

TEAM NOTICES

A Service to Celebrate 150 Years of the Swanage Lifeboat is being held today, Sunday 14th September at St Mary's at 10.30am. All welcome.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong this evening, 14th September at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr Andrew Lumsden, formerly of Winchester Cathedral. *Come and Sing* event is open to all singers. Arrival at St Mary's is for a 4.00pm rehearsal start. Cups of tea are provided between the rehearsal end and the service start at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

New Toddler Group: based at All Saints' Church on Monday mornings 9.15-11am from 15th September, for ages 0-4 with their parents or carers, £2 per adult. A safe place with a listening ear for you and creative play for your children. Coffee, cake and fruit. Bible stories and songs for the children with a thought for the day to encourage you. Volunteers are needed and if you are interested in helping please contact Suzanne Dominy on 07496 201815 or on e-mail: communityprojects@swanageteam.com.

Tuesday 30th September at 7pm. Bishop Karen is coming to St Mark's Church to Licence Revd Dave Richards as an official member of the Team (rather than a retired priest) and to re-activate the Licenses of Carol Richards and Jane Hawksworth as Licenced Lay Ministers (LLMs). There will be a Service followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

The Rev'd Dr Nick Brown, son of Bill and Liz Brown, is being installed as a Canon of Windsor on Thursday 2nd October at 5.15pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor. All are welcome to attend. Please be at the Henry VIII Gate to the castle by 5pm.

You may have noticed that the Library in St Mary's has moved and been reorganised, we also have a number of new books: these include two very different books written by friends in Bethlehem and published just this month. One is an anthology of theological articles about the Gaza situation, the other is a delightful spiritual/pastoral book, "The Sacred Awakening" by Sami Awad. Do browse and borrow – and don't forget to leave a comment in the folder when you return the book to let other people know how you found it. (Pauldbaird@aol.com)

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 are welcome.

T-Pot is held **every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm** in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat, we'd love to see you.



Friday Fun Club – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm in the Rectory Classroom for 10-13 yr olds to enjoy food, games and chat. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Service:

Margaret Joan Davis

Mon 22 Sept

2pm

St Mary's

REFLECTION

Holy Cross Day

Today at St Mary's we will give thanks for 150 years of the Swanage Lifeboat Station which has seen countless volunteers risk their own lives to save those in peril on the sea. Many have given their lives in selfless service and sacrifice. We give thanks for their selflessness, dependability and courage and the valuing of every life in danger.

Today is also Holy Cross Day when the church celebrates the transformation of the instrument of Christ's death into the divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. The cross is at the centre of our faith, epitomising the hope that we have in Christ who gave his life for us. It is a symbol of the selflessness of Christ's final act of his human life, his courage in facing the cross, and his abundant love for all. This is the pattern of our calling as Christians to, as our Lifeboat volunteers have done, place selfless service and compassion for all at the centre of our lives.

Let us give thanks and praise to God for all who have volunteered to the reduce the risk to seafarers of all kinds over the past two centuries of the RNLI and for their enduring legacy of loving others as Christ loves us.

Revd Natalie Davies

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