



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

Sunday 21st December 2014
St Mary's News

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

If you are a newcomer, please introduce yourself, and join us for coffee in 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.

SPIRES CENTRE APPEAL: The Sunday School is planning its annual, much appreciated Christmas Eve delivery of shoe boxes containing Christmas gifts to the Spires Centre for homeless & disadvantaged people in Streatham. All members of the congregation are welcome to participate! **Instructions in the porch/Garden Hall/church website.**

THE CURATE hopes everyone at St Mary's has a joyous and peaceful Christmas, and a blessed New Year. So as to avoid over-burdening the Royal Mail at this time of year, he has made a donation to Amnesty International in lieu of sending cards.

CARDS: Mary & Mark Bide wish you a very Happy Christmas. Rather than send cards to the congregation, this year we will send the money to the Christian Aid Syrian Appeal. We also invite you all to pop in for a drink on Sunday 4th January anytime between 12.15 & 4pm (ideally not all at the same time!) at The Rectory, 14 Arthur Rd.

THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF THE GRAPEVINE is now at the cross aisles. Please help yourself. Thank you for all your contributions and to the editorial team.

There will be **NO MORNING PRAYER** said at St Mary's from Christmas Day until Epiphany. With apologies.

Please note that **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from Wednesday 24th December, reopening on Friday 2nd January.

There are still a few **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE POSTCARDS** to be **distributed**. They are bundled in alphabetical order by street name and are in the church porch. **Please do take a bundle or two and help with the distribution.**

THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE DONATIONS, in particular men's boxer shorts (new)- size medium are always in demand, socks, men's belts and T-shirts or sweat shirts. All donations are welcome but these items are especially popular and always in short supply. **Please leave your donations with the Parish Office clearly labelled "Night Shelter". Thank you.**

COULD YOU OCCASIONALLY HELP AT SATURDAY BAPTISM SERVICES? Once, sometimes twice, a month we have a Baptism service at 12 noon on a Saturday. It is very useful to have another person present to help set up, hand out orders of service and tidy up afterwards. It is something that can be done with a child plus adult. **If you might be able to help, please contact The Rector at rector.wimbledon@gmail.com.**

REGULAR ENVELOPE USERS: your weekly envelopes for 2015 are at the cross-aisles. Please do collect them. Anyone else who would like to join the scheme please contact roger@chadder.co.uk or **020 8946 8953**.

TENNIS 2015: If you have a spare room and would be interested in being on the LTA officials' accommodation list, and perhaps raising some funds for St Mary's, **Mary Ann** (turnbull6550@gmail.com) has the contact details.

THE SIDESMEN'S ROTA for the 8am Communion and 9.30am Eucharist for January-March 2015 has been sent out by email.

TUESDAY LUNCHESES are taking a break for Christmas & New Year and will meet again on Tuesday 13th January, 12.00pm to 1.30pm. All welcome. More details to follow.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: We need people to provide lifts to Tuesday lunches. If you can help please contact Simone Tromans at simonetromans@yahoo.co.uk.

Please help yourself to a copy of the most recent edition of **THE BRIDGE**, the Southwark Diocesan Newspaper. They are at the cross aisles.

The Church collects on the **FRIST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH** for the Foodbank which provides emergency food & supplies to local people who desperately need them. Do bring along non-perishable foodstuffs & household goods and we will deliver them to the Foodbank.

And if you're looking for something to watch over the Christmas holidays try:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeOBHtaau6I&feature=youtu.be>

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR from the Parish Office!

Services this Sunday 21st December, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<i>president & preacher Rev'd Cynthia Jackson</i>
9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	<i>president Rev'd Cynthia Jackson</i> <i>preacher Rev'd Christopher Griffiths</i>
11.15 a.m. Family Service (Christingle)	<i>president The Rector</i> <i>talk Rev'd Christopher Griffiths</i>
6.30 p.m. Candelit Carol Service	<i>president The Rector</i>

Hymns for Sung Eucharist 9.30am (NEH): 186, 161, 10, 295, 11, 22

Readings: 2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16, Romans 16. 25-end, Luke 1. 26-38

Anthem: For unto us a child is born, Handel

Hymns for Family Service 11.15am (HON): 377, 248, The Christingle begins with an orange (sheet/tune 153), 51

Hymns for Candelit Carol Service See Service sheet

Services next Sunday 28th December, 1st Sunday of Christmas / Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<i>president & preacher The Rector</i>
9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	<i>president & preacher The Rector</i>
11.15 a.m. NO FAMILY SERVICE	
6.30 p.m. Sung Evensong	<i>president The Rector</i>

Contact

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be found in the vestry or at:*
**[www.southwark.anglican.org/what/
diocesan-policies-procedures](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-policies-procedures)**

Team Ministry



Weekday Services in the Team

Daily Prayer will be said at:

St Mary's at 8.45am – Mon, Tues, Wed

St Matthew's at 8.30am – Tues, Wed

The Eucharist is celebrated at:

St Matthew's at 10.00am – Wednesday

Parish News

PRAY and FAST FOR THE CLIMATE: On Thursday 1st January, 12.30-1pm at Wimbledon Congregational Church, 15 Dundonald Road, SW19 3QH. All welcome. Enquiries to christinedenwood247@btinternet.com

WIMBLEDON PARK HERITAGE GROUP www.wphg.demon.co.uk are a small team which maintains and overviews the remains of Capability Brown's original parkland. WPHG created the Heritage Trail which has one of its key viewpoints at St Mary's Church. St Mary's is a very important part of our trail. We work with all the stakeholders, from the All England to the local Residents' Associations to enhance and preserve this wonderful landscape. The Patron, Chair and Vice Chair are now all over 70 years and the time has come to pass on the reins to the next generation. **If you are interested in joining us then please do contact Sim Comfort on 020 8944 8747 or sim@simcomfort.demon.co.uk to find out more.**

SUPPORT ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE by ordering your Christmas tree from Eddie who will deliver it free to SW19 & SW20 at a time that suits you. **Prices £45-£150 with 10% of profits going to St Raphael's Hospice. Contact 07909 764285 or eddiesxmastrees@gmail.com**

Please send news items (via email) to the Parish Office by Wednesday of each week

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