

# St Mary's News

Sunday 5 December 2021

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## Today

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Malachi 3. 1-4

Luke 3.1-6



### The Collect for Advent Sunday

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Next week

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

3pm Messy Christingle

### Readings:

Zephaniah 3. 4-20

Luke 3. 7-18



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in  
Palmers Brook & Lonewood Way

**We pray for those who have  
recently died**

Mike Hayden

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

Alan Boatwright (5<sup>th</sup>)

William James Gibbs (8<sup>th</sup>)

Ken Garner (10<sup>th</sup>)

Christina Smith (10<sup>th</sup>)

James McAndrew (11<sup>th</sup>)

## Welcome to St Mary's!

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 10am service.



### This Week at a glance

#### Monday

**Tuesday**  
5.30pm Yoga

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

10am-12pm Food Bank

#### Friday

6.15pm Children's choir practice  
7.15pm Choir practice.

#### Saturday

10am-12 Saturday Coffee

**We thank Reverend Sheila Perkins for leading and preaching at our 8am and 10am services 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**

## Christmas Fair

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated items, helped organise, set up and helped at the Christmas Fair yesterday. Thank you too to all who came to support it.

### Saturday Coffee

Come along for a coffee, mince pies and a chat next Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am downstairs in 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)



## **Mike Hayden**

We are sad to announce that Mike Hayden died on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> having been in declining health for some time. Mike and Philippa were long-time members of St Mary's before moving to Barming in 2014.

## **Flowers in Church for Christmas**

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 one of the Church Wardens by Tuesday 21 December.

*Thank you*



## **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**

TBA

## **Church Linen**

A big thank you to Pat Critchley for her sterling service over many years cleaning the linen used in church services. It is now time for Pat to step back from this much-valued work, so we would welcome a volunteer (or volunteers) to take over the role. Please speak to a church warden for more information.

## **Food Bank**

With the festive season approaching we welcome any donations of goodies and treats to spread a little Christmas cheer for families who need our support.

## Saturday 2020

Volunteers are needed to run the monthly Saturday Coffee and Market morning in 2022. We welcome groups both from within and outside St Mary's, with proceeds from sales shared between the church and the group running the stall. Please sign up on the list in the porch. More information from Janice.

### **Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Advent**

#### **A Call to Repentance**

As streets fill with shoppers  
Bright lights and tempting offers  
Christmas songs and children's  
laughter

You lead us along a different path  
To a desert river and a Prophetic  
voice

A call to repentance

A call to service

A call to immerse ourselves

In living water that will never run  
dry

A call to prepare a way in our  
own lives

For the Saviour of the world to  
enter in

To know the touch of tender  
mercy

And rest in your forgiving love

For your faithful prophets

And your Living Word

We give you thanks. Amen

## **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.*