

Celebrate our Patronal with us

Traditionally Churches celebrate 'Patronal Festivals' on the Saint's day after which their church is named.

Each year we celebrate around 15th August - the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary- and we do so by giving thanks for our community and celebrating the life we share together.

This year we will be hosting a range of events and we hope there will be something for everyone to be able to come and celebrate with us.

Do Something Different Day on Wednesday August 10th from 10.30am till 4pm

An opportunity for those who may be living on their own, or unable to get away for a break to spend some time with other people and enjoying one another's company.

There will be a range of craft, games and activities in the morning - or just the chance to sit and chat over tea and coffee.

There will then be a lunch and a film - and the day will end with afternoon tea and cake.

If people want more information or would like **to book a place then please phone 023 92 814444 - the cost of the refreshments and lunch is £5.**

Music and Dancing to a live band

On **Friday August 12th from 7.30pm** onwards a local band '**Limited S**' will be performing in the Church

- and we hope people will both enjoy the music and join in dancing!

Tickets are £5 adults (children are free) and those attending need to bring their own refreshments and drinks,

Sunday August 14th Our Parish service at 10am (which we hope to hold outdoors in the Churchyard)

Afterwards we will be hosting **a picnic in the Churchyard** (bring your own food) and **a celebration of cycling**.

From **11.30am there will be entertainment from the Mary Rose and Royal George Morris dancers** (with Andrew and Alice!) **and Pompey Pluckers**

and then at **2pm a short service** when we will bless cyclists and their bikes.

If you enjoy cycling come and join the celebration and give thanks for all who work to improve road safety as well as remembering those injured or killed on our roads.

Monday Aug 15th Monday Men will meet with Fr Rajiv at St Mary's at 7pm.

If you would be interested in joining this group or have some ideas as to what you would like the group to do in the Autumn then come along or contact Fr Rajiv

Wednesday Aug 17th 7pm Zoom Book Club

The last of our Summer monthly gatherings to reflect on a book – contact Marie Lambert or Revd Sam for details of this month's book and how to join

Looking ahead note for your diary

Sunday Aug 28th there will **only be 2 Parish services at 8 & 10am at St Mary's** on that day (no services at St Faith's or St Wilfrid's)

Saturday Sept 3rd There will be a **Monday Men Pitch and Putt at the 10th Hole** starting at **8am** and followed by Breakfast

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Saturday Sept 10th There will be **Coffee Mornings at St Faith' sand St Wilfrid's** from 10am - Noon and **a Nearly New Sale and Tower Open at St Mary's** for the Historic Churches Bikes Ride (sponsor some of our Ministry Team as they cycle on the Sunday - or even join them!)

Sunday Sept 11th **Noon Parish Bar B Q at St Mary's**

Hope to see you at one or more of these celebrations

Best wishes

Father Bob