

St Mary's News: Sunday 2 December 2018

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Today

Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

3.30pm Messy Church

6.30pm Compline

Introit: up good Christian folk & listen

Choir Anthems: Adam lay ybounden – A le Fleming

There's a wideness in God's mercy – Bevan

Voluntary: Toccata – Boellman

Readings:

Jeremiah 33. 14-16

Luke 21. 25-36

The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next week

2nd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

12-4pm Christmas Tree Festival

Readings:

Philippians 1. 3-11

Luke 3. 1-6



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all members of the congregation.

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We pray for those who have recently died:

Mark Pepper

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Leslie Wright (2nd)

Florence Mary Culshaw (2nd)

Patricia Marston (3rd)

Alan Boatwright (5th)

William James Gibbs (8th)

Welcome to St Mary's!

If you are new, please pick up a welcome **booklet**

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments in the Upper Room after the 10am service



This week at a glance

Monday

9am Morning Prayer

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Wednesday

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

1-3pm Café Plus

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer at Hadlow College

10am-6pm Set up for Christmas Tree Festival

Friday

10am Funeral of Mark Pepper

11am-6pm Christmas Tree Festival

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

10am-6pm Christmas Tree Festival

7pm Christmas Concert

For Children & Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets at the back of church. Books, crayons etc are in the children's corner.



Sunday Groups in Term Time

JAM (up to 11 yrs)

Christ in Action (secondary school age)

All Visitors' Children are Welcome

Beacon Service

No Beacon Service this month.

CHURCH CLEANING

Some of our volunteer church cleaners are becoming physically less able and this year we have lost two teams from the rota. If any younger or more able-bodied members of our congregation could spare an hour to an hour and a half every 8 weeks or so it would help enormously. We normally work in pairs although we have two people who work on their own. Could you help? If so, please see me after church to find out what is involved or ring me on 369817. *Ann Jenner*

Hospital Car Service

If you need transport to a hospital appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 852564.



Messy Church TODAY

3.30-5.30pm.

All-age craft activities to help us explore Advent and Christmas. Followed by informal worship and tea. FREE. All welcome.



Advent Reading

Look out for Advent books in the library. Any donations of advent books that you have read would be welcome.

Café Plus

Wednesday 5 December

Come along for coffee/tea, cake, and chat, plus optional knitting or other craft. Downstairs in St Mary's from 1pm to 3pm.

Wednesday Study Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5 December 7.45 for 8pm at 2 Spa Close. Our study of Nehemiah, concludes with 'When backs are turned.'

Christmas Tree Festival

7th to 9th December

Come along and see trees decorated by groups and organisations from our local community.

We still need more volunteers to help with stewarding and refreshments; please sign up on the rotas at the back of Church.

St Mary's will also be taking part in the Community Christmas Fair on Friday 7 December from 4-6pm when Santa's grotto will be in church. Please come and support it.



Christmas Concert

Saturday 8 December at 7pm



Opera, classical and festive favourites with soprano Rebecca Hooper. Entry £10 (incl. mulled wine and nibbles), children free.



Services in Advent

(dates for your diary)

Sunday 16 December at 4pm –

Carol Service at Golden Green

Sunday 23 December 6.30pm –

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in St Mary's.

Church Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please give the money and the person's name to Rev'd Paul before Tuesday 18 December. *Thank you*



Carol Service

Sunday 23 December

Extra voices will be welcome. Preliminary practices in the evenings of 14 & 21 December. For further information please call Antony on 01622 817842 or email antle Fleming@gmail.com.

Reflection for the 1st Sunday of Advent

The commercial world is now fully and feverishly preparing for Christmas (only 19 more shopping days!)

However, the Christian world is preparing in a completely different way, and the Advent collects help us to appreciate their core meaning.

We are encouraged to be ready (in our armour of light) to receive God's judgement of us – how we live, or have lived, our lives. This seems to be rather a scary thought, but it is not so very different from confessing our sins in church, and receiving absolution of them.

Confession is akin to judging ourselves and we are quite capable of doing so. In fact Jesus said this: "Whenever you pray, forgive if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

(Mark 11.25)

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Who's who at St Mary's?

Vicar

The Reverend Paul White
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Curate

The Reverend Nicky Harvey
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Church Wardens

Martin Massy (01732 851519)
Barbara Smith (01732 852174)

Honorary Treasurer

David Gater (01732 850477)

Music Director

Antony le Fleming 01622 817842
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of all ages – always most welcome!)

Parish Administrator

Janice (01732 850238/851519)
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Office Hours

Tuesday 9.30am – 3pm
Thursday 8.30am – 2pm

PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information: Rev Paul White; Rev Nicky Harvey; Martin Massy & Barbara Smith; David Gater; Francis Griffiths, Val Newell & Kelly Parsons (Deanery Synod reps.); Kirsty Finch; Judy Gater; Jenny Hopkins; Julia Miles; Katerina Nixon; Rachel Packham; Michael Payne; Mark Totty; Annie Young and other members.

PCC Secretary: Martin Massy (temp)
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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.