

Diary

Mon. 24th	Christmas Eve
	4pm Children's Crib Service
	6.30pm Carol Service
	11.45pm Midnight Mass
Tue. 25th	Christmas Day
	8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am Holy Communion (CW)
Fri. 28th	N. B. No Choir Practice today

Notices

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

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 on Sunday 6th January 2019. 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 on Tuesday 15th January 2019 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 on Sunday 20th January 2019 at 10am. Please come and support this new venture and bring someone with you.

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

7. 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.

8. 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 and our total raised so far is **£368.43**. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

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

Next Sunday 30th December 2018

1st Sunday of Christmas

8am	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
	Galatians 4: 1 – 7, Matthew 1: 18 – 25
10am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Team Service at Southway
	Colossians 3: 12 – 17, Luke 2: 41 – end
N.B.	No Evening Service

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4th Sunday of Advent
23rd 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

10am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
	Micah 5: 2 – 5a, Hebrews 10: 5 – 10, Luke 1: 39 – 45
(CAH)	438, 722, 295, 631
6.30pm	EVENSONG (BCP)
	Isaiah 10: 33 – 11: 10, Matthew 1: 18 – 25
(AMR)	52, 7, 47, 54, 51
	Psalm 123

We have celebrated the Advent season in hope, anticipating the day when Christ will come again to establish God's Kingdom of justice and peace everywhere. We have also looked back to the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and to John the Baptist who, in different ways, were servants of God's rule in Israel. Today we remember the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. In him God's rule on earth was finally realised.

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our Judge; 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: Lysander Lane, Albacore 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, Sam L. Layla, Linda T. 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 Micah 5: 2 – 5a

² ‘But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.’ ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

Second Reading Hebrews 10: 5 – 10

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, “Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll – I have come to do your will, my God.”’ ⁸ First he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them’ – though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 39 - 45

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!’ ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!’

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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 Isaiah 10: 33 – 11: 10

10: ³³ Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled. ³⁴ And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

11: ¹ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: ² And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; ³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. ⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Second Reading Matthew 1: 18 - 25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. ²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. ²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. ²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: ²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

Christmas Readings

See this week’s insert for the readings for the service of Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10am Holy Communion on Christmas Day.