

St Mary's Weekly Bulletin 25th December 2011

A very warm welcome to everyone!

If you are a visitor or newcomer please introduce yourself to the clergy or a member of the congregation. Please join us for refreshments after the service.



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Norma Howie is the benefice administrator, and enquiries re baptisms and weddings should be made through her. The office is closed for Christmas and New Year and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January at 1.00pm.

Services Today

8.00am Sides Duty	Said Eucharist Hedley Crago
10.00am Presiding Address	Sung Eucharist The Revd Karen Turner The Revd Karen Turner
Hymns	As announced
Sides Duty	Roger and Angela Witts
Warden	Mark Baker
Reader	Susan Rivett
Intercessions	Sue Jakeman
Offertory	Daphne Wicks and Melanie Henley
Chalice Organist	Peter Bladon Nick Murdoch

NO evening service today

Please pray for Kevin Cheshire, Richard Wyatt, Kathryn Morgan, Sister Jean Margaret ASSP, Molly Witts, Shirley Godson, Angela Belle, Nancy Abraham, Daphne Wicks, Doreen Crago, Betty Cutts, John and Evelyn Greener, Olive Morgan and Riskala Dekki.

Deanery prayers this month are for the parish of St Paul's Church in Highfield. **Please also pray** for Alan, Bishop of St Albans, Paul, Bishop of Hertford and Richard, Bishop of Bedford; the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams; John Sentamu, Archbishop of York and his Suffragan Bishops; Turvey: Peter Mackenzie; those who lead intercessions; Nash Mills Wharf; vulnerable children and families; all refugees and asylum seekers; those who are persecuted for their faith; thanksgiving for God's blessings during 2011; peace throughout the world.

The first PRAY HEMEL of 2012 is on Saturday 7th January at Adeyfield Free Church from 8.00am until 9.30am.

CHRISTMAS DAY

THIS WEEK

Monday 26th	Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr No services today
Tuesday 27th	John, Apostle and Evangelist NO Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28th 10.00am	The Holy Innocents NO Eucharist at Holy Trinity
Thursday 29th 9.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Eucharist
Friday 30th 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Working Party
Saturday 31st 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Saturday Cafe
Sunday 1st 10.00am	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus NO 8.00am Eucharist Said Eucharist

Notices

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who, in any way, helped prepare for the Christmas services and during the services. David and Karen would also like to thank those who have sent them cards and given them presents - they are all **very** much appreciated.

Please note that there will be only one service on Sunday 1st January and that will be a said eucharist at 10.00am.

GAMES DAY

On Saturday 7th January 2.00pm to 5.00pm there will be a get-together in the Refectory for adults and children to play games. Entry is £2.00 per person and £5.00 for all the family. Games will be provided but feel free to bring any of your own games - and your own snack for the afternoon. Tea and coffee will be provided. The Games Day is part of our fundraising efforts.

TEAM COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Team Council in 2012 is on Tuesday 3rd January at 7.30pm at St Benedict's Church.

The next issue of the **Benefice Newsletter** is now available. Please take one if you have not already got a copy - don't forget to read it!

In the first few months of 2012 a priority for St Mary's is to draft a Mission Action Plan (MAP).

The PCC has already had a full meeting about this. A questionnaire was sent to all the groups in the congregation and the responses have been considered by the PCC. What is emerging is that many members of the congregation are keen for St Mary's to be more involved in the life of the local community. There is interest in perhaps hosting an ALPHA course, as well as an initiative to encourage all members of the congregation to commit to praying a daily prayer. The MAP must be endorsed by the PCC and brought for final endorsement by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. After that the real work of implementing the Plan begins. Watch this space for further news of the drafting of the MAP.