



St Mary's Church Fishponds

Holding together in hope

Nestled in an oasis of green in the urban sprawl of northeast Bristol, the congregation of St Mary's Fishponds has been worshipping God and serving our community for over 200 years. We offer a warm welcome to anyone who wants to come, wherever you are on your journey through life and faith, through hospitality, worship, prayer and pastoral support. We believe in a God who is compassionate and surprising, just and merciful, and we would love you to join us.



Our Mission

St Mary's exists to:

- Worship God and tell the Good News of his love,
- Bring people to a lively trust in Jesus Christ and nurture them in the Christian Faith.
- Serve, in God's name, the people of this community
- Recognise the advantages and accept the responsibilities of belonging to a world-wide Christian family.



Things we do

Worship - Every Thursday and Sunday at 10am, with monthly Evensong.

Feed People - Every Saturday at 12 noon, we provide lunch for anyone who wants to come.

Sing and Play - From Music for Toddlers to Lunchtime concerts and choir practice, music is central to a lot of what happens at St Mary's

Be there in times both good and bad - from baptisms to Living after Loss support groups, St Mary's walks beside the people of Fishponds throughout their life journeys





Children and Young People

We have well established links with local schools, with children coming to St Mary's for visits and services. We have a lovely children's corner, with lots of toys and books to explore. With our partner church All Saints, we run an annual Holiday Bible Club, and we have a youth group, for those of secondary school age, called 'Generations' that meets every month for discussion, activities and fun.

We would very much like to increase our work with children in Fishponds. Maybe you could help!

Choir and Organ

St Mary's has an enthusiastic adult choir of about 16. We rehearse every Friday evening and sing every Sunday, either at Holy Communion or at Evensong. We're a very friendly bunch, with an extremely wide range of ages and backgrounds, but united by our love of singing. St Mary's organ was recently restored and improved, and can now do amazing things, such as automated concerts with lightshows.



Community

The area of Fishponds is a very diverse one, with a bustling high street full of coffee shops and restaurants contrasting with areas of poverty. Many people pass through our wonderful tree filled churchyard, and we are actively pursuing new ways to welcome them into our church family.

If you would like to know more about St Mary's and the work we do, please don't hesitate to ask. Our vicar, Lizzie Kesteven, is available at lizzie.kesteven@live.co.uk or 01179650856 or you can email comms@stmarysfishponds.org.uk. Our website is <http://www.stmarysfishponds.org.uk>, or just look us up on Facebook