

Welcome to St Mary's. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are here for the first time please make yourself known to one of the clergy or sidespeople. Do take this sheet home with you.

A Prayer for Christmas by Paul Bristow

God of new beginnings, we rejoice with the angels at the birth of your Son. May we share the gift of hope that this day brings for humankind. Give us focus and friendship so that real peace, your peace, can break out – and be sustained. As we watch the shepherds gather may the star of Bethlehem shine brightly in our lives. Amen.

The Retreat: Families with young children may like to use the Melvill Room (door beside the organ) as a Retreat space for young children who are getting restless. The service is relayed into there and there are toys and books for children. There is also coffee available for adults.

Services on 24th December

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Geoffrey Barnett
3.30 & 5pm	Nativity Services	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Bishop Richard Harries

Collect for Advent 4: 24th December

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.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7 vv1-11, 16

Gospel: Luke 1 vv26-38

10am hymns: 75, 313, 315, 719

Hymns for Midnight Communion

81, 70, 84, 78

Readings

Isaiah 52: 7-10 & John 1: 1-14

Hymns for Christmas Day

59, 79, 86, 66

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-14

Services on 25th December

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
10am	Parish Eucharist	President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
11.30am	Informal Service	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell NO EVENSONG

Collect for 25th December

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Christmas Week

Mon to Fri	9.05-9.30am	No Morning Prayer: restarts 2 nd Jan 2018
Thurs 28 th Dec		No midday service
Sat 30 th Dec		No Coffee Shop
Sun 31 st Dec	8am	Matins: Officiant: Martin Calderbank
Second of Christmas	10am	Parish Eucharist: President & preacher: Sister Margaret Anne NO EVENSONG

Hymns for 31st December

61, 59, 65, 70

Readings

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 15-21

Collect for 31st December

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Special Prayers:

St Mary's outward giving projects: The Church Urban Fund

The sick, including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

Those who have died: Mayella Figgis; Bob Stack

Anniversaries of death: Grant Middleton; Misha Samilov; Phyllis Fraser; Paul Macdonald; Eileen Clayson

Our charity over Christmas: the Church Urban Fund

The collection at the Carol Service will be donated to the Church Urban Fund. This charity was launched by the Church of England in 1987 to tackle poverty in England's poorest communities. CUF gives grants to local projects, to help those struggling with food poverty, spiralling debts, homelessness and isolation. It funds community development, it seeks to bring together people from diverse communities, and it seeks to tackle financial injustice. By last year it had awarded £80 million to social action projects around the country.

Rare opportunity

John Harries, our Gift Aid Secretary, would like to retire in the not too distant future, and we are looking for someone with a little time to spare to do this essential job, which last year extracted over £45,000 from HMRC for St. Mary's. It calls for someone at ease with figures and computer software; the job is largely independent, and can be done very much when you feel like it. To arrange a briefing, call John on 8255 0009 or email jmharries@btinternet.com

Christian Aid Christmas appeal coffee shop 23rd December – double your donation

On Saturday 23rd December the coffee shop will be in aid of the Christian Aid Christmas appeal which focuses on the fight against hunger in South Sudan and Burkina Faso. The Government will double all donations to this appeal. An opportunity not to be missed! Gift aid envelopes will be available. Further information from celiacleave3@gmail.com

Many thanks to all those involved with the Nativity especially JulieAnn Sewell & Alison MacMillan and Mike Dixon and his team for collecting and returning the stage.

Celebrity Football Match due to be played at Barn Elms last Sunday was regrettably cancelled because the pitch was waterlogged. The match is being re-scheduled for January and all tickets are valid for the new date which will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Barnes Music Festival 2018 tickets are now on sale, available online via barnesmusicfestival.com/tickets or in person at Chestertons offices in Barnes. Please check the website for full details of events, timings and ticket prices and buy in time for Christmas!

If you will be giving your donation to the church in cash, and you pay tax, please use a Gift Aid envelope. This will enable us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to you. Write your full name, address and date on the front of the envelope – this MUST be completed in ink to be valid.



Christmas Eve

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist
St Mary's Nativity Services
at 3.30pm and 5pm
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am All Age Christmas Eucharist
11.30am All Age Informal Service
No Evensong

Sunday 31st December

8am Matins
10am Parish Eucharist
No Evensong
No Thursday Midday Communion on
21st and 28th December



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If you have, or know of anyone who has a pastoral concern, please let one of the clergy or Fiona Barnett know.

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