



# St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family  
We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

## 27th November 2016

Worship Today

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30 am** Holy Communion

*Isaiah 2.1-5*

*Matthew 24.36-44*

**11am** St Mary's @11

*Isaiah - Operation 'No more tears'*

**6pm** Advent Carol Service

In the coming weeks

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

**9:30 am** Holy Communion

*Isaiah 11.1-10*

*Matthew 3.1-12*

**11am** St Mary's @11

*'Matthew 3 - Heaven breaks through'*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**10:30 am**

Carols in the Village Hall

*Isaiah 35.1-10*

*Matthew 11.2-11*

**11am** St Mary's @11

No @11 Service

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**10:00 am** Joint Service

With Methodist

At St Mary's church

*Isaiah 7.10-16*

*Matthew 1.18-25*

**11am** St Mary's @11

*Luke 1-2 - He's here*

**6pm** Joint Carol Service in the Methodist Church

## Advent Reflection

There are many ways we can prepare for our Christmas celebration, filling our freezers, covering our houses with decorations (inside and out) or facing crowds of shoppers to get presents.

What about a different option - a time to worship, pray and study the bible, all focusing on what Advent really means.

I will be hosting a study group during Advent, meeting at 7-9pm each **Wednesday of Advent** - Nov 30th, Dec 7th, Dec 14th, Dec 21st. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. *Stephen*

## Advent Carol Service

**27th November at 6pm**

From darkness to light, from coldness to warmth!

The Churches in Harmony choir will be leading us in a celebration of the season of advent. This will be a service of readings and carols.

*Jan Watson*

## Churches Together Carols in the Village Hall

**11<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am in the Village Hall**

If you are able can you please bring some mince pies or Christmassy nibbles for the village Carol Service. *Sheila*

## The Churches Together Lunch

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

These lunches are held on the last Wednesday of every month. Lunch will be served between 12 and 1-30, in the Methodist Church. Anyone is welcome young or old, whether or not you are Church members. Proceeds to charity.

## Bellringing Trainers

Two of our bellringers have had a full comprehensive day learning how to train new ringers and are now looking for students. If you want to have a try and join our friendly group, contact Debbie or Annie. Contact details over the page.

*Debbie*

## News Sheet

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## Prayer Focus

Please pray for:

- The builders as they move onto other jobs that being here may have been a blessing
  - The many people who are housebound in the village
  - Those coming to the Christmas Tree Festival to be blessed
  - Graham Stansfield having surgery 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.
  - Patsy Bower facing multiple health challenges
- And praise God for:
- Warmth in the church
  - The opportunities that Christmas brings to talk about Jesus
  - The beautiful nativity set that will be circulating the village families.

## Festival of Christmas Trees

On the weekend of **2nd-4th December**, we are holding a Christmas Tree Festival to raise funds for St Mary's. We will be asking for help during the day. So, if you can spare an hour or so over the duration of the weekend that would be great. Please contact Heather on **01202 949690** who is organising a list.

We are also having a 'home produce' stall. If you bake, grow, make a 'thing' craft wise (knitting/ sewing etc), make jam, pickles or chutney...please can you spare one for our 'stall'? Or, indeed, anything made at home. All funds will be for the new heating or upkeep of the church.

Please ring Jackie **01202 632298** if you are able to donate an item.

As always, thank you for your support.

*The fundraising team*

## St Mary's Recipe Book

The recipe book is now complete with lots of delicious recipes for you to try out. Do you have any of those 'difficult to buy for' friends or even treat yourself. Only £3.50. Please ask any of the fundraising team or Email [newsheet@smlm.co.uk](mailto:newsheet@smlm.co.uk) and we will get you sorted in time for Christmas!

*Debbie*

## Annie's India Presentation

Due to clashes of dates Annie will now be doing her presentation on **Sunday 5th February** at 2:30pm in the church starting with Delhi and the Himalayan trek which will be followed by afternoon tea and then the second half will cover the visit to the CanKids Hospice, the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal. Tickets £5 with all profits going to the next stage of reordering for the church.

*Annie*