

TEAM NOTICES

All Souls Service at St Mary's next Sunday 3rd November at 3.30pm.

To all who have lost loved ones, both in the past few months, and longer ago, please join us in a service at All Souls tide to light candles and pray together. There will also be refreshments after the service. Lists for those who wish to have names of loved ones read out during the service are available at the back of church but deadline is today.

All Things Bright and Beautiful takes place in St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. A short service, which includes well known hymns, is followed by tea and cake. All Things Bright and Beautiful is particularly suitable for carers and those for whom they care and is dementia friendly. Is there someone who you could bring along or encourage to come? All are welcome.

T-Pot is held every Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome!



Friday Fun Club – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm, during term time, in the Rectory Classroom for 10-13 yr olds to enjoy food, games and chat. If you would like to join or need more information please contact Trish Clark at jandtclark@hotmail.com or Tel: 01929 425427. **Please Note** that Friday Club will be meeting during half term on 1st November.

Christmas Cards with a nativity theme are available again for this year at St Mary's, All Saints', and St Mark's, at £2 for a pack of five cards.

Thank You – I would just like to thank everyone for their heartfelt cards, kind words and presents to mark my retirement as verger of St Mary's – albeit a little earlier than expected.
Ray Davis.

Studland Men's Breakfast – 2nd November The Men's Breakfast has now reopened after its summer break. Drop in anytime from 8.30am to 10 am on the first Saturday of each month for food and conversation. A breakfast treat of bacon and sausage baps, cereals and lashings of toast, butter and marmalade awaits you! Gluten free and vegan options will, of course, be available, too. The next Men's Breakfast is on **2nd November** – so do please join us!. And please email Stnicksbreakfast@yahoo.com if you have any queries.

Down on the Farm with the Studland Community Coffee Morning – Thursday mornings 10am - The Community Coffee Morning will be held at the Manor Farm Tea Rooms in Studland on Thursday, from 10am. Everyone is welcome: come and meet old friends – and make some new ones. You will all receive a warm, countryside welcome and maybe, freshly baked scones! Please note that from 31st October, the Community Coffee Morning will return to the Church Hall.

REFLECTION

Isaiah 55: 1-11, 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5, John 5: 36 - end

Bible Sunday is rather like a wake up call. The Bible is the centre of attention. It is a day to acknowledge its power, the Word of God. It is set out for us and we greet it with thankfulness. It is also a challenge, do we make enough use of it? Does it gather dust or sit proudly, albeit almost worn out, thumbed, annotated, high lighted, loose leafed and in need of some Repair Shop restoration?

It is a remarkable document, in its present form it is the culmination of centuries of theological and academic rigour, it continues to be both a text book, a story book, a puzzle and a challenge. We can read a passage together and draw different conclusions, What was Isaiah saying? Do we need any more than Timothy's succinct reflection on the need to keep Holy Scriptures as the source of wisdom that will lead to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, rebuking error, correcting faults and giving instruction for right living?

The Gospel reading finds Jesus "up against it" He is calling for attention to the scriptures that they had all been taught over the ages. Jesus is the new scripture. He has no tablet or manuscript, he stands before people, some followers, some doubters some mockers. He despises self praise simply saying to them, "if you had really believed Moses, you would have believed what he wrote about me." And all the while some people were listening carefully, ready to record his words when they got home. The New Testament was in embryonic form.

This is my Bible. Not an edition for scholars, but one that had the benefit of large print to help a dyslexic read aloud in church. I have 20 or so others, but this is the one for me!



With Bible Sunday blessings

Revd John Cooper

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