

Diary Please stay safe, stay well, and stay connected

Mon. 20th	7.30pm	Home Group meets via Zoom
Tue. 21st	7pm	Choir Practice at St Mary's
Fri. 24th	4pm	Crib Service at St Mary's
	6.30pm	Carol Service at St. Mary's
	11.45pm	Midnight Mass at Holy Spirit, Southway
Sat. 25th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's
	10am	Family Communion (CW) at St Mary's

Notice

1. 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



2. Messy Church went well yesterday in a shortened and covid-safe way. Thank you to everyone involved. We hope to hold the next one around Mothering Sunday.

3. Together@Ten. The monthly Family Services at St Mary's are now known as 'Together@Ten' – An All Age Service. The next one is this morning at 10am.

4. PCC Meetings. The next meeting of St Mary's PCC is on Monday 24th January 2022 at 7pm. Venue TBA.

5. Home Group. The Home Group now meet on Mondays during school term time. They 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

6. 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.

7. Easy Fund Raising. Don't forget, when doing your Christmas 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)

8. Amazon Echo. If anyone has an Amazon Echo they can now access prayers, church and Bible information by saying "Open the Church of England".

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

Next Sunday 26th December 2021 1st Sunday of Christmas

N.B No services at St Mary's or Holy Spirit.

See Insert for Christmas Services

N.B. No Wednesday Holy Communion (BCP) on 29th December

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Church News



Holy Spirit,
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Saint Mary's,
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Tamerton Foliot & Southway Team Ministry

19th December 2021 4th Sunday of Advent



Today's Services

St Mary's:

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Philippians 4: 4 – 7, John 1: 19 - 28

10am Together@Ten
(CAHON) Everybody's Welcome, 93, 589

6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
(CAHON) 631, 701, 182, 480

Holy Spirit:

10am Holy Communion (CW)

Communion Readings: Micah 5: 2 – 5a, Hebrews 10: 5 – 10
Luke 1: 39 - 45

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, Canberra Road

Married yesterday: Daniel and Kimberley Gillies-Baker

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 or email: andy@saintmarys.org.uk. 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!’

Unwanted Glasses

The Lions Club of Plymouth are still collecting unwanted glasses for people in countries that need them. Please place any unwanted pairs in the box at the back of Church. Cases are not essential. Thank you.

Team Ministry Parish Profile

A small team of people from both Churches have been working on putting a parish profile together, for both Churches, that will be used in the recruitment and selection process for our next Incumbent. Huge thanks are due to Colin Stockman for pulling it all together. We are nearly there!

Historic Plymouth

Stephen Trahair is selling copies of his new guide to Plymouth. The cost is £10 which includes a donation of £5 to the Flush Fund. His pocket-size guide lists 120 places in Plymouth which he's chosen because there is something interesting to say about them, or about the people or events associated with it. It's an easy read, with a full page colour photograph on each two-page spread. Perfect Christmas stocking fillers!

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%202%20April_0.pdf

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