

Worship this Month in our churches:

Date:	Sunday Services St Paul's, Tadley
Sun 2nd	9am Holy Communion (Steve) 10.15am Café Worship (Steve)
Sun 9th	10am Messy Valentines (Elizabeth & Messy Church team)
Sun 16th	9am Holy Communion (Rob) 10.15am Morning Worship (Myles and Simon)
Sun 23rd	9am Holy Communion (Steve) 10.15am Holy Communion (Steve)

Date:	Wednesday Services St Luke's
Wed 5th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Linda)
Wed 12th	10am Morning Prayer (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 19th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 26th	10am Morning Prayer (Myles)

Date:	Sunday and Wednesday St. Marys, Tadley
Sun 2nd	10.30am Morning Worship – Presentation at the Temple (Lay lead)
Wed 5th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)
Sun 9th	10.30am Holy Communion (Cathy and Charles) 2pm RAFA Service (Steve, Charles and Chris)
Wed 12th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve)
Sun 16th	9am RISE (Karen and the RISE Team) 10.30am Holy Communion (Karen and Charles)
Wed 19th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy and Charles)
Sun 23rd	10.30am Holy Communion (Karen and Charles)
Wed 26th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)

Date:	Sunday Services St Mary the Virgin, Silchester
Sun 2nd	8am BCP Holy Communion (Karen) 10am First Sunday Service (Karen)
Sun 9th	10am Holy Communion (Steve) 3pm Stillness on Sunday (Eve)
Sun 16th	10am Morning Prayer (Colin and Eve)
Sun 23rd	10am Holy Communion (Cathy)

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February Newsletter

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During February is the time between Epiphany and the beginning of Lent, which begins with Candlemass on 2nd February. This will be reflected in our first Sunday services that week.

Later in February many will celebrate Valentine's Day by sending cards and flowers. This commercial marking of the day seems far removed from St. Valentine who was a Christian saint and was imprisoned, beheaded, and buried on 14th February 269 AD. He helped persecuted Christians and married Christian couples. While in prison he prayed for his jailer's daughter and her blindness was healed. On the day of his execution, he left her a note signed 'Your Valentine.' We have a special Valentine's Party at St. Mary's on 14th February and you are invited! More details inside this newsletter.

Also, in February we will begin to update our electoral roll for each parish. Across the Church of England, we are being asked to start from scratch, so even if you are already on the electoral roll you will need to re-register. Further information on how to do this will follow this month.

As we look ahead to Lent, we will be joined by Bishop Philip on Sunday 30th March for a benefice service with confirmation. As we continue into the new year it's a great time to consider confirmation. If now feels like the right time to explore this, do speak with any of the clergy team.

Clergy update...

Reverend Chris Knight – during February Chris will be on placement at St. Mary's, Old Basing. Going on placement is one of the requirements of Chris' curacy training. You will still see Chris around the parishes, but he will rejoin us for services from March.

Coming up...

Sunday 2nd February – First Sunday. We will be celebrating Candlemass in our first Sunday services. Café Worship takes place as usual at St. Paul's. Join us from 9.40am for breakfast followed by the service at 10.15am.

Sunday 2nd February – our Youth Group meets at 5pm. Join us at St. Mary's for pizza, games, and discussion. Everyone aged 10 to 17 years old is welcome.

Wednesday 5th February – Thanksgiving for Mike Collier. As well as our usual Wednesday service at St. Mary's at 10am, we will be holding a special memorial and thanksgiving service for Mike Collier at 11.15am. Mike was a well-known and well-loved member of our congregations who, in later years, always attended the Wednesday service at St. Mary's. It seems fitting to hold the service on this day. Everyone is welcome to join us as we remember Mike.

Sunday 9th February – Messy Church at St. Paul's from 10am. As always there will be crafts, stories, and lots of breakfast. Our theme is love. Last month 137 people came and had messy fun, why not come and see the fun for yourself.

Monday 10th February – St. Paul's Monthly Get-Together. The next get-together will take place between 10.30am and midday. Everyone is welcome and why not bring a friend or neighbour along for fellowship, food, and friendship? If you would like to help with the event, please speak to Esther Redpath or Steve.

Friday 14th February – Rave in the Nave from 7pm. Carbon Copy return to St. Mary's and what better time than Valentine's Day! Tickets are £7.50 – a cheap date night! Good music and snacks provided, bring your own drinks. Tickets available from either Chris: 01189 813242 or Peter: 01189 812538.

Friday 21st February – come and enjoy breakfast at St. Mary's Church, Tadley from 7.30am. Why not pop in on the way to work or school and enjoy one of St. Mary's famous cooked breakfasts as we raise funds for charity. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 16th February – RISE family breakfast at St. Mary's from 9am. Come with your family and enjoy a cooked breakfast, crafts, challenges, and stories as we gather for RISE. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday. Come and mark the start of Lent with a special benefice service at 7pm in St. Paul's.

2025 Lent Courses – everyone welcome! The same course is being run at two different locations, one during the day and one in the evening. Details as follows.

- Starting on **Tuesday 11th March, 7pm – 8pm** in Silchester Sports Pavilion. The final session will be on Tuesday 15th April
- Starting on **Thursday 6th March, 10am – 11am** in Silchester Methodist Church. The final session will be on Thursday 10th April.

Please feel free to come to some or all of the sessions.

Sunday 30th March – Benefice Service with Bishop Philip. Come and meet our Diocesan Bishop as we celebrate Mothering Sunday and confirm several of our congregation

Other news...

Companionship – do you live alone? Would you like a companion? A young member of our congregation is seeking to live full time in Tadley and is interested in renting a spare room. They are a professional, who is able to cook, and clean, and this is as much about companionship for both parties as well as finding somewhere to live. If you would be interested in exploring what this would involve do speak with Revd Steve.

Confirmation – we are hoping that Bishop Philip will confirm some of us on Sunday 30th March when he joins us for our benefice service. If you were baptised as a child, you may not remember it. Confirmation is open to all ages who feel they would like to publicly confirm the promises made for them at their baptism and celebrate their faith. We will be holding some get togethers to discuss confirmation and faith, so you can always attend these then make up your mind if this feels right. Please do speak with one of the clergy team if this interests you.

Electoral Roll – every few years the electoral roll is wiped clean and started afresh. This year we begin this process. **Even if you are on the electoral roll now, you will need to reapply.** Being on the electoral roll means you have a say in how our churches are run and you are able to elect trustees. Even if you don't live in the parish or don't come to church regularly you can still join. Even if you come once a month, please join. If you contribute time, money, or care to any of our parishes, please do join. If you feel attached in any way to our churches, please join. If you are not sure what to do, speak to one of the clergy team. Forms and return boxes will be in each church. We will also send the forms out by email this month.

Regular events during the week...

Every Wednesday from 8.30am to 11am at St. Mary's – Café.

Every Wednesday at St. Mary's – the Wednesday Weeders.

Every Thursday from 10am to 11.30am at St. Luke's – Coffee Morning.

Every Friday during term time – St. Luke's Friday Toddler Group.

Every 4th Saturday from Midday – Pub lunch in the Pelican, Pamber Heath.

Home Groups. There are still lots of opportunities to get involved. If you would like to know more, please speak with Revd Steve.

Prayer chain – joining in prayer for one another. If you know anyone who would like the prayer group to pray for them then please contact Revd Karen by email or text on revkarenw24@gmail.com / 07525 494025.

St. Mary's Tadley, St. Luke's Pamber Heath, and St. Mary-the-Virgin Silchester are all open daily during daylight hours.