

Walking the Camino Portuguese

Porto to Santiago de Compostela
275 km and counting



Saturday 8th February 2025

St Mary's Church, Thatcham RG19 3PN
Arrive from 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start

Come and listen to how two people achieved their ambition to follow in the footsteps of past pilgrims. Hear how they planned, prepared and undertook this amazing physical and spiritual journey and their experiences along the way.

Wine & Nibbles will be available during the evening.

Retiring collection in aid of Christian Aid

Candlemas
2nd February 2025

WELCOME TO THIS CHURCH

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am NT Reading Gospel	Parish Communion 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31 Luke 4.14-21
6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

10.00 am **Service at St Barnabas**
(Thatcham Park School)

Collect –a prayer for today

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Requests

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be in the side chapel **after the 10 am service** to pray in confidence with people who wish to share their concerns, joys and difficulties.

The team also pray for the people or situations mentioned in the prayer book which is left in the chapel during the week and where anyone coming into the church may add their prayers or thoughts .

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

Philip Davis and Brian Barnes

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

Hearing At St Mary's we have a 'loop', if you use a hearing aid select 'T'

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From Monday 3rd February 2025

Monday	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer CAMEO - Handbells practice
Tuesday	9.30 am 5.30 pm 7.45 pm	Morning Prayer Rainbows Tower Bells practice
Wednesday	9.45 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion ABCs
Thursday	9.30 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer Wedding rehearsal Watership Cantabile practice
Friday	5.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbows Choir practice
Saturday 8th February	2.00 pm 7.30 for 8 pm	Wedding of Malcom Hall and Karen Westall Walking the Camino Portuguese A talk in support of Christian Aid

**FOURTH SUNDAY before LENT
9 February 2025**

8.00 am	Services at St Mary's Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion NT Reading 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 Gospel Luke 5. 1-11
3.00 pm	Baptism
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10.00 am	Service at St Barnabas (at Thatcham Park School)

**Do you consider yourself to be a member of either
St Mary's Church or
St Barnabas Church**

if yes, are you on the Electoral Roll?

Get involved in the running of your church
apply to be on the Electoral Roll

please keep your giving under review

contact Chris Watts for further information on Stewardship
or to start or revise payment by Standing Order or Direct Debit
(01635) 864567



now available

CONTACTLESS CARD GIVING

also DONATIONS may be made via the website
www.stmarysthattham.org.uk

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH
JOIN the STEWARDSHIP SCHEME**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday 1st February 2025, 8.00am at Thatcham Baptist Church

Speaker: John Hughesdon

Former London City Sheriff

To book your place contact Greg Smith

St Mary's Floodlights

have been sponsored this week

by Jenny and Jeremy Caddy

In loving memory of

Mark Eaton

on his birthday 26 January

and In loving memory of

David Sword

who passed away 28th January 2004.

Sadly missed by all his family and friends

*to sponsor the lights please contact
the Parish Office 864567*

West Berkshire Foodbank

westberks.foodbank.org.uk

*Please support the Foodbank by donating any
of the following urgently needed items:*

Rice, Tinned Rice Pudding, Meat, Fruit

UHT Milk Dried milk Shaving foam
Sugar Instant coffee Biscuits

St Mary's - dates for your Diary 2025

1 Feb	8.00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Thatcham Baptist Church)
2 Feb	Candelmas : Presentation of Christ
8 Feb	Wedding : Malcom and Karen at 2 pm
8 Feb	7.30 for 8 pm: A talk on Walking the Camino Portuguese
27 Feb	Knitting Group
5 Mar	Ash Wednesday
8 Mar	Church Cleaning & Churchyard
30 Mar	Mothering Sunday
13 April	Palm Sunday
18 April	Good Friday
20 April	Easter Sunday
29 May	Ascension Day
8 June	Pentecost
21 June	7.00 pm Café and Cabaret an evening of jollity!
6 July	Cream Teas
13 July	Concert: Cold Ash Brass

