

Sunday 6th January Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Rector

9.30am Sung Eucharist

President: The Associate Vicar

Preacher: The Rector

11.15am The Eucharist @ 11.15

Minister & Preacher: The Rector

Readings for the Morning

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalms 72. 10-15

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Minister: The Rector

Preacher: The Associate Vicar

Psalms 98 choral

Baruch 4.36 –end of 5

John 2.1-11

*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
Thursday 3 January.**

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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Safeguarding Officer

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact either the Rector or Pauline Bakker, who can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryswimbleton.org. Full details of Diocesan safeguarding procedures can be found in the vestry or at www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-policies-procedures

Welcome to St Mary's Church



SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

30 December 2018

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Rector

9.30am Sung Eucharist

President: The Rector

Preacher: The Rev'd Cynthia Jackson

Hymns: HON 2, 526, 248, 295, 283

10.30am Refreshments in Garden Hall

11.15am The Service @ 11.15

Minister: Catherine Linsley

Preacher: The Rev'd Cynthia Jackson

Hymns: HON 440, 444, 183

Reading: Luke 2.41- end

6.30pm Said Evensong

Minister: The Rector

Psalms 132

Isaiah 61

Galatians 3.27-4.7

CHURCH DIARY: THIS WEEK

Monday 31st December

8.45am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 2nd January

8.45am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm Silent Prayer

8.00pm Bellringers Practice

Thursday 3rd January

8.45am Morning Prayer

10.30am Said Eucharist

12.30pm Team Prayers at St John's

Friday 4th January

8.45am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 5th January

9.00am Gardening group

11.30am Baptism rehearsal

12.00pm Daily Prayer

More details on the next page and website

For all the latest news and events www.stmaryswimbleton.org or follow us on



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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mission Action Plan – Community and Parish consultation

Following the open Church Committee meeting in the pub a couple of weeks ago we have decided on two ways of finding out what people in the congregation and locally would like us to be doing to serve our community.

Community consultation over Christmas.

We have put postcards in all the Christmas orders of service asking people what they would like us to do more of and what we could do differently. This gives us a chance not only to find out what the regular congregation thinks, but also all those who come more occasionally at Christmas, but have some sense of belonging to St Mary's. The cards will be available in church until the first week of January.

Parish Consultation in January.

As part of our Mission Month, we are going to try and find out what people who don't come to St Mary's think. We would like every member of the congregation to have a conversation with a neighbour or friend who lives in the parish asking them what they want from St Mary's as their local church. There will be more details about this in the new year and the Mission Month in general.

New Year's Day.

Why not start 2019 by spending half an hour praying for the climate in St Mark's Church Chapter room. 12:30pm - 1.00pm. Excellent topical prayer notes provided. All welcome. Enquiries: christinedenwood247@btinternet.com

Gardening Group Saturday 5th January

Meets from 9.00am-12noon. Contact Alan Duncan at stmarysgardening@gmail.com

Wimbledon Foodbank

The next foodbank collection will be on Sunday 6 January Donations with winter in mind will be welcome.

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.

WOC (Wimbledon Oldies Choir)

WOC will resume at St Mary's on Sunday 6 January at 3.00pm.

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@stmaryswimbledon.org or call her on 07581 630647

FUTURE EVENTS AND NEWS

WYC (Wimbledon Youth Choir)

WYC will resume at St Mary's on Sunday 13 January at 4.00pm.

Tuesday lunches

The next Tuesday lunch will be on 16th January (Simone Tromans at the home of Susan Mayo)

Bishop Gilpin Cof E Primary School

Is currently consulting on proposed changes to its Admissions Arrangements for the 2020/2021 academic year.

As has been widely reported in the media, teacher recruitment and retention is now a top priority for the government. In order to secure and retain high quality teachers, Merton Local Authority has amended its Admissions Policy to give priority to children of permanent teaching staff. Increasingly, church primary schools, within the Diocese of Southwark are also adopting this approach.

In order for Bishop Gilpin to continue to retain and attract the highest quality staff, the governors consider that it is appropriate for our current Admissions Policy to be amended to reflect this trend. It is therefore proposed that priority is given to children of members of staff who are employed on a permanent contract with the school and who have at least two years service at the time of application. This will be limited to a maximum of two places per year.

The Governors consider that this approach will enable the school to continue to be an attractive proposition to high calibre staff whilst minimising disadvantage to local families.

The proposed new policy for admissions is available to view on the school website at www.bishopgilpin.org, under the Admissions section. The consultation period will run until 25 January 2019.

HELP WANTED

The Service @11.15

We are looking to recruit more people to join our sidesperson rota. 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 nhharvey@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.