

St Mary the Virgin Twickenham



Sunday 10th December

ADVENT II

WELCOME to the Church`s worship on this the Second Sunday of Advent. As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, we especially remember the Prophets who foretold the birth of the Messiah. Today, as we anticipate the coming of the Light of the World, we shall also be celebrating Christingle. Please join us in the Parish Hall after the Eucharist, refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Our hosts today are members of the Mothers` Union.

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Reading	Isaiah 40: 1-11 (David Wardrop)
Gospel	Mark 1: 1-8
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Organ music	Noel Mulet
Hymns	209, 196, 567, 295, 329
Reading	Isaiah 40: 1-11 (Fran Martin)
Gospel	Mark 1: 1-8
Intercessions	Simon Shelly
Organ music	Noel Suisse Louis Daquin
4.00 pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Intercessions

We pray for all members of our congregation. We pray for United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and Mission to Seafarers.

We pray this week for all children, especially at our Church School, who will be involved in Nativity Plays and Christmas Services: that through their participation, they may be made more aware of the love God has for them.

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

Eileen Hayden	Dell Gillespie-Gilbert	Jan Schofield
Stephen Pilgrim	Jinny	Barbara Jenkins
Michael	Monica Palmer	Raoul Franklin
Ben	Imogen Snelling	Simon Bargate
Margaret Hastings	Craig	Carmen Alonso
Nicholas	Ted & Caroline Green	Sophy Newman
Alexander Smith	Ola	Nick
Betty Miller	Claudio Maggio	Sarah Ashford
Jill Dennison	Kay Lawson	Ann Falconi

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

Ian Squire
Judith Lovelace
Anne Ridge
Mohammed

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

Sunday School Theme

This week, 'Baby Jesus has some special visitors' and some rehearsing for the Nativity next week!

Bread for Bricks stall today

Don't forget to stop by the homemade bread stall in the hall where we have an array of exciting festive flavours.

The Traidcraft stall for your Christmas shopping!

Cards, wrapping paper, chocolate coins - milk, dark, and extra large! - fair-trade crackers, hand-made gifts from Palestine, Peru, Nepal, and locally-made garlands for your dinner table or front door, as well as the full range of tea, coffee, dried fruit, biscuits and bars.

Forthcoming Events

St. Mary's Group - Please meet at 7.30am with your ticket in the foyer, Mary Wallace Theatre tomorrow, Monday 11th December, to watch The Railway Children.

Off the Record Christmas Concert, Tuesday 12th December, 6.30pm. Festive readings and music, including local choirs and ensembles. Tickets, £10 advance online (www.otrtwickenham.com) or £12 on the door.

The Poppy Factory Christmas Carol Service, Wednesday 13th December, 7.00pm. Tickets, £15 on 8939 1872 or www.poppyfactory.org/carols

Interfaith Knitting group - We are meeting again next Saturday 16th December for a shared Christmas lunch from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Windsor room. Please bring knitting and something to share. We are very sad to have lost Ann Ridge who sewed all our blanket squares together. Please come to her funeral which is to be held at St. Mary's Church Twickenham at 12 noon on Friday 15th December. I look forward to seeing you all. Barbara Witzenfeld (8892 1731).

Cantanti Camerati, carols for choir and audience with brass band and organ, Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm. Tickets, £15, under 16's free, tel. 8898 8020

Hymn Singing at Nightingale House will take place next Sunday 17th December. New singers very welcome. Please meet Pat Ingham in the Hall at 10.50am.

Children's Christmas Party, next Sunday, 17th December, 3pm: All ages welcome! A festive afternoon of delightful crafts, fun kids games and a visit from Father Christmas. Snacks for the children, mince pies and mulled wine for the grown ups. To book your places please email stmarysfamilies@gmail.com with the names and ages of your children. Please consider making a £5 donation per child to help cover costs.

Christmas & New Year Services at St. Mary's

Sunday 17th December

Children's Nativity Eucharist at 9.30 am
Book of Common Prayer Eucharists at 8.00 am & 11.30 am
Parish Christmas Carol Service at 6.00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24th December

(please note there will be no 8am Eucharist)
Parish Eucharist at 10.00 am 4th Sunday of Advent
Crib Service at 3.30 pm
(especially suitable for very young children)
Crib Service at 4.30 pm
(especially suitable for older children)
Midnight Mass at 11.00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25th December at 10.00 am

Festival Eucharist of Christmas

New Year's Eve Sunday 31st December

Eucharists at 8.00 am & 9.30 am

General Notices

Ann Ridge.

Many of you will have heard of the death of Ann Ridge recently, Ann has been ringing the bells at St. Mary's for many years and has been a gentle, loving and kind presence for as long as many of us can remember. We shall be giving thanks for her life and praying that Christ would bless her with eternal life, at her funeral, which is to take place in the church at 12noon next Friday, 15th December.

All are welcome to attend.

Flowers for Christmas - There will be a retiring collection at the end of the services next week 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

Christmas services - Christmas approaches and we would be so grateful for people to sign up to help at any of the Christmas services. The duties aren't onerous, please do approach Judy or Katherine if you're interested. Please do sign up on the list in the porch.

VESTRY.

I am delighted to announce that, following the extraordinary generosity of members of the congregation, last Sunday the PCC agreed that the much needed work should start in the early New Year on installing two new lavatories, a new kitchen area and an enhanced meeting room with more storage in the VESTRY area of the church. Thank you to EVERYONE who has contributed to this venture so generously. Obviously, this area of the church will be out of use for the anticipated 10-12 weeks when the work will be in progress and we would ask for your understanding about this. It will be well worth it in the long run! Glad tidings indeed! Marvellous news! Thank you to those of you who have made this possible

Jeff

Many thanks to everyone who patronised the stall we had in the hall after two of the 9.30 services and on 2nd December in church. Thanks to your generosity we made £322.40 which has been donated to the Vestry Fund. Betty Miller.

The Emergency Fund of the Mothers' Union will receive £60 from the Lucky Dip stall run by members at the Advent Fair last Saturday. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Toy Giveaway - Thank you to all who contributed toys for the Ivybridge Appeal. We raised over £200 from the toys that have been bought and delivered. A special thank you to The Works, Twickenham branch for their help and donations to this very good cause. Thanks again, Mandy.

Christmas & New Year news sheet

Please note that our two-week special edition will be prepared on Monday 18th December, to cover the period from Sunday 24th December to Saturday 6th January 2018.

Please forward all entries so as to be received by Monday 18th December, final urgent last requests only by 9am on Friday 22nd December.

Christmas Day at Elleray Hall - Churches Together in Teddington are once again providing a lunch on Christmas Day for local people-most of them elderly-who might otherwise be alone at this special time and anyone who lives in the Teddington, Hamptons or Twickenham area who would appreciate a meal and company on Christmas Day is invited to get in touch (email and contact details above). Volunteers would be welcome to assist in a variety of ways to support this community initiative which this year is being co-ordinated by Teddington Baptist Church. Tel. 8977 8000/email: office@teddingtonbaptist.org.uk

Stewardship forms - Please return all your completed forms to the office or the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Giving to St Mary's - If you wish to give money to St Mary's to help fund its running costs you can now do so by texting a donation in addition to using our established giving schemes. Whilst we do not wish to encourage people to use their mobile phones at all during the service, if you would like to donate this way as you leave the church, or whenever is convenient to you if you cannot be with us on a Sunday, **please text STMY12 and the amount to be given to 70070** e.g STMY12 £10. You will receive a text message thanking you and asking if you want to gift aid the donation.

Email and contact details - If you are already on our parish list and have recently changed your contact details, or if you would like to add your name, please use the welcome card from either the pews or the back of church and pass to a sidesperson or churchwarden to ensure that our records are kept up-to-date.

St. Mary's School Admissions Policy - In order to aid recruitment of staff and be in line with other local schools, St. Mary's School is currently offering the following change to its Admissions Policy for consultation, to take effect from 2019/20. "Children (by which is meant full, step-, half-, adopted and foster children living in the same household) of permanent staff directly employed by St. Mary's school for two years or more prior to the admissions application closing date and still employed, without having given notice or been given notice that the employment will end, at the time the offer is made." This category would be placed between Foundation and proximity children being assessed for admissions. If you have any comments on the proposed changes to our admission arrangements, please email governors@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk by Friday 26th January 2018 so that we can determine our arrangements. Alternatively you can access this consultation and download a response form from our school website at <http://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk>

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

Monday	10.30 am	Christmas Communion Service: Nightingale Nursing Home.
Tuesday	11.00 am-12.00noon 2.30 pm 5.15 pm-6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Minnows meeting in church. Advent House Group Communion Service. A pre-concert quarter peal of the bells will be rung. Off the Record Christmas Concert, details above under <i>Forthcoming Events</i> .
Wednesday	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Eucharist The Poppy Factory Christmas Carols Service, details above under <i>Forthcoming Events</i> .
Thursday	9.00 am-12.00noon 12.30 pm-3.30 pm 7.00 pm	The church will be in use for rehearsals. The Flower team will be preparing the Christmas arrangements. Newland House School Christmas Carol Service.
Friday	10.00 am 12.00noon 2.00 pm-3.00 pm	St. Mary's School Junior Carol Service rehearsal. The Funeral of Ann Ridge will be take place in church. The organ will be in use.
Saturday	9.00 am-11.00 am 11.30 am-1.30 pm 2.00 pm 6.15 pm-7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Nativity rehearsal. The organ will be in use. Rehearsal in church. A pre-concert quarter peal of the bells will be rung. Cantanti Camerati concert, details above under <i>Forthcoming Events</i> .

Sunday 17th December ADVENT III

8.00 am Holy Eucharist	Isaiah 61: 1-4 & 8-11 John 1: 6-8 & 19-28
9.30 am Parish Eucharist where the children will be performing their Nativity Play.	Isaiah 61: 1-4 & 8-11 John 1: 6-8 & 19-28
11.30 am Holy Eucharist	Isaiah 61: 1-4 & 8-11 John 1: 6-8 & 19-28
6.00 pm PARISH CAROL SERVICE (please come early to ensure you get a seat !)	



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