



# Keeping in Touch

February-March 2017

## St Mary's School Banners

Robin Elgar, helped by Julia and Lynda Potter, has been working with the children at St Mary's School to make this impressive set of banners which illustrate school values and are linked to Bible Stories. The banners are currently hanging in the School Hall.

I wonder if you can guess which Bible Stories they are linked to?



# News.....

## Christmas at St Mary's

This year at St Mary's saw over 700 people join in the various celebrations. Over 100 people came to the Concert of Seasonal Words and Music on 8th December raising in excess of £800 for church funds. 160 children and parents from St Mary's School attended the School Carol Service. On the



18th December we had the Church Carol Service when we welcomed over 60 people to a service of music and readings. The Crib Service filled the church with over 307 children and adults to tell the Christmas story. Over 80 people came to Midnight Mass and over 60 attended the two services on Christmas Day.

Our thanks must go to so many people including Jill Pratt and Brenda Harris who organised the Concert, Sue Crawley who provided the refreshments, the pupils of Lochinver School who played so beautifully for us and to the other singers, musicians and readers that made it such a memorable occasion. To the choir and those who read at the Church Carol Service. To Diana Glanfield and her team whose flower arrangements were magnificent. To all those who helped out at the Crib Service - making sure that every child who wanted to got dressed up. To the bell-ringers who rang out the joyful news. To Julia for leading us in worship and the many others who helped make this such a wonderful Christmas for St Mary's

## Chris Willis remembered

Robin Elgar is pleased to report that £350 was made for the charity Scleroderma and Raynaud's UK by selling cards made at the Art workshop and Chris Willis' original art work. The card sale was to celebrate Chris' artistic talents and it was her choice of charity. About 50 people attended and bought cards and Chris' work. Robin says 'My thanks to all who contributed to a very successful event.'

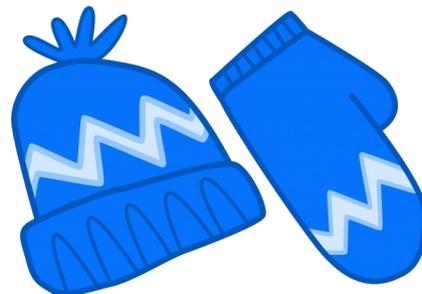
# Come and join us.....

## Hats and Mittens

The knitting of hats and mittens for Syrian Refugees will take place on Fridays 17th February and 17th March in St Michael's Room from 10.00am to 12.00noon. We will also be sewing together triangles into blankets.

Patterns and wool will be available.

Anyone wanting to know more please contact Gill Peplow 07503176871



## Snowdrop Sunday - 26th February from 3.00pm



Every year much of St Mary's Churchyard is carpeted in a wonderful, uplifting swathe of snowdrops. Why not come and join us on the 26th February for a cup of tea, a piece of cake, a chat, music and a chance to see the snowdrops.

**Ash Wednesday** there will be a Service at St Etheldreda's at 8.00pm on Wednesday 1st March when we will join our friends from across the Bishops Hatfield Team.



**Lenten Lunches** will start on Monday 6th March and then every Monday in Lent until 10th April in St Michael's Room 12.30pm—2.00pm. It is a simple lunch of soup and bread for which you will be invited to donate what you would normally expect to spend on lunch. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

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### **Sunday Services at St Mary's**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of the Month 10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong

3rd Sunday of the Month 11.30am Baptisms

### **Parish Registers for February and March 2017**

#### **Funerals and Burial of Ashes**

2nd December Burial of Ashes of Irene Burgess

9th December Burial of Ashes of Phyllis and James Angel

16th December Funeral of Gerrard Petitt-Jean

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