



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

Sunday 5th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10:30am Community Carols
at the Village Hall

Sunday 12th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

11am @11

5pm Christingle

Sunday 19th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10am Worship Service
with Methodists

No @11

6pm Carol Service

Friday 24th December

4pm Nativity service

11pm Midnight Communion

Saturday 25th December

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

www.smlm.co.uk/livestream/

[St Mary's Calendar](#)

Christingle Service

We will be giving to the Children's Society who work with Children in this country who run away, are abused or are battling mental health. They look out for young Carers, refugees and children groomed into gangs too. *Elizabeth*

Routes to Roots



Can you help us supply them with NEW socks and underwear?

Men's or women's socks. Mens Boxers (small or medium) or women's pants (12 -16) Or you might like to donate on **Christmas Eve** at the service to support them.

ALSO , at no cost to you , you could nominate them for an award of £1,000 from Ecclesiastical Insurance by following this link.

movementforgood.com/12days *Elizabeth*

CHOOSE LOVE

<https://choose.love/>

At **Nativity** and **Christmas Day** services we would like to support this charity who help give emergency kits to refugees like essential hygiene kit, basic food, and basics to create a shelter. They support refugees all over the world. £10 buys a hygiene kit, £15 buys 3 days hot food for a family and £20 a warm blanket and sleeping bag. Please do help us help those who have a much more challenging time ahead of them. *Elizabeth*

Make this Advent and Christmas special

Many of you will know that the word '**Advent**' means 'arrival'. It is a time of looking forward in anticipation. There may be many different things we are looking in anticipation towards, in the short term perhaps it will be the various events of Christmas, gathering with family and friends, celebrating Jesus' birth in many different ways. In the medium and longer term we may be looking into 2022 and anticipating all that a New Year may bring. But as Christians we also have an eternal perspective to anticipate. The return, or second coming, of Jesus is hard to get our heads around, but as Christians we believe that one day **the Kingdom will come** in all its fullness, every tear will be dried and the world will be renewed. As we enter the season of Advent I am reminded that we are given this time to prepare and use our time wisely. There are many opportunities you can take to make the most of this time of looking forward. We will be distributing a **Deanery Advent reflection book** with contributions from around our local area, you will be able to pick them up from church, one for yourself and one to share. 'At the heart of Christmas' is the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2021. You can sign up for daily email reflections, there will be an app and family activities too. I hope but we can all make the most of this time as we look forward. *Stephen*

News Sheet

If you would like to get the News sheet by email please contact Debbie (See below)

Or visit

<http://www.smlm.co.uk/blog/>

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Prayers

Give thanks

- To God for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, for all He is and for loving each and everyone of us

Pray for

- All as we make preparations for gathering with loved ones over Christmas and that we may have a joyful time together
- For each person to show kindness to those less fortunate than ourselves and help make their Christmas special

Christmas Wreath Making

Thursday 2nd December 10-1pm

Pre booking for this event is vital, numbers will be limited. The cost is £20, to include materials, expert advice and morning refreshments. Booking taken up until Wednesday **November 24th**.

Contact **Ann Robinson** or **Ann Manning**

Chequers Christmas Market

December 4th

We will have our ever popular lucky dip, a prize every time!

Help on the day would be appreciated to 'man' the stall. Contact Jackie (01202632298 or Jackie.cannings@btinternet.com) if you can generosity help for a short time between 12-3pm.

Evergreen Christmas

December 10/11

The church will be open for two days having been decorated, by our talented flower arrangers, to celebrate the season. Help on the day, and with refreshments, will be appreciated. Please contact **Ann Robinson** or **Jackie** if you can help welcome visitors and/or make refreshments.

A busy time ahead, when, with your help, we can welcome visitors into our historic church. With our thanks...

The Fundraising Team

Church Calendar

<https://www.smlm.co.uk/events/calendar/>

DECEMBER

2 nd 12-3	Christmas Wreath Making	Methodist
5 th at 10.30am	Community Carols	Village Hall
10 th and 11 th	Evergreen Christmas	St Mary's
12 th at 5pm	Christingle Service	St Mary's
19 th at 6pm	Carol Service	St Mary's
24 th at 4pm	Nativity service	St Mary's
24 th at 11pm	Midnight Communion	St Mary's
25 th at 10am	Christmas Day Communion	St Mary's