

## Welcome to St Mary's Church and All Saints Shorthampton!

### Sunday Services

8.00 Holy Communion  
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 Parish Communion with  
Sunday Club

All Saints Second Sunday of the month

11am November – March

6pm April – October

### Services During the Week

9.30 Holy Communion  
every Wednesday

### Additional Services

**Choral Evensong** - A traditional sung service with St Mary's Church Choir.

**Ignite** – a contemporary worship service held on Sunday at 6pm.

**Taize** – a service of song, silence and contemplation with chanted prayers, meditation, and liturgical readings.

**See our service dates sheet for dates and events.**

## Children at St Mary's

**Sunday Club** meets during the 9.45am service. Bible stories, songs, prayers and activities to encourage children in their faith.

**Messy Church** Sundays at 3pm. An event for families with primary school and preschool aged children with craft, story and refreshments.

### Churches Together in Charlbury

**Holiday Club** Children aged 4 -11 are very welcome to join us in St Mary's Church 10am – 12.30pm for four days of fun, singing, Bible stories, games and crafts. Children can bring a packed lunch and attend sports sessions at the Community Centre in the afternoons from 12.30pm – 4pm. A celebration family service is held on the Sunday following holiday club.

**Stay and Play** For parents, carers and children aged 0 – 4 years. Every Friday during term time 9.30am – 11am at Charlbury Bowls Club.

## Other Activities in St Mary's

### Font Café

Every Thursday morning 10am – 12noon except August. Delicious home -made cakes and a range of fair-trade coffees and teas. Area with toys for children.

**Choir practice** is on Fridays at 7pm.  
Contact: Denise Summers 01608 810639

**Bell-ringing practice** is on Wednesdays 7.30 pm. Contact: Mike Summers 01608 810639

### Memory Café

For those with memory difficulties and carers at the Bowls Club on the first Monday of the month 2pm – 3.30pm.

## The Church Building

Parts of the present building date from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, though a Saxon church existed here before this. Notice the rounded 12<sup>th</sup> century arches and the more pointed ones from the 13<sup>th</sup>. The main altar is now positioned at the west end of the church, in order to make the most of the light and space; the wooden stairs to the bell-tower make an interesting focal point.

The glassed-in Memorial Chapel houses the town's war memorial. Carved stone heads in the south aisle are said to represent the Abbot of Eynsham, a wool merchant and other citizens of Charlbury.



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The Vicar is pleased to talk with anyone about baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral needs, either after the Sunday service or during the week. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office.

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[www.charlbury.info](http://www.charlbury.info)

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our community*

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