

St Mary's Weekly Bulletin 8th January 2012

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 Margaret West
10.00am Presiding Address	Sung Eucharist The Revd David Lawson The Revd David Lawson
Hymns	552, 49, 724, 326, 609
Sides Duty	Ann Hall
Warden	Chris Bentley
Reader	Delia Aylott
Intercessions	Mark Baker
Offertory	The Shirley Family
Chalice	Paul West
Coffee	Margaret Wootton
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)

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

Among the departed please remember

Ian West, Paul West's brother. Pray for their family as they seek to come to terms with their loss.

Deanery prayers this month are for the parish of St Paul's Church in Highfield, and for their Churchwardens, Joy and Michael.

Please also pray for Alan, Bishop of St Albans, who has asked the Diocese to give thanks with him for the past year and for wisdom in leading the Diocese in 2012; Paul, Bishop of Hertford; Richard, Bishop of Bedford, as he prepares to retire in March; the Anglican Church in Australia and the Archbishop and Primate, Philip Aspinall; the parish of Anstey and their outreach plans; St Mary's House groups; Abbot's Hill School and St Nicholas House; the new school term; the Revd Lizzie Hood, preparing for her licensing as Team Vicar at Holy Trinity; racial harmony in the UK; the situation in Syria; freed political prisoners in Burma.

THE EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK

Monday 9th	9.00am Working Party 8.00pm Bellingring practice
Tuesday 10th	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Buzzy Bees meet in Refectory
Wednesday 11th	10.00am NO Eucharist at Holy Trinity
Thursday 12th	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Eucharist and study group
Friday 13th	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Working Party
Saturday 14th	9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Saturday Cafe
Sunday 15th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist/Youth Groups 6.30pm Said Evening Prayer

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 meeting about this. A questionnaire was sent to all 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, and 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.

David, the Team Rector, is on holiday from this afternoon until next Sunday 15 January.

Notices

Baptism Preparation Meetings

The first Baptism Preparation Meetings of 2012 will be on Mondays 16th and 30th January at St Mary's and on both occasions at 7.30pm.

Wedding Preparation Evening

The 2012 Wedding Preparation Evening will be on Thursday 19th January at 7.30pm in the Refectory.

Parochial Church Council

The next PCC meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February at 7.45pm in the Refectory.

Licensing Service

The Licensing Service for the Revd Lizzie Hood as Team Vicar of Holy Trinity Church will take place on **Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm**. If you wish to attend please sign the list at the back of church by 27th January. There will be limited parking so car share where possible.

The next **SOLO LUNCH** is on Thursday 16th February in the Refectory.

Special Christmas Collections

Carol singing for DENS £220.25
Christingle service for Children's Society £80.48
Church Christmas Card for St Francis Hospice £73.90
Thank you to all who supported these special collections.