

# St Mary's News

**Sunday 28 November 2021**

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## Today

### 1st Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13

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 forever.

**Amen**

## Next week

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Philippians 1. 3-11

Luke 3. 1-6



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Park Villas, Spa Close and James Close

### **And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for**

George Smith (28<sup>th</sup>)

Henry Philip Young (28<sup>th</sup>)

Patricia Robinson (29<sup>th</sup>)

Edgar Richard Dann (30<sup>th</sup>)

Norman James Collins (30<sup>th</sup>)

Connie Bell (30<sup>th</sup>)

Vera Rose Neve (30<sup>th</sup>)

Leslie Wright (2<sup>nd</sup> Dec)

Florence Mary Culshaw (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Patricia Marston (3<sup>rd</sup>)

## Welcome to St Mary's!

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 9.30am service.



### This Week at a glance

#### **Monday**

7.30pm Christmas Fair preparations  
in Upper Room

#### **Tuesday**

5.30pm Yoga  
7.30pm PCC Meeting

#### **Wednesday**

9.30am\_Holy Communion.  
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

#### **Thursday**

10am-12pm Food Bank

#### **Friday**

10.30am Seniors Coffee Morning  
7.15pm Choir practice.

#### **Saturday**

1-4pm Christmas Fair

**We thank Rev. Brian Stevenson for leading our 8am service, and Rev. Penny Stephens for leading and preaching at our 10am service today.**

## For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets in the children's corner near the side entrance to church. There are also books, crayons etc.



### **Sunday Club: JAM (Jesus and Me)**

During the 10am service in the Upper Room. Suitable for ages up to 11 years.

***All Visitors' Children are Welcome***

### **After-Service Coffee**

We really do need more people to join the rota for serving coffee after the 10am service. We usually do this in teams of two. But the more people who volunteer, the less frequently everyone's turn will come around. Please let Janice know if you would be willing to take part.

### **Stewardship Responses**

If you have not yet returned your forms, we would still very much like to receive your response to our stewardship campaign.

# Christmas Fair

## NEXT SATURDAY!

### 4 December



**1pm – 4pm in Church Street**  
Christmas presents, home-made cakes, crafts, Christmas gifts and decorations, stalls, lucky dip, tombola & much more.

SANTA'S GROTTTO and refreshments in church.

Come along, there's something for everyone. Why not bring the children – and grandchildren? We will need lots of helpers on the day to man stalls and serve refreshments. Sign-up sheets and boxes for donations are at the back of church.

## MESSY CHRISTINGLE

**Sunday 12 December at 3pm**

Plenty of fun and crafts to share and explore the meaning of Christmas. Make your own Christingle to use in your Christmas celebrations. FREE. All welcome, but please email us if you are intending to come, so that we can make sure we have enough resources. [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)



## Christmas Services

**Sunday 19 December**

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

### Christmas Eve

4pm Family Crib Service

6.30pm Carols in the Square

11.30pm Midnight Mass (carols by the choir from 11pm)

### Christmas Day

10am Family Christmas Day Service

### Boxing Day

**Sunday 26 December**

8am Holy Communion

## Food Bank Update

Items we are particularly short of at the moment are small jars of coffee, sugar, biscuits, fruit juice / squash, spaghetti hoops, tins of sausages-and-beans and toilet rolls (in packs of four, please) and toiletries.

Items that we do NOT need for the time being are tins of vegetables, especially no pulses such as beans or peas of any kind, and NO tinned tomatoes, please! Over coming weeks we will welcome any donations of goodies and treats to spread a little Christmas cheer for families who need our support.

## Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881.



## Reflection for the First Sunday in Advent

Today there are certainly “signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations”, and that sense of foreboding which gospel-writer Luke describes so vividly.

At the moment, in our high-streets there are signs a-plenty that we are preparing for something (for Christmas?). But Luke tells how Jesus advised us to prepare seriously for change, using observations in nature which are plain for all to see.

At this time of year, plants and trees seem to be shrivelling and falling apart, but on some, we can see next year’s tiny buds waiting for their springtime birth.

For us, in Advent, is the hope of darkness transforming into light, emptiness into fulfilment in God coming to live on earth with us as a human being.

Amazing, mind-boggling, true!

A.W.

## Who’s Who at St Mary’s?

### Vicar

Position vacant

### Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

### Church Wardens

Michael Payne (01732 852187)

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John Speed (07725 691518)

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### Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)

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### Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)

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### PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

Michael Payne, John Speed (Church Wardens); Martin Massy; Barry Wheeler & Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Lee Kirk; Janice Massy; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt and other members.

### PCC Secretary:

Martin Massy

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*Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary’s website.*