

St Mary the Virgin Twickenham



Sunday 16th December

ADVENT III

WELCOME to the Church`s worship for one of the highlights of the church year at St Mary`s, as today some of our children and young people will be presenting the NATIVITY EUCHARIST. This year, following the theme of inclusion and equality, we will be hearing the Christmas story from the perspective of Joseph, Jesus` foster father.

Do please join us for coffee after the main morning service and then again at 6pm for the CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE, our hosts today are Sandy and friends.

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Reading	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (Pat Cawrse)
Gospel	Luke 3: 7-18
9.30 am	Nativity Eucharist
Organ music	Chorale Prelude 'Wachet Auf' J.S.Bach
Hymns	377, 306, 554, 537, 253, 165
Gospel	Luke 3: 7-18
Organ Music	Sleigh Bells across the snow Malcolm Archer
11.30 am	Holy Eucharist
Hymns	401, 196, 209, 358
1 st Lesson	Zephaniah 3: 14-20
2 nd Lesson	Luke 3: 7-18
6.00 pm	Parish Carol Service with Christmas Carols And Readings.

Intercessions

We pray for all members of our congregation. We pray for Alzheimers Society.

We pray for all those seeking God's intervention, guidance and healing in their lives, amongst them:

Eileen Hayden	Dell Gillespie-Gilbert	Nick
Stephen Pilgrim	Jinny	Ann Falconi
Nicholas	Monica Palmer	Bernice McCabe
Beryl Mason	Ola	Raoul Franklin
Blaise Nelson	Kay Lawson	Lehni Norman
Careena Farquhar	James Donovan	Carmen Alonso
Felicity-Louise	Bea Martin	Christine Bartlett
Barbara Jenkins	Margaret Watson	Lesley Prior
Jill Dennison	David Bolton	Sylvia Beswick

We pray for those who have died that they may know new and eternal life:

Anna Cox
Valerie Fulljames
Lawrie Jones
Corey
Toby Jessel

If you would like the names of anyone included or re-added to the Intercessions list, please contact the Parish Office.

Please can we remind you to keep your valuables with you at all times while you are in church.

Thank you.

Today

Flowers for Christmas

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the services today for those who wish to give towards the cost of flowers for decorating the Church over Christmas. We are grateful for all donations. Many thanks. The Flower Team.

Help needed for our Christmas Services !

Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Hymn Singing At Nightingale House

Meet Pat Ingham in the Hall at 10.50am. New singers very welcome.

Dickens' A Christmas Carol with Clive Francis

(see details below)

Last chance to purchase tickets, on sale after the services today.

Request for donations of mince pies

We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies after the Parish Carol Service this evening, and again after Clive Francis' performance of *A Christmas Carol* on Wednesday 19th December. Any donations of mince pies for these events would be much appreciated. Could you bring them to the hall on the Sunday morning or just before either event? Many thanks.

Parish Christmas Carol Service at 6pm

All welcome. Please come early to be sure of a seat!



Christmas and New Year News sheet



The two week edition of the news sheet will be prepared for next Sunday, 23rd December, and will provide full details of all services and events to Saturday 5th January.

Please provide all items for inclusion by tomorrow, Monday 17th December. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

'A Christmas Carol'

Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm

We are excited that Clive Francis has generously offered to perform his highly acclaimed, solo version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in church, with all proceeds going to our church funds!

There will be mulled wine and mince pies in the church hall afterwards with Clive.

Tickets for this special event will be on sale after the 9.30 service at £12,

otherwise available online for £15 at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-twickenham

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S.

Please note the times and dates of the following pre Christmas events, which are in addition to the usual sequence of services:

Monday 17th December at 6.30pm
St Mary's School Christmas Carol Service.

Wednesday 19th December at 7pm
The Dramatic Presentation of *A Christmas Carol*, starring Clive Francis.

Monday 24th December Crib Services
at 3.30pm - suitable for very young children
at 4.30pm - suitable for older children

Monday 24th December at 11pm
Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December at 10am
Festival Eucharist of Christmas Day.

A Message from Bishop Graham

Dear Friends,

As we approach the Christmas season, I'd like to make you aware of a new app for Advent that Bishop Sarah has just launched with SPCK: www.aGoodAdvent.co.uk

- For Apple devices download the app at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/a-good-advent/id1442078758?ls=1&mt=8>
- For Android, download here: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.trellisys.papertrell.book81005675347>

The app is suitable for anyone who wishes to make the most of the season. It contains an introduction from Bishop Sarah and a set of daily meditations by Dr Jane Williams for each day of Advent; including a reflection, discussion point, prayer, bible reading and call to action. I'll be using it and I commend it to you, both for yourself, and as a way of helping people in your church and parish to engage more intentionally with the season of Advent this year.

As the nights draw in and Christmas lights come on in the streets, Bishop Sarah says in her foreword: *'To appreciate the light and hope, you need to wait in the darkness. Advent is a time to be still in the midst of our busy lives. We should make space in the darkness to appreciate the light, and to find time to focus on hope.'*

See the related web story and press release, search on-line at: [Bishop of London launches Advent app as new research shows 39% of population will celebrate the season](#)

I hope this is a useful, encouraging and unifying resource as we journey through the advent season together.

With very best wishes,
+Graham

General Notices

Readers and Intercessors Rota

The new rota for the period from Christmas to the end of March is now displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church. New contributors are always welcome, for further information please see Judy or Barbara, our Churchwardens.

Vineyard Lunch - on Sunday 23rd December it's our church's turn to host the Vineyard charity lunch. The lunch is for people, including those affected by homelessness, to drop in for a hot meal and some company. As it will be so close to the big day we are planning a Christmas lunch. If you are able to help on the day, or prepare a side dish or dessert, please contact Sarah on 07961 312 321 or at mrshartill@gmail.com.

INVESTING IN THE VISION.

Thank you to all of you who care about St. Mary's and who value what St. Mary's seeks to offer you, your friends, family and the wider community. Thank you to those of you who express your support and gratitude financially. We could not continue without you. The arithmetic of averages informs me that it costs £20 per adult person who attends St. Mary's, to keep it afloat each week. Some will be in a position to give more than this and others less, but it is a statistic which I know helps some in their decision making about how much to contribute. I understand that not all of you can attend services every week, so may I suggest you set up a standing order/direct debit in favour of St. Mary's. This ensures that the church you care about can continue when you are not able to come. Please Gift Aid it if you are a UK Tax Payer.

St. Mary's is committed to nurturing our children and young people with a deeper sense of God's love; to be an inclusive and welcoming community at the heart of Twickenham; to provide a sanctuary space where people can celebrate significant moments in their lives; be a place where our departed loved one's memory can be honoured and so much else besides. It has been a spiritual as well as a cultural and social resource for the people of this area for centuries. Please play your part in investing in its vision and contributing to its future.

With blessings and best wishes. Jeff Hopkin Williams, Vicar

Email and contact details - Please use the welcome card, available in the pews or at the back of church, if you wish to be added to the parish list or to update existing information and pass to a churchwarden or sidesperson. (this is NOT an alternative to completing the data protection form).

Please pray for these events which are taking place amongst the Church family during the coming week.

Monday	9.00 am-10.00 am 2.00 pm-5.00 pm 6.30 pm	The organ will be in use. Rehearsal in church St Mary`s School Christmas Carol Service.
Tuesday	11.00 am-12.00noon 4.30 pm-5.30 pm	Minnows will meet in church. The organ will be in use.
Wednesday	9.00 am-9.30 am 10.00 am 1.00 pm 4.00 pm 7.00pm	The organ will be in use. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Vestry. The church will be in use for rehearsals. Rehearsal in church. A Dramatic Presentation of Charles Dickens` A CHRISTMAS CAROL, starring Clive Francis.
Thursday	11.30 am	The Windsor Kindergarten Christmas Service will be held in church.
Friday	9.00 am-10.00 am	The organ will be in use.
Saturday	9.30 am-1.00 pm 2.00 pm 6.15 pm 7.30 pm	The Christmas flower arrangements will be completed in church. Rehearsal in church. St. Mary`s Bells will be rung prior to the evening performance. A concert performance in church given by Cantanti Camerati.

Sunday 23rd December

ADVENT IV

8.00 am Holy Eucharist	Micah 5: 2-5 Luke 1: 39-55
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Micah 5: 2-5 Luke 1: 39-55

Please note: there will be no public recitation of Evening Prayer.



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