

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23rd January

MONDAY	1.30pm	Bright Sparks (carer and toddler group) —Church Rooms
TUESDAY	8.30am	Prayers for Youth at 1, St Laud's Close
THURSDAY	12.15 pm	Parish Lunch – Main Hall
	1.30pm	Holy Communion – in the James Chapel
	6.30-7.45 pm	KidzKlub – Church Rooms
FRIDAY	4.30 – 6.15pm	Café4T – Church Rooms
	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Youth Cell – Church Rooms
SATURDAY	8.30 – 9.30am	Prayers for the work and needs of St Mary's (in the James Chapel)

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th

HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

9.00 am

Celebrant:

Preacher:

10.30am

Leader:

Speaker:

3.30pm

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Reverend David Ritchie

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CROSS ROADS ALL AGE WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM

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FILM FOCUS - to be followed by tea, discussion and worship

Hazel Trapnell

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY	As we start our focused days of Prayer, may we find time to join in prayer together.
MONDAY	That we are encouraged to use our diverse gifts in service to further God's Kingdom here and in the wider world.
WEDNESDAY	To help us resolve arguments and disputes amicably.
THURSDAY	For those injured or harmed through natural disasters
FRIDAY	Help us to know God's transforming love
SATURDAY	That we are able to welcome to those we do not know into God's building
SUNDAY	That parents of young children are encouraged to bring them to church to learn together about scripture and the word of the Lord.

MISSION TOPIC

Open Doors (www.opendoorsuk.org) serves persecuted Christians in many countries. They compile "Worldwatch", listing countries where persecution is known to occur in descending order, starting with the severest (North Korea at present). From March 2-4 people are encouraged to join in SHOCKWAVE. Many churches who support Open Doors as we do, will pray for many who share our faith but not our freedom. Thousands of others, old and young across the time zones and nations, will join in this prayer. Open Doors groups in Nigeria need prayer, as they help those suffering after violent attacks by Boko Haram, killing 160 in January.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, STOKE BISHOP COME IN TO WORSHIP – GO OUT TO SERVE



Heavenly Father, help us be a growing family of Christ's followers, united, committed and inspired by your love, to know you and to make you known. Amen

Sunday 29th January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

If you are a visitor or newly arrived in the parish we hope you will feel welcome. If you would like more details about St Mary's and its activities, please complete a welcome card and ask for information or visit www.stmarystokebishop.co.uk or contact the Parish Office Tel: 968 7449. (stmarysb@hotmail.co.uk)

9.00 am

Celebrant:

Preacher:

HYMNS

2

467

590

Organist

Anthem

BIBLE READINGS

Sermon:

Intercessions:

HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

Reverend David Ritchie

Jennifer Hall

Christ whose Glory fills the skies

How sweet the name of Jesus saves

The Kingdom is upon you

Simon Dulson

O taste and see (Vaughan Williams)

Psalm 18 20-28 (OT page 549)

John 9 1- 7; 13-16; 28-41 (NT Page 105)

From darkness to light

Stephanie Wren

10.30 am

Leader:

Speaker:

Worship Group Leader:

BIBLE READING

Intercessions:

Cross Roads All Age Worship

Brian Richardson

Jennifer Hall

Colin Smith

John Chapter 9 from The Visual Bible

Chris Thomas

6.30pm

Celebrant:

Preacher:

Choral evensong following the start of Prayer through Psalms -Lament to Praise

Reverend David Ritchie

Hazel Trapnell

(Please see over the page for more details)

KNEELERS are available, if required- please collect from the entrance.

PRAYER MINISTRY If you would like prayer for yourself, relatives, friends or situations, members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available after the 9.00 am and 10.30 am services. **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY** - For pastoral care concerns please contact Jenny Robottom (9681054), Jenny Baker (968 3227), Mary Horton (968 1440) or David Ritchie (968 1858)

**Prayer through Psalms
Lament to Praise**



Four sessions of prayer at St Mary's
29th January—1st February

We would like to encourage you to join us for at least one of the four sessions.

TODAY at 4.00pm

The Lord is my light and salvation Led by the Meditation Group with Hazel Trapnell and followed by tea at 5.30pm before **Choral Evensong** at 6.30pm.

Theme: WAITING
Including

Poem: Ann Thomas

Interview with Glenda Lindsay.

Talk: Hazel Trapnell

<i>Opening Voluntary</i>	J S Bach
Fugue in B minor	(1685-1750)
Magnificat and Nunc	C.V.Stanford
Dimittis in B Flat	(1852-1924)
<i>Anthem</i>	R Vaughan
O Taste and See how	Williams
Gracious the Lord is	(1872-1958)
<i>Concluding Voluntary</i>	Flor Peeters
Festival Voluntary	(1903-1986)

**Specific Prayer sessions
continue throughout the week:**

Monday 30 January
8.00pm led by Youth group

**I will instruct and teach you the way
you should go**

Tuesday 31st January
8.00pm led by Missions group

I will be exalted among the nations

Wednesday 1st February
8.00pm—prayer through music led by
the music Worship Group.

Sing to the Lord, a new song

*Please join us for one or more of these
sessions.*

Bookstall open today

The bookstall will be open today after
both morning services.

Can you play an instrument or sing?



Could you be a part of St
Mary's Worship group or
the Church Choir?

Please speak to Julie Summers or Colin
Smith if you are interested in the
Worship Group or Ian Beattie about
the choir. *Enthusiasm is more important
than expertise!!!*

Our new study material is called **LYFE**.
Lyfe is about hearing God, through the
Bible, in the company of others. For
more details, please talk to David Baker
or Jennifer Hall.

Church Caretaker/Cleaner

We are looking for someone who can
work early mornings from 7.00am to
9.00am – please contact the church
office for more details.

Accommodation Wanted

Would anyone be willing to
accommodate a teenage Spanish boy
from 13th to 19th February? –Please see
Yvonne for details

Clerk to the Governors

A vacancy has arisen for the position of
Clerk to the Governors at Stoke Bishop
Primary School. Please contact the
school (0117-3772173) if you are
interested.

Trinity College have a **flat to let**—please
see the notice board for details.

Bookings are now being taken for our

**Church Weekend Away
Lee Abbey 23rd-25th March 2012
BOOK NOW!**

(Transport arrangements can be made if
required)

A new edition of the church directory –
CHURCH CONTACTS is now available –
priced at £1.50 from the church office.
There are already some revisions (!)
For those who bought copies before the
20th Jan please collect amendments of
phone numbers or addresses from the
church office – anyone who has
difficulty reading the print of the early
print run can exchange it for a larger
print copy.

The second Annual General Meeting of
the members of Save Stoke Lodge
Parkland (SSLP) will be held at The
Village Hall, Stoke Bishop; on Friday, 3rd
February 2012, at 7.30.

**The Wives Fellowship are organising a
concert in aid of St Peter's Hospice**
here, in the church, on Thursday 2nd
February at 7.30pm with music by pupils
of Clifton College and wish to extend an
invitation to members of St Mary's to
attend.

SATURDAY NIGHT PLUS at ST MARY'S

Saturday 4th February 7.30pm

BATH MALE CHOIR

Tickets £15

NEXT Sunday - 5th February

Film Focus at 3.30pm

Oranges and Sunshine

FOR ALL OUR GENTLEMEN!!!!

A **"Men Only! "House group** is starting
at 19 Woodland Grove on 7th February
at 8.00pm Please contact Mike Stewart
for details.

**Friday February 24th Supper (with a
talk)** by Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon
at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex
See handouts for more details.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Wednesday 8th February 7.30pm
Red Maids' and QEH joint choirs

Pre-China tour concert

**(free admission - with retiring
collection)**

**Please collect a free ticket from the
church office**

Youth Discipleship Course

Starting Monday 6th February ,6.00-
7.30pm - More details from Rob Smith

YOUTH ENTERTAINS! 7.30pm

Friday 10th February

Mini Church

(for 0-7years)

Saturday 11th February

3.00 – 5.00

introducing Jesus through craft, friends,
food, stories and song.



CHRISTIANS-IN-SCIENCE

Natural Disasters: Acts of God?

A Christian geophysicist's perspective

Friday 17th February 2012, 8pm,

Alma Church,

29 Alma Road, Bristol BS8 2ES

Saturday 18th February

This is an important day for **Brian
Richardson** who will be licensed as a lay
minister – please include him in your
prayers. Then at **6.00pm** you are invited
to join us for a Service of Thanksgiving
for the time and service which has been
shared with us by the **Kumar family** –
who are returning to live in India. This
will be followed by a shared meal –
please contact Julia Gwyther for details.