

# St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton

*Growing the Kingdom of God through Faith, Hope & Love*



**Church Diary & Information**

**Autumn 2018**

If you are new to our church you are very welcome and we would love to be in touch.

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To book the Old School Building for a children's party or event please call Peter Baker on 01932 784933

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first edition of our church diary. We hope that you will find it a useful resource and help you to plan what you would like to do in the coming months.

We are a community of people journeying together to discover more about what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century. Some of us have been part of this community all our lives and some of us have just joined and we'd love you to join too. We have a whole variety of worship services on a Sunday from the traditional to the contemporary but all of them centred on getting to know Jesus better. We believe that God not only wants to change our lives but wants us to share His love with the world around us. We hope you, like many others, will find St Mary Magdalene to be your spiritual home.

There are many opportunities within the life of our church to become involved with our worship, the day to day running of the church and services, as well as numerous groups and social events. We do hope that you will find something to suit you and enable you to become fully involved as part of our church community.



*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 8.00am BCP

Using the Book of Common Prayer, this is a quiet and reflective communion service without music. The language of the Prayer Book is rich and beautiful and has been spoken in worship for 500 years. We also hear from God's word and share communion together.

### 9.30am Communion

This traditional communion service encompasses wonderful hymns both old and new. We reflect on the word of God in scripture with prayer for individuals and for the world and then break bread together. We have refreshments after the service at 10:30 before the 11:15 service.

### 11.15 Family Worship

Our contemporary service has children's groups from ages 0-9 (first Sunday of the month is an all together family service). This service is very relaxed with worship songs, practical life teaching and an opportunity to receive prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit with a lot of fun along the way. On the third Sunday of the month we share communion together. We have refreshments before this service from 10:30am onwards.

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We meet in Church at 10:00am throughout the year. This is an informal service which varies in content and style from week to week. Each week we include a time of prayer, bible readings and hymns chosen on the day. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays we have a service of Holy Communion. Discussion usually follows the readings and can be lively! After the service there is always time for tea, coffee, biscuits and often cake – and an opportunity for a chat.

*'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'*

**Matthew 18:20**

## DECEMBER

- 2 Sunday Services
- 3 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 5 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 6 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 8 Sunday Club & Youth - Cinema 12 noon at Shepperton Studios
- 9 Sunday Services
- 9 Christmas Lunch 12.20 for 1pm in OSB
- 10 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 12 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 12 Big Tree Night
- 16 Sunday Services
- 16 Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30pm
- 17 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 18 Community Carol Service with Littleton School at 5pm  
& Saxon School at 7pm
- 19 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 20 Vigil in Church 2-10pm
- 22 Nativity 2pm at Shepperton Studios
- 23 Sunday Services TBC
- 24 Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
- 25 Christmas Day Services TBC
- 30 Sunday Services

**DATES FOR SPRING 2019 DIARY TO BE SENT TO IRENE SMITH  
BY 30 NOVEMBER PLEASE.**

## CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

12 December - Big Tree Night in Shepperton High Street

16 December 6.30pm - Nine Lessons & Carols in Church, which is a traditional service of readings and carols.

18 December 5pm & 7pm - Community Carol Services in Church with Littleton & Saxon School Choirs singing for us and plenty of participation from all. Refreshments and a visit from Father Christmas after each service.

20 December 2-10pm - Vigil in Church. A time for quiet personal reflection in the busy run up to Christmas.

22 December 2pm - Open Air Nativity at Shepperton Studios with a cast of actors and musicians drawn from our community who will be telling the real Christmas story and accompanied by live animals.

23 December - Sunday Services TBC

24 December 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

25 December - Christmas Day Services TBC



***So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.***

***Luke 2:16***

## HUBS

Hubs are small groups who meet for a few weeks to study a particular topic or learn a new skill. Each term there will be an opportunity to sign up to participate in one of our Hubs and we hope that everyone will find something that they would like to try.

**This term our Hubs are -**

**Growing Bridgebuilders** (8 weeks on Thursdays in the Church) led by Rebecca Cooper-Jones.

Many struggle with conflict. Christians often avoid it - especially in the Church. This practical course will help people be better equipped for life together, both inside and outside of the local church community. It focuses on building bridges, and how to embrace and transform differences, tensions and conflicts as a way to grow a healthy Christian community.

**Flower Arranging for Beginners**

Dates in October/November TBC

**Our Home Groups are -**

**Chapter & Verses who meet on 3rd & 5th Tuesdays of each month.**

Currently we are following a series of DVDs on the New Testament entitled 'The Great Courses'.

**Searching in Faith who meet on 1st Wednesday of each month.**

We are currently exploring some of the characters in the Bible.

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Sunday Services
- 3 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 5 Wednesday Fellowship 10am
- 6 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 9 Sunday Services
- 10 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 11 Worship Group 7.30pm in Church
- 12 Wednesday Fellowship 10am
- 13 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 16 Sunday Services
- 17 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 19 Wednesday Fellowship 10am
- 20 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 20 Youth Social - Bowling
- 20 Standing Committee 7.30pm
- 20 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 1 in Church
- 22 Table Sale 1-4pm in OSB
- 23 Sunday Services
- 24 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 26 Wednesday Fellowship 10am
- 27 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 27 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 2 in Church
- 27 PCC 7.30pm in School
- 30 Sunday Services—HARVEST FESTIVAL

## WHO'S WHO?

Revd Tim Rose	Vicar
Elizabeth Kortebout	Churchwarden
Robert Gregory	Churchwarden
Revd Sue Wood	Assistant Priest
Miranda Parr	Trainee Local Lay Minister
Irene Smith	Community & Communications Coordinator
Louise Little	PCC Secretary
Barbara Giles	PCC Treasurer
Charlotte McGrail	Creche
Jane Cosgrove	Sunday Club
Vickie Baker	Youth
Jill Chadwick	Littlelots
Irene Smith	Church Safeguarding Officer
Jill Chadwick	Children's Champion & DBS Checker
Irene Smith	Cornerstone
Diana Lees	Littleton Life
Diana Lees	The Ivy League
Jill Chadwick	Socials & Fundraising
Irene Smith	Summer Ball Committee
Will Hardy	Searching in Faith
Gillian Keller	Chapter & Verses
Rebeccah Cooper-Jones	Ladies' Socials

*Interested in joining one of the above, then please get in touch?*

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 1 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 6 in Church
- 2 Youth Social—Fireworks Display
- 3 Ladies' Breakfast 9-11am in OSB
- 4 Sunday Services
- 5 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 7 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 8 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 8 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 7 in Church
- 11 BCP 8am and REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE at 10am
- 12 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 14 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 15 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 15 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 8 in Church
- 17 Christmas Fair 9.30am -2pm in Shepperton Village Hall
- 18 Sunday Services
- 19 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 21 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 22 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 22 Standing Committee 7.30pm
- 25 Sunday Services
- 26 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 28 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 29 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 29 PCC 7.30pm in School

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**The Creche** - for pre-school children - meets in Church on Sundays during the 11:15 service with lots of toys, and activities. The children and helpers start off in the service and make their way out after the first worship song. They rejoin everyone else just before the end of the service. On the first Sunday of every month they join the rest of the church family for our All Together Service.

**Sunday Club** - for children aged from 4-9 - meets at 11.00am in Littleton School Hall during term times, except on the first Sunday of every month when they join us in church for our All Together Service. They have games, crafts, Bible stories and loads of fun - helping them and us to discover more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

**Our Youth Group** is for young people aged 10-16+ and meets every Sunday in term time in Littleton School Staff Room from 11:00-12:00am. On the first Sunday of the month we join the 11.15 service in Church. We also have regular socials. After chatting over hot chocolate and cake, a different theme is looked at each week and over a lot of discussion and laughter we look at how this applies to our lives. As a group we want to discover more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus today and how he can change our lives and the lives of those around us.

**Littlelots** is a playgroup for children aged 0-4 years accompanied by an adult. We meet every Thursday during term time in Old School Building from 9:30-11:30 am. There is a wide range of toys and a craft table with a different theme each week. There is a small charge of £2 per family which includes coffee for the adults and a snack for children. It is great fun for everyone.

***'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.***

**Luke 18:16**



At St Mary Magdalene Church we believe that great relationships make for great community. Cornerstone is a place for people of all ages and all walks of life to come together and get to know one another better.

Cornerstone is held in the Old School Building, New Road, TW17 0QQ, on Monday mornings between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please pop in, whether for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of homemade cake or just for a chat.

This is an opportunity for those new to the area, as well as those who have lived here all their lives, to meet, no matter how old or how young you are. The community spirit in Shepperton is what makes it the 6th happiest place in the country!

You will receive a warm welcome and we guarantee that there will always be someone to talk to. We plan to be a hub within the community where people can find companionship, as well as to find out what is going on or to seek advice.

Cornerstone is run by volunteers and operates on a donation basis.

*Cornerstone is proudly supported by St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton - A local church growing in Faith, Hope & Love.*

***So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.***

***Isaiah 28:16***

## OCTOBER

- 1 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 2 Ladies' Bowling Evening
- 3 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 4 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 4 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 3 in Church
- 7 Sunday Services
- 8 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 10 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 11 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 11 Youth Social TBC
- 11 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 4 in Church
- 13 Quiz Night with Fish & Chips at 7pm in OSB
- 14 Sunday Services
- 15 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 17 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am
- 18 Littlelots 9.30-11.30am in OSB
- 18 Growing Bridgebuilders Week 5 in Church
- 21 Sunday Services
- 22 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 24 Wednesday Fellowship 10am
- 28 Sunday Services
- 29 Cornerstone 9-11am in OSB
- 31 Wednesday Fellowship at 10am