll be lovely to see you. Thanks in advance! (Sandy Shaw)*

We now have a **prayer tree** in our Quiet Corner & hope to go green with our energy usage. More news of this next week if there's space!

*Our last 4 items are on the front page this week so BTO!*