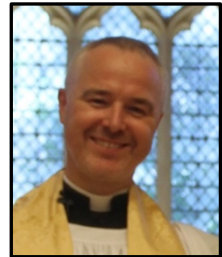


## St Mary's Church, Welcome and Invitation

Dear Neighbours,

Let us at St Mary's Church be among the first to welcome you to the friendly village of Chalgrove in this beautiful part of Oxfordshire. As one of the oldest buildings in the village, St Mary's church has been closely involved in the life of this community for more than 800 years. We pray that you will be very happy here!

St Mary's Church is your parish church. My name is Michael Lakey and I am your Vicar. Together with my Methodist colleague, Rev'd Stephen Spain, we serve a welcoming congregation of Anglicans and Methodists, who love to rub shoulders with newcomers. Our congregation is active in the community. Why don't you pay us a visit?



Worship is weekly and follows a pattern that combines traditional and informal styles.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:</b>	9.30am	Methodist Communion
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:</b>	10.30am	Family Messy Church
	4.00pm	Prayerbook Communion
<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion

We also have a traditional Choral Evensong four times a year, alternating between St Mary's Chalgrove and St Helen's Berrick Salome. This is advertised separately.



Children are **very** warmly welcome at **all** of our services, and we have a very well-equipped children's area.

As well as our Sunday services, we also have a Tot's group that meets on Wednesday at 2pm for songs, stories, toys, and refreshments. Please do bring your little one.

We offer a range of events throughout the year, and would be delighted to see you at any of them. Some are run by the Friends of St Mary's and a welcome letter from them is enclosed.

When you visit Church for a service or an event, please introduce yourself as a newcomer to either me, Stephen, or any of the welcomers, and please consider completing a welcome contact card (also enclosed with this letter). Cards may be dropped off at Church on a Sunday, or at the Vicarage (58 Brinkinfield Road, Chalgrove).

God bless you,

*Michael*

Fr Michael