

## What's on this week

### Week beginning : 14 February 2010

Monday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Shrove	6.00 pm	Pancake Party at URC
Tuesday		Hall
Ash	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9.45 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	ABC Toddler Time
	2.30 pm	Quiet Prayer Group at 33 Druce Way
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Friday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12. noon	Lent Lunch at Methodist Church
	7.00 pm	Choir practice
Saturday		

## Next Sunday

### Sunday 21 February

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion with baptism of Eleanor Strong
Reading	Psalm 121
Gospel	Luke 4. 1-13
6.30 pm	Iona Service at URC

## Coming soon...

Tuesday 16 Feb	<b>Shrove Tuesday party (see ad)</b>
Wednesday 17 Feb	<b>Ash Wednesday Service, 8pm at St Mary's</b>
Saturday 27 Feb	<b>Fairtrade Coffee Morning and Cake Sale</b> Supporting Mothers' Union <b>Big Brew</b> and Overseas Fund Meeting Room 10 am-12 noon

## LENT LUNCHES

Churches Together  
in Thatcham

**Every Friday at 12.30 pm**  
From 19 Feb to 26 March  
**Methodist Church**  
**Chapel Street**

## The Psalms

### Songs of Longing and Love

An ecumenical course for Lent 2010  
Five Sunday evening talks 7.15 – 8.15 pm  
beginning

Sunday 21 February 2010

The Church of St George the Martyr, Andover Rd  
Wash Common

## Other news and information...

### Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Party



**Tuesday 16 February, 6pm, URC  
Hall**

**Supper (with vegetarian option),  
pancakes and fun and games.  
Bring your own drink and glasses.  
Adults £6/Children £3**

**See Ann Watts for tickets – numbers  
are very limited so don't delay!**



What's the point of life?  
What happens when we die?  
Is forgiveness possible?  
What relevance does Jesus have for  
our lives today?

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and non-threatening setting over six thought-provoking weekly sessions... It is low-key, friendly and fun – and is beginning at St Mary's on Thursday 25 February. Perhaps you want to investigate whether God exists, or perhaps you would like to be baptised or confirmed and want to find out more about what it means to be a Christian. Alpha is an ideal starting-point. **See the leaflets at the back of church or speak to Becky Bevan or Tom Moffatt (phone numbers overleaf) if you are interested.**

## Emmaus House Groups

Mondays 113 Sagecroft Road  
Mondays 29 Exmoor Road  
Tuesdays 49 Elmhurst Road  
Thursdays 69B Chapel St

If you wish to join a group and need contact details speak to the clergy or ring the parish office

## pause for praise

Take a break from the rush of life and pause for a few moments...

be still in God's peaceful presence...  
and praise Him in worship.

Wednesday evenings at St Mary's  
from 24th February

Tea and coffee from 8pm, worship starts at 8:30pm

**Gifts for the Women's Refuge ... Toiletries, toothbrushes, new underwear and other suitable items for women and children are needed. Bring items and leave in the box at the back of church.**

### Thatcham Mothers' Union

Contact Revd Becky Bevan for more details  
**ALL WELCOME**

**February 24, 2pm**

Have a good Lent – David Winter

**March 24, 2pm**

Guest speaker Revd Denise Brown

### Church Floodlights

The floodlights are sponsored this week for Anne and Dave Roper's 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and in memory of Eric Easen who died 19 February 1989.

*If you would like to sponsor the floodlights to mark a special event or anniversary please speak to Chris or Ann Watts – see contact details below.*

### Who's Who in the Thatcham Team Ministry

Team Rector

**Tom Moffatt** 862616  
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Team Vicar - St Barnabas

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Curate

**Marion Fontaine** 827746  
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Curate

**Becky Bevan** 871577  
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Curate

**Brenda Harland** 847969  
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Parish Administrator

**Ann Watts** 862277  
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Churchwardens: Chris Druce 865339,  
Kevin Dunwell 865847, Derreck Lee-Philpott 290973  
Child Protection Representative: Karen Walker 860090



**St Mary's  
Church**  
the parish of  
thatcham

## 14 February 2010 Sunday before Lent

### Welcome to St Mary's Church

If you are new to St Mary's do please pick up one of our welcome booklets. We hope that you can stay for refreshments after the 10am service.

You are welcome to receive communion in this church if you are a baptised Christian. If you are not baptised we invite you to come forward for a blessing (just keep your hands by your side).

### Sunday Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
First reading	2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2
Gospel	Luke 9.28-36

### Collect for today

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Prayer Ministry

Members of the team are available in the side chapel during and after Parish Communion for you to share your concerns, joys and hopes in prayer.

### Prayer Requests

The prayer request book is placed on the altar during our worship. We also pray for those who have died: Pauline Sutton and Les Winckworth

**Children** are welcome in this church. Please help them to worship God in their own way.

**Hearing** We have a 'loop', if you use a hearing aid select 'T'