

**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.

**Prayer for the week**

Lord of light, alert us to the hope of banishing darkness so that we may be open to the coming of your Son. May we also have eyes opened to the end time, ready and expectant, always prepared. Let the energy of your mighty power dazzle and refresh us, as you bring us your love and peace, mercy and grace, expectation and anticipation.

Amen.

*(Rupert Bristow)*

**Services on 10<sup>th</sup> December**

8am	Holy Communion BCP	President & preacher: Bishop Richard Harries
10am	Parish Eucharist	President: Rev'd Richard Sewell, preacher: Martin Calderbank
11.30am	Christingle Service	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell
6pm	Healing & Wholeness	Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

**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.

**Collect for 10<sup>th</sup> December**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40 vv1-11

**Gospel:** Mark 1 vv1-8

**10am hymns:** 30, 36, 815, 42

**11.30am hymns:** in service sheet

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

**Special Prayers:**

**St Mary's outward giving projects:**

The charities St Mary's supports, especially FiSH and Castelnau Centre

**The sick,** including Alastair Mackie, Carole Stratton

**Those who have died:** Mayella Figgis; Bob Stack

**Anniversaries of death:** Dr Alfred Russell; Rodney Morsman; Paulette Laporte; Margaret Gairdner

**This week**

Mon to Fri	9.05am	Morning Prayer
Mondays	2.30pm	Sewing group (contact Rosie on 8876 5338)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Quiet Time
Dec	12 noon	Holy Communion (CW): President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Coffee Shop in the Melvill Room
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8am	Holy Communion BCP: President & preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
<b>Third of Advent</b>	10am	Parish Eucharist: President: Bishop Richard Harries Preacher: Rev'd Richard Sewell
	6pm	St Mary's Carol Service: Officiant: Rev'd Richard Sewell

**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.**

## Chance to win one of our charities £2000

Starbucks is running a competition this month called "Cheer for Good".

The charities that get most "cheers" or votes from the public win £2000 each.

FiSH and the Castelnau Centre are candidates.

You can "cheer" for your preferred charity by:

tweeting your support using the Twitter handle @CastelnauCentre or @FiSHHelpBarnes and then the hashtag

#CheerForGood or by going to <https://www.neighbourly.com/CheerForGood>

Scroll down to your preferred organisation and click on "support this project"

**Memorial Window:** After much planning and many delays the 1215 Memorial Window has been installed in the Langton Chapel. This commemorates the sealing of Magna Carta and our connection with it through the visit of Archbishop Stephen Langton to St Mary's on his return to London from Runnymede. We celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event in 2015.

We shall be planning a special event to celebrate this important new addition to the fabric of our historic and beautiful church. Many thanks to those who have worked hard to get this project from conception through to completion.

### Waiting on God – Advent Prayer Workshops

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with R S Thomas (20<sup>th</sup> century Welsh poet)

Led by Christabel Gairdner

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

Praying with St Aidan & St Cuthbert (7<sup>th</sup> century Celtic saints) Led by Sr Margaret Anne

### 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](mailto:jmharries@btinternet.com)

Our new **Mission Action Plan** is out today. I hope all members of St Mary's will be interested to take a copy and read it carefully. It outlines our priorities for the next few years. It names the particular challenges that we've got and what we need to help us to achieve these. We would be interested to hear all responses.

### Free Piano Concert 1pm Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:

They're back! After their small series of very enjoyable, low-profile piano concerts last winter and spring, Alistair McGowan and Anthony Hewitt team up again for another afternoon of varied piano music.

**Carols for All** a dementia-friendly carol service will be held on 21st December from 2-3pm for people living with dementia, their families and carers, followed by refreshments. The service will be shorter than usual, and feature familiar tunes and carols that everyone knows. It is a partnership by St Mary's and the Dover House Singers, a Putney based community choir, and is sponsored by the Barnes Community Association.

### Christian Aid Christmas appeal coffee shop 23<sup>rd</sup> December– double your donation

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:celiacleave3@gmail.com)

**Christmas Gifts for the Homeless**, please do donate **new** socks, gloves, scarves, hats and especially underwear are greatly appreciated, as are toiletries.



#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Carol Service at 6pm

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup> December

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

No Evensong

No Thursday Midday Communions on  
21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December



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