

Diary

Mon. 17th 7pm PCC Meeting at The Vicarage
Tue. 18th 5.30pm Oasis Youth Games Night in the Church Hall
7.30pm Home Group meets at 40 Henley Drive
Wed. 19th 11am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
Fri. 21st 7pm Choir Practice in Church

Notices

1. Beetle Drive. The next Beetle Drive will be at Easter on Saturday 6th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

2. PCC Meeting. The next PCC meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday 17th December, at the Vicarage at 7pm.

3. 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 today, Sunday 16th December. All are welcome to come along.



4. 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.

5. Together @ Ten. The monthly Family Services on the 3rd Sunday of each month have changed. They are now known as 'Together @ Ten' – All Age Praise services. Please come along today at 10am and meet Jack and Jill, our friendly puppets, who help explore the story for the day. Why not bring someone with you?

6. 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.

7. Home Group. The Home Study group meets at 40 Henley Drive on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm during term time. They meet this Tuesday, 18th December. All are welcome.

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 recently received a cheque for £15.35 for the period from April to June 2018. We currently have 23 people supporting us and our total raised so far is **£361.69**. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

10. Church News. Please address all queries and notices for the Church News to Andrew King. Tel. 07708590704 or e-mail andy@saintmarys.org.uk.

Next Sunday 23rd December 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

10am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
Micah 5: 2 – 5a, Hebrews 10: 5 – 10, Luke 1: 39 – 45
6.30pm EVENSONG (BCP)
Isaiah 10: 33 – 11: 10, Matthew 1: 18 - end

Team Rector:

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

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**3rd Sunday of Advent
16th 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 meets at 5.30pm on alternate Tuesdays during School Term Time. They next meet this Tuesday, 18th December 2018.

For Oasis contact Joanne Parker. Tel. 786409.

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
1 Corinthians 4: 1 – 5, Matthew 11: 2 – 10
10am TOGETHER @ TEN + BAPTISM Savannah Toms
Luke 2: 1 - 7
(CAH) Everybody's Welcome, 93, 589
6pm JOYFUL PRAISE at The Church of The Holy Spirit
6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20, Philippians 4: 4 – 7, Luke 3: 7 – 18
(CAH) 263, 656, 582, 690

We have passed the half-way stage in the Advent Season, during which we hope, pray and prepare for the coming of God's Kingdom. From now on our attention is increasingly focused on Jesus Christ whose birth at Bethlehem was the sign that God's rule was near. Today we remember John the Baptist who was sent to prepare the way for Christ, by 'turning the hearts of the disobedient'.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those living in: Piper Street, Radar Road

Baptised today: Savannah Toms

Recently bereaved: Family and friends of Yvonne May

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, Layla, 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. Email andy@saintmarys.org.uk or Tel. 300758. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

This Christmas, again, 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 has been made available for your cards, with pledge slips, Gift Aid forms, and information about Shelterbox.

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.

Longest Night Service

A message from Katie at Mutley Baptist Church. "Whether through grief, illness, family or work situations, or many other reasons, Christmas can be a hard time for many people. I'm privileged to be able to offer this service for anyone who needs to know that God is in that dark place with them. The Longest Night Service 7.30pm -8.30pm this Thursday, 20th December, hosted by Mutley Baptist Church. For many people, for many different reasons, Christmas isn't all tinsel and joy. The Longest Night gives time and space to sit with life's difficulties, to seek God in the darkness, and to wait for the coming light. With thanks. Katie."

Note From The Treasurer

I would be grateful if a careful note is taken of payee details when writing a cheque for the church funds. All cheques must be payable to: 'PCC TAMERTON FOLIOT'. Please do not write 'St Mary's PCC' or 'St Mary's Tamerton Foliot' as these will almost certainly now be returned to us. Thank you for your continued financial support of our mission here at St Mary's.

Stanley Stoddard

Christmas Services

Sun. 16th Dec. 10am Together @ Ten (Nativity based)

Mon. 17th Dec. 1.30pm Mary Dean Key Stage 2 Nativity

Mon 24th Dec. **Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib Service

6.30pm Carol Service

11.45pm Midnight Mass

Tue. 25th Dec. **Christmas Day**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (CW)

Sun. 30th Dec. 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Team Service at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway

N.B. No evening service

Sun. 6th Jan. **Epiphany**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm Evening Worship

First Reading Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, 'Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.' ¹⁸ 'I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame. ²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,' says the Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 4: 4 – 7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading Luke 3: 7 – 18

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.' ¹⁰ 'What should we do then?' the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.' ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptised. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?' ¹³ 'Don't collect any more than you are required to,' he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what should we do?' He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.' ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.