

Diary

Tue. 4th	5.30pm	Oasis Youth Group in Church Hall
	7.30pm	Home Group at 40 Henley Drive
	7.30pm	The Guild of Servants' Annual Service of Advent Hymns and Carols in Church
Wed. 5th	N. B.	No 11am Holy Communion (BCP) today
Fri. 7th	N. B.	No Choir Practice
	7.30pm	STERTS Concert in Church

Notices

1. Beetle Drive. Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Christmas Beetle Drive to help raise funds for St. Mary's.

2. Joyful Praise Services. Joyful Praise Services are now held on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6pm at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway. The next one is this afternoon, Sunday 2nd December. All are welcome to come along.



3. The next Messy Church is on Saturday 12th January 2019 in St. Mary's Church Hall, at 4pm.

Fun, food and free! For families of all ages.

4. Oasis Youth Group. The Oasis Group next meet this Tuesday, 4th December, at 5.30pm in the Church Hall.

5. Together @ Ten. The monthly Family Services have changed. They are now known as 'Together @ Ten' – All Age Praise and are no longer a Messy Church style service. The next one is based on the Nativity on Sunday 16th December at 10am. Please come and support this venture and bring someone with you.

6. PCC Meeting. The next PCC meeting is on Monday 17th December at The Vicarage at 7pm.

7. Home Group. The Home Study Group meets at 40 Henley Drive this Tuesday evening, 27th November, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

8. Fair Trade. St. Mary's is registered as a Fair Trade Church and Jo Parker can still supply you with a Traidcraft brochure or take any orders you may have. Tel. 786409.

9. Easy Fund Raising. Don't forget, when doing your shopping on-line, to shop via www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise some extra money for St. Mary's at no cost to yourself. We currently have 23 people supporting us. We have just received a cheque for **£15.35** bringing our total raised so far to **£359.26**. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

10. Church News. Please address all queries and notices for the Church News to andy@saintmarys.org.uk.

Next Sunday

9th December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

10am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
	Malachi 3: 1 – 4, Philippians 1: 3 – 11, Luke 3: 1 – 6
4pm	EVENSONG (BCP)
	Isaiah 40: 1 – 11, Luke 1: 1 - 25

Team Rector:

Revd. Preb. David Gill, The Vicarage, 53 Whitsoncross Lane, Tel. 771033

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1st Sunday of Advent
2nd December 2018

Welcome! to St. Mary's, especially if you are visiting today.

Sunday Club (ages 4 - 11) There is no Sunday Club at present due to lack of numbers. It will start up again if any children are looking to join.

For Sunday Club contact Revd. David Gill. Tel. 771033

The Oasis Youth Group (ages 11 – 18) next meet on 4th December in the Church Hall at 5.30pm and then on alternate Tuesdays during school term time.

For Oasis contact Joanne Parker Tel. 786409.

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
Romans 13: 8 – 14, Matthew 21: 1 - 13

10am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16, 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13, Luke 21: 25 - 36
(CAH) 480, 128, 405, 282

4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
(CAH) 839, 55, 776
Followed by Christmas Stalls and Raffle

6pm JOYFUL PRAISE at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway

A new Church Year begins today. The four weeks of Advent (Latin *adventus* = coming) are about the coming of God's Kingdom. It is a season of hope in which we look forward to 'the last day when Christ shall come again' to establish that Kingdom on earth. We also look back to those who have figured in the unfolding story of God's coming to rule his people in justice and peace.

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 for ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those living in: Plymbridge Lane, Airborne Drive

The sick and those in need: Thomas Baker, Baby Emily, Brian, Cameron, Jane Dakin, Hannah, Hilda D. Diana Hill and family, Emma L. Kay, Ken, Luke MacWhirter, Margaret, Michael P. Mo W. Pat, Oscar, Ruth, Samantha and family, Sue Stephens and family.

Personal consent must now be given by the person, (or their parent/guardian) to have their name displayed.

Please let Andy King have any names those who are in need of our prayers or who can be taken off the list. Tel. 300758. Thank you.

First Reading Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

¹⁴ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵ “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Gospel Reading Luke 21: 25 - 36

²⁵ ‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ ²⁹ He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² ‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ ‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

Christmas Cards – Advance Notice

This Christmas we are again running the scheme whereby those who wish to do so can put a single greetings card to all their friends at St Mary’s on the notice board in Church whilst pledging to the Shelterbox charity the money that they would have spent (or more!) on numerous cards. The notice board behind the font is available from today, Advent Sunday (December 2nd), together with pledge slips, Gift Aid forms, and information about Shelterbox.

Starts Singers Concert

Following the very successful concert last year, the STERTS SINGERS are returning for another CONCERT this coming Friday, 7th December, at 7.30pm here at St. Mary’s. Tickets are £5.00 each and are available in Church, from John Green, Pat Eyres on 07711422396 or pateyres@talk21.com and will be available on the door. There will be a selection of every type of music so there will be something for everyone.

Safeguarding Officers

Sara Grier is our nominated Safeguarding Officer and is the nominated person responsible for vulnerable adults. Jo Parker is the nominated Safeguarding person responsible for children. Their photos are on the Church noticeboard in the porch, together with photos of the Vicar, Revd David Gill, and your Churchwardens, Andy King and Susanne Burnett.

A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is in a folder at the back of Church and is available on our website at www.saintmarys.org.uk

New Rotas

Following approval by the PCC, some new names have been added to the list of readers and chalice assistants. The rotas are in the pigeon holes at the back of Church. We would still like to have more people involved as a sidesperson, chalice assistant or to read the lessons. Revd. David Gill would also like a rota of intercessors to lead the prayers at various services. Training will be provided. If you are interested in any of these roles, please speak to Revd. David Gill.

Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary

The Guild’s Annual Advent Hymns and Carols Service is this Tuesday, 4th December, at 7.30pm. This year it is being held at St. Mary’s and everyone is welcome to attend. Teas will be served by Mary Bennett and Sue Whitby. The Chapter Organist will be present.

The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary began in Wapping, in London, in 1898 and 20 years later this local Chapter was formed by Servers at various Churches in Plymouth. For more information please see Michael Bennett.

Planned Giving Envelopes

For those people who use the Planned Giving envelopes, the new envelopes are in boxes at the back of the church. If anyone is unsure about their number please speak or ring Val Howell on (01752) 787511 who has a list. Due to the Data Protection Policy we can no longer write names on each box.

If anyone would like to join the scheme please contact Val.

Christmas Stalls and Raffle

Following the Christingle Service at 4pm today, there will be some Christmas Stalls and a Raffle in the Church Hall. Please come along and help raise some Festive Funds for St. Mary’s.