



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, REDBOURN
The **THIRD SUNDAY** of ADVENT
17th December 2017

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

A special welcome if you are new to our worship here at St Mary's Church, Redbourn. We would like to get to know you as soon as possible. To help us, please fill in the slip provided in the holders at the end of each pew, and hand it to one of the clergy or sidespeople as you leave today. Thank you.

All who normally take Communion, in this church or in any other church, are welcome to receive Communion here. Those who do not take Communion, be they young or old, should please come to the altar rail to receive God's blessing.

If you are a taxpayer, please would you consider putting your collection into a blue envelope and filling in the details required (available from a sidesperson or in the pews). The church can then claim back the tax on your offering to the church at no additional cost to you. Thank you.

Those giving by Standing Order may use a yellow token in the collection plate.

WILL VISITORS PLEASE NOTE that St Mary's Church has an Amplification and Loop System. If needed, please switch your hearing aid to the T switch to make use of this.



IN OUR PRAYERS

The sick and suffering: Joy Alldritt, Mary-Jane Boffey, Eleanor Batchelor, Archie Brennan, Neil Buick, Bob Burden, Terry Charlston, Christopher, Carole Cull, Betty Dennis, Alex & Janet Duncombe, Vic French, Wendy Hancock, Patrick Hastings, Betty Henry, Grace Hyde, Ian, Louis Kayum, Richard Lord, Ray Marsh, Roger Martin, Keith Monkhouse, Dorothy Nattrass, Iona del Pino, Stephen du Plessis, Michael Rimmer, Rosie, Keith Shawcross, Irene Todd and Julian Watters.

The Departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of Dave Ellis, Jim Hunter, Ronald Skinner and all who have died recently. We remember those whose year's mind falls this week and pray for God's comfort and strength for all who mourn.

THE FLOWERS ON THE MEMORIAL STAND were given in loving memory of David Cannon by Catherine, Louise and James.

The Vicar: The Reverend Will Gibbs Tel No. 01582 791669

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8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

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President: The Vicar

Sermon: Rachel Snow

Collect: O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4. 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 11. 2-10

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST (Common Worship Order One)

We follow the service booklet. The Collect, Readings and Post Communion Prayer for today can be found in the insert to this Pew Sheet.

President: The Revd Tim Vickers

Introit Hymn: 196

For our readings and prayers this morning, the younger members of St Mary's offer a Christmas Presentation. This can all be followed from the insert to today's Pew Sheet. We resume in the order of service at the Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 209

Communion Hymn: 491

Final Hymn: Long ago, prophets knew

PLEASE JOIN US for refreshments in the Transept Hall after this Service. Also our weekly Traidcraft stall will be selling excellent goods and foods.

6.30 pm FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



This evening at 6.30 pm

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

A beautiful sequence of bible readings
interspersed with choir carols
and congregational singing for all to enjoy

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS will take place on Saturday 23rd December from 9 am onwards. **ALL HELPERS PLEASE.** Berries, variegated ivy, Chinese lanterns or any greenery and flowers will be most welcome and should be brought to Church **by 9.00 am** that morning.



CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve - 3.30 and 4.30 pm

Children are invited to come in costume dressed as a character from the Christmas story

All are welcome – young and old

DONATIONS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS will be gratefully received – either in the box provided or please pass to Janet Biggs (792289).

DON'T FORGET the 'Give as you Live' portal when doing your Christmas shopping online. With one easy click you can raise money for St Mary's at no extra cost to you. Please speak to Will or Jim for help with this.



MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST OF OUR LORD'S NATIVITY

11.30 pm Christmas Eve

All welcome

EPIPHANY: The Mothers' Union warmly invites members of the congregation to their Epiphany Ecumenical Carol Service followed by mince pies on Tuesday 2 January 2018 at 10 am. All are welcome.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S WINTER BALL is on Saturday 3rd February at 7 pm with a great three course dinner, an excellent 10 piece band and dancing until midnight. Tickets are £60 and are available from Steve Smith in church or Wendy Bloisi – wen-dee@hotmail.co.uk. There is an early bird offer of £55 if you get your tickets by the end of December.

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE are currently celebrating their 130th anniversary. They insure most churches and many vicarages (both of these here at St Mary's) and to mark their anniversary they have a special offer. Until Oct 2018, take out household insurance with them and they will donate £130 to our church! So do ask them to quote for your household insurance when it is due for renewal – it might get you a good deal and us!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Every day, Monday to Friday, we offer:

9.30 am Morning Prayer 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

In addition, the following services and events will take place this week:

Mon 18 Dec

10.00 am Christmas Carol Service – *Redbourn Junior School*

12 noon Funeral Service – *James Hunter RIP*

Tues 19 Dec

9.00 pm Advent Address *followed by Compline*

Wed 21 Dec

7.30 pm Holy Eucharist

Thu 21 Dec

10.00 am Holy Communion – *Woollams*

Sun 24 Dec ADVENT 4 and CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Sung Parish Eucharist with Sermon

3.30 pm Crib Service for All Ages

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11.30 pm First Eucharist of Christmas – ‘Midnight Mass’

Mon 25 Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00 am Christmas Morning All Age Eucharist with Carols

12 noon Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

NEXT WEEK’S DUTY ROTAS

Servers: 20th 7.30 pm: Derek Crouch
24th 8.00 am: Ailsa Hulme
9.30 am: Roy Woods, Celia Forbes and Simon Taylor
11.30 pm: Roy Woods, Mel Barton and Christopher Fernley
25th 8.00 am: Wendy Cruickshank
10.00 am: Rod McPhee, Celia Forbes and Rachel Snow
12 noon: Brian Gunson

Flowers: Janet Biggs and all helpers please

Cleaning: B Aldred, Christine Willis, Janet Lang, Sandra Crittenden

Churchyard: David Swift and Roger Sandell

Lifts: David Mitchell, Sam Butterworth, Stephen Gell, Rod McPhee

Reader: Reona Joly Intercessions: David Walker

Coffee: Jane Taylor, Simon Taylor and Liz Wood

Traidcraft: Liz and Mike Wood