



St Mary's Church Newsletter

10th December 2017

2nd Sunday in Advent

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.
- An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
- Toilets, including disabled and nappy changing facilities are situated at the far end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

9.30 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

10.30 ALL AGE ADVENT SERVICE

Lead and preach..... Revd Karen Cribb &
 Maureen Food
 Stewards..... Chris R & Odette
 Music..... Yo, Steve, Nate, Jess,
 Reuben
 Bible Readings..... Mark 1 : 1-8

COLLECT

*Almighty God,
 purify our hearts and minds,
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
 judge and saviour
 we may be ready to receive him,
 who is our Lord and our God.*

INVITATION DELIVERY

We have cards and fliers to put through doors in the local community inviting them to Christmas events. Please could you spare 30 mins to do a short local street - preferably today but early this coming week would also be good - the invites have fliers for this Wednesday community carol singing !!

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Wednesday 16th Community Carols meeting at St Marys at 6pm to carol on local streets concluding at the "Big Christmas Tree" behind Duchess Road Community Centre at 7pm. Hot drinks and sandwich buffet provided by Shoreham Street Tenants and Residents Association. We need a few stewards for that part of the evening so if you unable to walk but able to steward please speak to Karen or Claire this morning. Dress warmly and bring a torch/lantern.

Friday 18th Messy Church 4-6pm - a nativity journey. All welcome as fellow travellers and/or as volunteer helpers. More details from Margaret Ibbetson, Chris Rees, Amy or Karen.

Saturday 19th Community Carols 10.30am on the Lansdowne estate - meeting at Cemetery Road Baptist Church (hot drinks afterwards)

CHRISTMAS YOUNG AT HEART

This Tuesday 12th December. There will be a Christmas gathering for coffee in the Parish Room at 11.00 - 12.00. If you will require a lift please will you let either Margaret or Maureen know so that we can organise them. It is rather congested on Chesterfield Road at the moment round the cafe we have been using in the past so we have booked the Church instead.

ADVENT POSADA

Would you like Mary Joseph and baby Jesus to stay at your house for a few days over the next few weeks ? We hope they will visit as many of us as possible, and as we pass them from one home to another with a simple prayer, it is an opportunity to visit each other too. Please sign up with Karen.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Please note that there will NOT be a morning service on 24th December but there will be the Christingle at 4.00pm and Midnight Mass for Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm.

ADVANCE NOTICES

The service on Sunday 31st December will be a short said Holy Communion (no music) at 10.30am there will be a Watchnight service that evening at Cemetery Road Baptist Church to which we are warmly invited.

On Sunday 7th January we have been invited to St Andrew's, Psalter Lane for the 10.30am service on 7th January to join in their Covenant Service for the new Year. If you have difficulty getting to St Andrew's there will be people at St Mary's to give you lifts. Please be at St Marys by 10.15. THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST MARYS on 7th January.

This is a Mission Partnership occasion and it would be great if we could support it.

BREATHE DEEP YOUTH EVENT

is coming up on **27th January**. There will be time for worship, games, music, workshops, videos, crafts, chill and loads more. Its £5 each and you'll receive a Subway lunch too! Let Amy know if you want to come along and to find out more details!

CAROL SERVICE STORYTELLING

We are doing a 'shorter form' storytelling of the Christmas story as part of the St Mary's Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December**. Community storytelling is where a group of people learn a story by heart (in this case direct from the gospel) and together share it. The passages to learn will be short, as short as a couple of verses, so please don't let that put you off if you are curious to take part! There are 16 people in our congregation who have taken part in one of these already, ask them what

they loved about it! I We would love to include new voices. I need to know who is interested soon! Please email or text me by this Tuesday 21st November (crishbeth@googlemail.com or 0775 473 0507). One rehearsal only, Sunday 10th at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES/EVENTS

Tuesday 12th 7pm SANDS (stillbirth and neonatal death society) Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 13th 6pm Street Carols meet at St Mary's 7pm lighting of the Tree at Duchess Road & Community Carols and food with TARA (with Minstrels)

Friday 15th Messy Church

Saturday 16th December 10.30am-12 meet at Landsdowne Chapel to sing around flats (with Minstrels)

Sunday 17th 4pm Carol Service (with Minstrels from 3.30)

Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle, 11.30pm Midnight Mass

10.30 Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

As well as Landsdowne Carols and next Sunday's Carol Service (see above), all are welcome to join the Timebuilders Christmas party at St Marys 12-2pm on Monday 18th December.

NEXT SUNDAY - ADVENT 3

People with jobs to do next week:

10.30am Holy Communion

Frederic (readings); Margaret I (prayers); Jon, David, Jess, Collins (music); Maureen & Michelle (stewards);

4pm Carol Service

Chris R. and Margaret I (stewards)

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