

St Mary's Weekly Bulletin 4th December 2016

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.



An **induction loop system** is provided to assist hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

Anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion at home, a visit or wishing to arrange a funeral please contact **David** directly.

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Norma Howie is the benefice administrator, and enquiries re baptisms and weddings should be made through her. The office is open Monday and Wednesday 8.00am - 3.30pm, Thursday 12.30pm - 3.00pm and Friday 12 noon - 3.00pm.

Services Today

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| 8.00am | Said Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist |
| Presiding | The Revd Ivor Cornish |
| Preaching | The Revd Ivor Cornish |
| Hymns | 259, 527, 303, 690, 428 |
| Sides Duty | Ann Wiggins |
| Warden | Laura Graham-Brown |
| Reader | Rosemary Bladon |
| Intercessions | Katharine Harper |
| Offertory | Daphne Wicks and Melanie Henley |
| Chalice | Katharine Harper |
| Organist | Peter Lipman |
| Coffee | Ann Wiggins and Daphne Wicks |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer (said) |

Please pray for Ann Trustram, Sister Anne Francis of the All Saints' Sisters, Hugh, Ada and Kenneth Ferris, Patricia Land, Jessica and James Stygle, Bill Dell, Nancy Abraham, Paul Boggis, Fr Don Butler, Doreen and Hedley Crago, Riskala Dekki, Shirley Godson, Eileen Kemp, Evelyn Greener, Tony and Irene Mayes, Ivor Stringer, Clare Tofield-Wallington.

Please continue to pray for Malcolm Pritchard, whose funeral was in church last Thursday. Continue to pray for Helen, Jessica, William and their families in the days ahead.

Deanery prayers this month are for St Barnabas, Adeyfield, and their schools and youth work.

Please also pray for Alan, Bishop of St Albans; Richard, Bishop of Bedford; Michael, Bishop of Hertford; the Diocese of Karnataka North (South India) and the Bishop, Ravikumar J. Niranjani; the parish of St John's, Watford, and the priest, David Stevenson; St Mary's Mission Action Plan; the Methodist Church in Hemel; our spiritual journey through Advent; those who died and those who have survived the Columbian plane crash.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK

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| Monday 5th | |
| | No Morning Prayer |
| 10.00am | Working Party |
| 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |
| 8.00pm | Bellringing practice |
| Tuesday 6th | |
| | No Morning Prayer |
| 10.00am | Buzzy Bees meet in the Refectory |
| Wednesday 7th | |
| | No Morning Prayer |
| 10.00am | Eucharist at Holy Trinity |
| 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |
| Thursday 8th The Conception of the BVM | |
| 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 7.30pm | AA group meets in the Refectory |
| 8.00pm | Home group meets at 28 Manorville Road |
| Friday 9th | |
| | No Morning Prayer |
| 10.00am | Working Party |
| 7.45pm | Third Lobster: A short history of Nativity - speaker Alex Bell - in the Refectory - refreshments |
| Saturday 10th | |
| | No Morning Prayer |
| 10.00am | Saturday Café |
| Sunday 11th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | |
| | No 8.00am Said Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist/Youth Groups |
| | No Evening Prayer |

Christmas services at St Mary's

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| Sunday 11th December | 3.00pm Messy Christmas |
| Sunday 18th December | 4.30pm Christingle service |
| Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve) | 3.30pm Crib service 11.15pm Midnight Mass |
| Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day) | 9.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist |
| Friday 30th December | 7.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols |

NOTICES

The carol singing at The Paper Mill pub raised £119 which will go to the Hospice of St Francis. Thank you to everyone who supported this community event.

The Christmas concert at Florence Longman House is on Tuesday 13th December at 6.30pm.

Carol singing outside Sainsbury's in aid of DENS is on Friday 16th December 7.00pm - 8.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies at church.

An invitation has been extended to St Mary's to sing carols at The White Lion pub on Saturday 17th December at 8.00pm. Any volunteers?

The **Christingle service** is on Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm.

If you wish to donate towards the cost of **flowers in church at Christmas**, please place your donation in the basket at the back of church.

Holy Trinity is once again holding a **Festival of Nativity Cribs** from around the world - opening times are Friday 9th December 10.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 10th December 10.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday 11th December 11.00am - 4.00pm. Entry £2 for adults and under 16s free. Tea/coffee/light lunches are available.

The diocese is once again offering a **daily prayer and reflection for each day in Advent**. To sign up go to the diocesan website at www.stalbans.anglican.org and click on 'Live the Challenge'.

The current Benefice Newsletter is available today.

David, the Team Rector, is currently on sick leave. Anyone requiring the services of a priest, should contact the Revd Lizzie Hood on 01442 264860.