

Welcome to  
**St Mary's**  
**Church**  
Wimbledon

**Sunday 9th December**  
**St Mary's News**

**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

If you are a newcomer, please introduce yourself, and join us for coffee in the Garden Hall after the 9:30 service. Small children are always welcome, and we offer a crèche during the 9:30 service in term time.

**ADVENT GROUP** a look at the Gospel of Luke. On **Wednesdays at 2.00pm** on **Dec 12, 19<sup>th</sup>** at **8 Leopold Terrace, Dora Road, SW19**. All welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY** There is a weekly Bible Study in the Rose and Crown pub in Wimbledon Village on Monday mornings from **11.00am to 12.15pm**. Please let Catherine know if you are interested on **07970 969143** or at [clparkes23@gmail.com](mailto:clparkes23@gmail.com)

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on Wednesdays is on a Christmas break.

**TUESDAY LUNCH** Tuesday 11th December at the home of **Annie Cosh 61 Leopold Road, SW19** from **12.00pm to 1.30pm**. All welcome. **£3** in aid of the homeless.

**CAROL SINGING** around the Village on **Monday, 17th December**, finishing at Garden Hall for mince pies. Meet in Garden Hall at **6.50pm**

**FOOD BANK** Can you imagine being unable to afford even the most basic food for your family? Many of our neighbours in Merton face this if they become

unemployed and there is a delay in arranging Benefits. The Food Bank operating out of the Pentecostal Church in High Path, Wimbledon, helps people in need. Can you bring, on the **first Sunday of each month**, one or more of the following items: milk (UHT or powdered), sugar (500g), long-life fruit juice cartons, tinned soup, pasta sauces, tinned sponge pudding, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice puddings, tea bags, instant mashed potato, rice, pasta, tinned meat or fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars. If you would like to be more involved see <http://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/>.

**MESSIAH CONCERT** St Mary's Choir will be performing Part1 of Handel's Messiah on **Sunday 16th December at 7.45pm**. The soloists will be drawn from the choir and the performance will be accompanied by strings and keyboard continuo. There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Tickets **£10** for adults, concessions **£5**, under 16s free on sale in Garden Hall after 9.30am service, on the door or email Alison Neilson at [sing@stmaryswimbledon.org](mailto:sing@stmaryswimbledon.org)

**SPIRES APPEAL** The Spires Centre for homeless and disadvantaged people in Streatham, very much appreciates the Christmas gifts contributed by St Mary's through the Sunday school's annual Shoe Box Appeal. All members of the congregation are welcome to participate this year by putting suitable gifts(see list in church porch and Garden Hall) in a wrapped shoe box, marked for a man, woman or unisex, which should be brought to the church or the office up to **23/12**.

**GOVERNOR VACANCY** the governors at Bishop Gilpin are looking for a new governor to work alongside the current chair of the finance committee for the next couple of terms to take over his role as chair in the autumn. If you have experience in finance or accountancy (ideally in the Public Sector) and would like to play an important strategic role at Bishop Gilpin, the governors would like to hear from you. The role will involve: chairing the finance committee; working effectively with the school's business manager; reviewing spending and planning the budget; being comfortable with the school and local authority finance spreadsheets; attending main governing body meetings twice termly. This is a great opportunity to make a valued contribution to this wonderful church school. If you would like more information, please email: [chairofgovernors@bishopgilpin.org](mailto:chairofgovernors@bishopgilpin.org)

**CLOTHES NEEDED** for the night shelter. Donations of men's clothes, especially jeans, anoraks, fleeces and *new* underwear; boxer shorts (medium) and socks would be gratefully received for distribution at the night shelter. Please leave any donations in the Parish Office.

**THE SIDESMAN'S ROTA** for the Jan-March quarter has been sent out to most sidesmen by email, would those not on email please collect their copy from the cross-aisles.

## Services this Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<i>president The Rector</i>
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	<i>president The Rector</i> <i>preacher Rev Richard Truss</i>
11:15 a.m. Family Service	<i>officiant The Rector</i> <i>talk Rev Richard Truss</i>
6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong	<i>officiant &amp; preacher Rev Clive Gardner</i>

**Hymns for Sung Eucharist 9.30am (NEH) 7, 1, 12, 499, 10**  
**Anthem: O Thou that tellest good tidings *Handel***

**Hymns for Family Service 11.15am (HON) 401, 256, 434, 329**

**Sung Evensong 6.30pm (NEH) 5, 15, 362 (tune 185), psalm 75**

**Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Luke 1.1-25**

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6.30p.m. Sung Evensong	<i>officiant Mrs Johanna Hearn</i> <i>preacher The Rector</i>

### Contact

Rector  
The Rev'd Mary Bide  
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Mrs Joan Ellis

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# Team Ministry

## Weekday Services in the Team

**Daily Prayer** is said at:

St Mary's at 8.45am–Tues, Wed, Thurs,

St Matthew's at 8.30am - Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

**The Eucharist** is celebrated at:

St Matthew's at 10.00am – Wednesday

St Mark's at 12.30pm – Wednesday

St Mary's at 10.30am – Thursday

**Toddler Praise** is at

St Mary's at 9.15am -Wednesday

## Parish News

**Charity Christmas Cards** Cards for Good Causes, the multi charity Christmas card shop, will be open at St Mark's selling cards, advent calendars, gift tags and wrap **Monday to Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00pm until 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Messiah Concert** St Mary's Choir will be performing Part1 of Handel's Messiah on **Sunday 16th December at 7.45pm.** The soloists will be drawn from the choir and the performance will be accompanied by strings and keyboard continuo. There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Tickets **£10** for adults, concessions **£5**, under 16s free on sale in Garden Hall after 9.30am service, on the door or email Alison Neilson at [sing@stmaryswimbleton.org](mailto:sing@stmaryswimbleton.org)

**Friends of Heathland Court** a new group is seeking volunteers to help the Activity Coordinator with activities, outings or one to one contact for all their frail residents. This is a very worthwhile new initiative so if you could help and would like more information please contact L French, General Manager on **8944 9488** or email [ladanfrench@bupa.com](mailto:ladanfrench@bupa.com)

**Need help with cooking at home?** Good, reliable, experienced cook requires part-time job helping an elderly person or couple with their cooking needs in their home. Happy to drive to your home and either bring home cooked food or cook in your own kitchen. For full information and rates call Anna Fox on **7720 6843**

**Items for inclusion on this page should reach the Parish Office  
(preferably by email) by Wednesday of each week**

**The Parish Office**, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: **8946 2605**  
Usually open for enquiries from 9.00am-1.00pm and 2.30pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday  
(**except Wednesday** when it will be open 2.30pm-4.00pm only).  
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