

Diary Please stay safe, stay well, and stay connected

Mon. 13th	7.30pm	Home Group meets via Zoom
Wed. 15th	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	6pm	Parish Profile Meeting in the Oasis Room
Fri. 17th	7pm	Choir Practice at St Mary's
Sat. 18th	12pm	Wedding: O - C - B Daniel Gillies-Baker and Kimberley Horwell
	4pm	Messy Church in St. Mary's Church Hall

Notices

1. Great News! We are restarting Messy Church to see how it works with Covid safety in mind. We are holding the first one at St Mary's, in the Church Hall, on Saturday 18th December from 4pm – 6pm.

2. St Mary's Youth and Children. Sunday Club (ages 4 - 11) will start up as soon as possible. If you know of any children who might be interested in joining Sunday Club please ask them to contact Revd. David Gill. Tel. 771033

3. Together@Ten. The monthly Family Services at St. Mary's are now known as 'Together@Ten' – A monthly All Age Service. The next one is next Sunday, 19th December.

4. Home Group. The Home Group now meet on Mondays during school term time. They usually meet at 7.30pm each week via an online Zoom video meeting at present. All are welcome to join in at any time. Please get in touch with your email address if you would like to be involved. Tel. **07773170714**.

5. Fair Trade. St. Mary's is registered as a Fair Trade Church and Angela and Steve Chandler are our new reps. Angela has catalogues, if you would like to have a look at one, and can take any orders you may have. Tel. **518696**.

6. 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 27 people supporting us and our total raised so far is **£624.17**. Ask Andy or Debbie King for more details. (07708590704)

7. Church News. Please address all queries and notices for the Church News to andy@saintmarys.org.uk or call **07708590704**.

Next Sunday's Services 19th December 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

St Mary's:

8am	Holy Communion (BCP) Philippians 4: 4 – 7, John 1: 19 - 28
10am	Together@Ten
6.30pm	Holy Communion (CW)

Holy Spirit:

10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Communion Readings: Micah 5: 2 – 5a, Hebrews 10: 5 – 10 Luke 1: 39 – 45	

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12th December 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent



Today's Services

St Mary's:

10am	Holy Communion (CW) (CAHON) 527, 722, 295, 690
11.45am	Baptism Annabelle Taylor
2.30pm	Baptism Reuben Cox-Symonds
6.30pm	Evensong (BCP) Isaiah 35. Luke 1: 57 - 66 (AMR) 45, 52, 262, 50 Psalm 50: 1 - 6

Holy Spirit:

10am	Holy Communion
Readings for Holy Communion: Zephaniah 3: 14 – end, Philippians 4: 4 – 7, Luke 3: 7 – 18	

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, Hangar Lane

Baptised today: Annabelle Taylor, Reuben Cox-Symonds

To be married on Saturday: Daniel Gillies-Baker and Kimberley Horwell

The sick and those in need: Angie, Joan Bagwell, Clare B. Sarah Bezzina & family, Marie and Thomas Baker and family, Florence Barcas, Peter Bolam, Liz Brady, Keith Brindley, Graham B. Brian, Cameron, Val Collins, Ava Cornell, Margaret D, Jane Dakin, John Dean, Peter Fraser, Graham, Hannah, Dave and Lyn Hill, Janet and Phil Hill, Oscar Hawkins, Imogen, Jill Tooze, Katie S. Kay, Ken, Ann and John King, Gill L. Sam L. Lorna, Sonia Lyndon, Heather M. Mand-King family, Margaret, Elizabeth Mundy, Di N and family, Harriet Nelson, Jill and Bob O'Sullivan, Michael P. Mo W. Pat, Anne Shaw, Margaret Sparshott, Trish T. Angie W.

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. 07708590704

First Reading Zephaniah 3: 14 – end

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The 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. ¹⁶On that day they will say to Jerusalem, 'Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷The 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. ¹⁹At 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. ²⁰At 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! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And 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? ⁸Produce 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. ⁹The 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.' ¹²Even 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. ¹⁴Then 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.' ¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, 'I baptise you with^{al} 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. ¹⁷His 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.' ¹⁸And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

Plant Britain

The BBC, through its Country File programme, has launched an initiative to plant a tree for every child starting Primary School in 2020. Mary Dean School has embraced the idea and St Mary's PCC have unanimously agreed to support the idea of a partnership with Mary Dean School. The initiative will involve the St. Mary's' community sponsoring the purchase of trees, and the necessary protection, as a means of showing our strong partnership with the school. Whilst the Country File programme is offering the chance to apply for packs of trees through The Woodland Trust – and Mary Dean School will apply for one of these – The proposal is that the PCC would buy a pack of 105 saplings plus protection, which would cost approximately £200. The Head Teacher supports the idea enthusiastically and has already earmarked a suitable location on the school site. Ros Watkins has also agreed that some of the flower fund could be used for the project. If you would like to contribute to the cost, any donations would be gratefully received. If you can, please use BACS transfer (Account Name: PCC of Tamerton Foliot; Sort Code: 30-96-68 and Account number: 00503131) with the reference 'Trees'). Thank you.

Prayers for the Coronavirus Outbreak

The Diocese have provided some prayers for the COVID-19 outbreak. They have also provided a prayer as an act of Spiritual Communion. These have been emailed to everyone previously and are available via our St Mary's website. Separate copies are available if anyone would like them. Please ask. Not everyone has access to online resources. So, Church House Publishing (CHP) have produced a downloadable/printable selection of Prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak. The booklet includes prayers for children, as well as a simple form of morning and night prayer designed for individuals and families to use at home. The files can be freely downloaded, emailed or printed by anyone via the Church of England website, with versions suited to sharing digitally or for printing at home. If you would like a copy, and cannot access it online, please ask and we will ensure you get a copy. Otherwise, a copy can be found here:

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202020April_0.pdf

There is also a link to the booklet from the St Mary's website at www.saintmarys.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY!

Welcome to



Together @ Ten

