



Welcome to **St Mary's Church**

Wimbledon

Sunday 18th December 2016

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.

There will be **NO MORNING PRAYER** at St Mary's from Friday 23rd December until Monday 2nd January. Next Morning Prayer will be at 8.45am on Tuesday 3rd January.

There will be **NO SAID COMMUNION** at St Mary's on Thursday 29th December.

There are still a handful of **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE POSTCARDS** which need distributing; please help if you are able to. **And many thanks to all those who have made deliveries last week.**

SIDESMEN for the **CRIB SERVICES (4.30pm and 6pm)** on **CHRISTMAS EVE** needed! Please contact Jennie Thompson at J.Thompson@tiffingirls.org if you are able to help.

THE SPIRES CENTRE for homeless and disadvantaged people in Streatham would very much appreciate our **annual Christmas gifts of wrapped shoe boxes** containing non-perishable items (toiletries, gloves, tinned food etc) marked for man, woman or either. **Please bring to the church by Friday 23rd December.**

CAROL SINGING AROUND WIMBLEDON VILLAGE in support of the Children's Society. **Meet at 6.55pm on Monday 19th December in Garden Hall – all welcome!**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY on Thursday 22nd December, 2-4pm in Garden Hall. £5 a ticket for crafts, games, tea and a visit from Santa! **All children welcome but please RSVP to Catherine Linsley by Tuesday 20th December at clparkes23@gmail.com**

RECORDING OF SERMONS: we are trialling uploading an audio recording of the 9.30am service on the St Mary's website. You will also be able to read the text version there. We would be interested to receive feedback on this service; please speak to the Rector if you have some comments to make.

The **LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** will meet at **2.15pm on Monday 19th December at 38 Marryat Road, SW19 5BD**. For more information please contact Johanna Hearn at jhearn@waitrose.com

THE INDUCTION LOOP in church has been damaged. The Rector and wardens are currently working to remedy the situation. **In the meantime if there is anything we can do to help you hear the service better please let us know.**

TEAM PRAYER ON THURSDAYS: members of all churches are very welcome to join team prayers at **12.30 every Thursday**. These will be taking place on a rotational basis around the churches in the parish. **During December these will be held at St Matthew's Church, Durham Rd, SW20 0DE.** In January, prayers will be said at St John's Church, Spencer Hill.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Envelopes for 2017 for regular users are at the cross-aisles. Please collect yours. I apologise that, for some reason, our supplier has made them unnecessarily large! **If you would like to join the scheme please contact Roger Chadder at roger@chadder.co.uk or 020 8946 8953**

TUESDAY LUNCHESES are taking a break over the Christmas period but will reconvene on **Tuesday 10th January**, hosted by Ginny Stobart at 2 Alan Road, SW19. More details to follow.

Please note that **TODDLER PRAISE** will not be meeting next Wednesday 21st December, but **will reconvene on Wednesday 11th January, 9.15am in church.**

CLEANLINESS is NEXT to GODLINESS: Can you spare **1 hour a month** to keep our splendid church spick and span? Tidying, dusting and polishing, but no hoovering. Groups meet on Friday mornings from 9am, or Friday afternoons from 2.30pm. Very sociable and time for a chat! **Please contact Anita Wilson : anita.wilson@talktalk.net or 0208 127 0582**

MERTON'S HOMELESS DROP-IN CENTRE "FAITH IN ACTION" is looking to recruit more volunteers to work at the Salvation Army Hall, Kingston Road, SW19. **Please contact Caroline Ewart/Andy Fairburn on 07843 280419 or faithinaction@wimbledonguild.co.uk**

WOC (Wimbledon Oldies Choir) and **WYC** (Wimbledon Youth Choir) meet again in the New Year on **Sunday 8th January at 2.30pm and 4pm respectively.**

We will be collecting for WIMBLEDON FOODBANK ON SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY. Our foodbank does amazing work. Last year alone it presented 4,259 emergency 3 day food parcels to local residents in desperate need and it relies on the gifts we give to make that happen. Donations from St Mary's are hugely appreciated, please do continue to make a difference.

LOW CARBON SUNDAYS – last Sunday of the month. You are encouraged to leave your car at home. Do read the leaflet at the cross aisles entitled: 'Nine Ways to Live Gently on Earth'. The leaflet gives ideas for those who need to come to church by car. Thank You.

PARISH OFFICE: please note that the parish office will re-open after the festive break on **Thursday 5th January.**

Services this Sunday 18th December, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	<i>president & preacher: Rev'd Mandy Hodgson</i>
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	<i>president: Rev'd Mandy Hodgson preacher: Rev'd Cynthia Jackson</i>
11.15 a.m.	Christingle Service	<i>leader: Rev'd Mandy Hodgson talk: Mrs Catherine Linsley</i>
6.30 p.m.	Christmas Carol Service	<i>president: Rev'd Mandy Hodgson</i>

Hymns for Sung Eucharist 9.30am (NEH): 10, 7, 161 (tune 385), 15, 22
Readings: Isaiah 7. 10-16; Romans 1. 1-7; Matthew 1. 18-end
Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter, Darke

Hymns for Christingle Service 11.15am (HON): 377, 248, sheet, 51

Carol Service 6.30pm: see service sheet

Services next Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day

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9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	<i>president & preacher: Rev'd Mandy Hodgson</i>
11.15 a.m.	Family Service	<i>leader & talk: Rev'd Mandy Hodgson</i>
6.30 p.m.	No Service	

Contact

Rector

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Full details of Diocesan procedures can be found in the vestry or at:
www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-policies-procedures

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Team Ministry



Daily Prayer will be said at:

St Mary's at 8.45am – Tues 20th, Wed 21st, Thurs Fri and
12 noon on Monday 19th December

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

Team Prayer will be said at:

St Matthew's at 12.30 on Thursday 22nd December

The Eucharist will be celebrated at:

St Matthew's at 10.00am – Wednesday

St Mark's at 1.00pm – Wednesday

St Mary's at 10.30am – Thursday

Toddler Praise will meet again at 9.15am on Wednesday 11th January at St Mary's

Parish News

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ST MICHAEL'S PRIORY, Willen, Milton Keynes is seeking to recruit young people as **Pastoral Assistants** to help with the life and mission of the Priory. **Volunteers** are also needed to help with their work for one to six month experiences. Good accommodation and all meals are provided. For further details **contact Karen Watson, Administrator at St Michaels Priory on 01908 241 974 or email: ssmlondon@yahoo.co.uk**.
Visit <http://www.stmichaelspriory.org.uk> for more information.

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Please send news items (via email) by Wednesday of each week to
parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org

The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: 0208 946 2605