

Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Associate
Vicar

9.30am Sung Eucharist & Creche
President: The Rector
Preacher: The Associate Vicar

11.15am The Service @11.15
Minister: Catherine Linsley
Preacher: The Rev'd Cynthia Jackson

Readings for the Morning
Micah 5.2-5a
Canticle: The Magnificat
Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45

6.30pm Carol Service
Minister: The Rector

Please email news items by
Wednesday each week to:
parish.office@stmaryswimbleton.org

Please note that the Parish Office will be
closed from Monday 24 December until
3 January.

Safeguarding Officer

If you have any safeguarding concerns
please contact either the Rector or Paul-
ine Bakker, who can be contacted at
safeguarding@stmaryswimbleton.org. Full
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procedures can be found in the vestry or
at [www.southwark.anglican.org/what/
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The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP Tel: 0208 946 2605

Weekday services in other Team churches

St Matthew's
8.30am Tuesday to Friday Morning Prayer
10.00am Said Mass Wednesday

St Marks
1.00pm Eucharist Wednesday

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Welcome to St Mary's Church



SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

16 December 2018

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Rector

9.30am Sung Eucharist, Sunday School &
Creche with Nativity Play
President & Preacher: The Associate Vicar
Setting: *P Moore*
Hymns: NEH 12, 7, 6, 22
Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-end
Anthem: O Little Sweet One *JS Bach*

10.30am Refreshments in Garden Hall

11.15am Toy Service @ 11.15
Minister & Preacher: The Associate Vicar
Hymns: HON 219, 196, 430
Reading: Luke 3.7-18

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Minister: The Associate Vicar
Preacher: Rev'd Judith Bersweden
Hymns: NEH 170, 500, 186
Psalm: 50.1-6 choral
Reading: Isaiah 35
Reading: Luke 1.57-end
Responses: *B Rose*
Canticles: *G Dyson in F*
Anthem: Bethlehem Down *P Warlock*

The Rector is at St John's this morning.

CHURCH DIARY: THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th December
4.00pm WYC & WOC informal concert
7.30pm Rafters in Garden Hall

Monday 17th December
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Playgroup

Tuesday 18th December
8.45am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th December
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Praise
2.00pm Fountain Group Advent Service
5.00pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Silent Prayer
8.00pm Bellringers Practice

Thursday 20th December
8.45am Morning Prayer
10.30am Said Eucharist
12.30pm Team Prayers at St Matthew's

Friday 21st December
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Playgroup
5.00pm Evening Prayer
6.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 22nd December
12.00pm Daily Prayer

More details on the next page and website

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER
AT 6.30PM

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your envelopes for 2019 from the cross aisles. Please use the new envelopes from 1 January. Any old envelopes should be recycled/destroyed. For any stewardship enquiries please contact Jane Moss on giving@stmaryswimbleton.org or call her on 07581 630647

Christmas Party Monday Toddler Playgroup

The Monday Toddler Playgroup Christmas Party will be held on Monday 17 December in St Mary's Garden Hall. Join us for some festive fun including Christmas stories, singing Christmas songs around the piano and a visit from Father Christmas.

Village Carol Singing, Monday, 17th December, 7.00-9.00pm

St Mary's folk of all ages are warmly invited to join a party walking round Wimbledon Village, stopping in various places to sing carols. We will end up in the Rose and Crown at 8:30pm, where mulled wine and refreshments will be served. Competent WIND PLAYERS (trumpet, trombone, tuba, clarinet, etc) still welcomed with open arms - please email max.barley89@gmail.com if you can help! Meet in Garden Hall at 7pm. If you have to be late, text Max to join us en route 07581 497335

Tuesday lunches 18th December

12noon-1.30pm Ursula Edwards, 15 Highbury Road, SW19 5PR. One small step. Parking: on the drive or meters on the road and roads nearby or Church Field if open. Lunch £5 which is donated to charity. Contact Lucy Ennis by Friday of the previous week on 020 8947 8097 if you need a lift. Other enquiries to Simone Tromans on 07747 804 926 or simonetromans@yahoo.co.uk

Fountain Group Advent Service

For carers of the elderly and anyone supporting them. Wednesday 19 December at 2.00pm. The service will be followed by tea. Please let us know if you are coming: shara@stmaryswimbleton.org

FUTURE EVENTS AND NEWS

Coffee and Mince Pies

Sunday 23 December between the 9.30am and 11.15am services. Stay after the 9.30am or come early for the 11.15am for a festive coffee time in Garden Hall. All welcome.

St Mary's Christmas Shoe Box project

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 Sunday 23 December.

Epiphany Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 6 January - Epiphany Bring and Share Lunch in Garden Hall. Bring food to share and come along to see old friends and make new ones. There will be fizz to celebrate the new year. RSVP to Catherine so we have some idea of numbers.

HELP WANTED

Sidesmen for Christmas Services

We want to provide a warm welcome to everyone at our Christmas services. If you are able to help as a sidesman, please sign up in the lists at the back of church or contact Simon Jones on s.f.j@btinternet.com

Readers for the 8am Communion Service

Would you like to read at the 8am service on a Sunday? We read from the Authorised version of the King James Bible. The duty is usually one Sunday every three months. If you are interested please contact John Bush on 07850 205949 or john@thebushes.net.

St Mary's Monday Toddler Playgroup

We are looking for more people to help us to run our friendly pre-school playgroup. The group runs from 9.00am - 11.00am on Mondays during term time. If you would like to help please contact Catherine on Catherine@stmaryswimbleton.org.

The Service @ 11.15

We are looking to recruit more people to join our sidesperson rota and especially to help on Christmas Day. This is a great opportunity to get involved and to meet new people at St Mary's. If you can help please contact Nick Harvey at nharvey@yahoo.co.uk.

Join one of our happy groups

Can you spare just one hour a month to help keep our splendid church spick and span? Tasks include tidying, dusting and polishing. Groups meet on Fridays and, as well as a spot of cleaning, we also enjoy a sociable chat. If you are able to help and for more details, please email Anita Wilson anita.wilson@talktalk.net or phone 020 8127 0582.

ANTHEM TEXTS

9.30am O Little Sweet One JS Bach

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain,
To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Help us to do as thou hast willed.
Lo, all we have belongs to thee!
Ah, keep us in our fealty!
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

6.30pm Bethlehem Down P Warlock

When he is King we will give him the Kings gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
"Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in
grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for
dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.