

Upcoming dates for your diary (*details below*)

Bellringing Practice
Family Time Together
Ladies Group: "Scams"
Youth Emmaus Group

Fridays 7.30pm
Sun 11th Jan 3pm
Mon 19th Jan 2pm
Wed 28th Jan 5pm

Could you help introduce young people to your career?

From Heather Williams: I help coordinate the **Careers education** at St. Anselm's Catholic School. Our National Careers Week is during March and our theme for assembly during that week is **Skills for Work**.

To help liven up the assembly I would really like to record some short 2-3 minute **videos of people talking about the skills** they feel are most important to their job - whether that's now or a job they have done in the past.

If you are happy to take part you are welcome to record your own video and email it to me, or I can record one for you - just let me know a time that suits.

To find out more, please catch me at church, email h.williams2012@live.co.uk, or call me on 07952 028 205.

Thank you in advance for helping me to liven up Careers Week assembly - you might even help introduce a young person to a career that they would otherwise have not considered.

Could you help more people come to our Sunday Services?

We are looking for more drivers to join our official church transport team and provide lifts to church on a regular basis according to a rota.

As a Church Transport Driver you will be expected to:

- Collect members of the congregation, transporting them between their home and the church, and assisting them with embarking and disembarking the vehicle, and entering and leaving their home and the church
- Confirm with those requiring, and those arranging, the taxi service - generally by phone calls
- Be aware of, and comply with, all relevant safeguarding requirements
- Call appropriate persons in event of an emergency
- Know how to respond to and report any safeguarding concerns or allegations
- Attend meetings for your support, guidance or supervision
- Keep a logbook of each journey and notify the Church Transport Team Leader immediately of any incidents.

For more information, a Role Description and Application Forms, please speak to David Arnott or Rev Andrew Edwards.

St Mary's Chartham is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Check.

Ladies group – A talk about avoiding the increasingly dizzying variety of “**scams**” that try to trick us all into parting with our money. **Very worthwhile** knowing about.

At the Village Hall, Monday 19th Jan at 2pm. Contact Cathy Arnold for details.

Youth Emmaus Group for 10-12 year olds: We have now started this group: fortnightly on Wednesdays 5.00 - 6.15pm at the Rectory CT4 7JW. We are exploring ‘**What Christians believe**’ and ‘**How Christians grow**’.

If you are thinking about being baptised or confirmed next year, or if you have already been confirmed and would like to find out more about the Christian life, then you would be very welcome as part of our new St. Mary’s youth group.

If you are interested or would like to know more about this, then please contact **Rev Andrew** (vicar@stmaryschartham.org) or **Bronny Slowe** (bronny.slowe@gmail.com).

Online giving for our church: If you don’t already do so, you can donate to the work of St Mary’s through our online Parish Giving page using this QR code:



Thank you for helping St Mary’s to continue to serve the community of Chartham. For more information about our church and its work visit www.stmaryschartham.org

Collects and readings

18th January

A service at the start of the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

O Jesus Christ, Light from the Light,
dwell within us, who have come together
to worship Your holy and precious name.
Let Your life-giving radiance kindle within us
a deeper love for one another.

May Your brilliant light stir us
to ever more flourishing unity.

Like diverse flowers in
the garden of Your Kingdom,
may Your divine brilliance cause us
to bloom in harmony.

And so, all as one, may we
joyfully praise and glorify You,
and the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and always and unto the ages of ages.

(Adapted from St Gregory of Narek)

Isaiah 58:6-11, Eph 4:1-13 & John 12: 31-36

25th January,

10am Holy Communion

The Conversion of Paul

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of
your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate
his wonderful conversion
may follow him in
bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 9:1-22, Matt 19:27-end

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