



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, REDBOURN  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10<sup>th</sup> 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, Dave Ellis, Vic French, Wendy Hancock, Patrick Hastings, Betty Henry, Grace Hyde, Ian, Louis Kayum, Richard Lord, Ray Marsh, Roger Martin, Keith Monkhouse, Dorothy Natrass, 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 James Hunter, Ronald Skinner, Paul Sharpley and all who have died recently. We remember those whose year's mind falls this week and pray for God's comfort for all who mourn.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE MEMORIAL STAND** were given in loving memory of Fred Saunders by Angie, Alan and family. **THE FLOWERS IN THE ADVENT WREATH** were given in loving memory of George Tart by Norah and family.

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*You can find a full listing of news on our website: [www.stmarysredbourn.org](http://www.stmarysredbourn.org)*

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)**

*Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Second Sunday in Advent – page 89*

President: The Revd Tim Vickers

Collect: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Epistle: Romans 15. 4-13      Gospel: Luke 21. 25-33

**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 Vicar

Introit: 401

Reader: Ian Ashton

Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-11

Gradual: Psalm 85. 8-end

Reading: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1. 1-8

Sermon: Lois Smith

Intercessions: Andy Ford

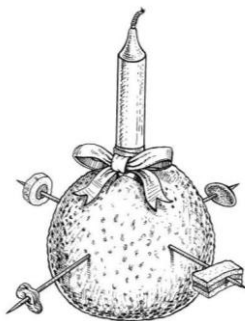
Offertory Hymn: 193

Communion Hymn: 519

Anthem: Zion hear the watchmen's voices -

Hymn: Long ago, prophets knew [J.S. Bach

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



**This afternoon at 4.00 pm  
our Annual  
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

*in aid of The Children's Society*

*Admission Free*

*All are welcome – young and old*

**6.30 pm THE LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE**

*Remembering our loved ones departed in this special candlelit service*

Officiant: The Vicar

Preacher: The Revd Tim Vickers

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH:** With costs increasing year on year, we have a challenge to balance our finances. This year we are looking to boost our income during Advent by asking you to consider leaving a “Christmas Gift” for your Church. Please put your donation in the Tank by the Church door. If you are a UK tax payer then please complete a blue envelope so we can claim an extra 25% at no cost to you.

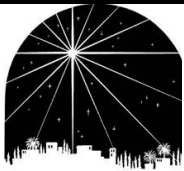
**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DATES** are on a separate sheet with a special envelope if you would like to dedicate a “Light of Love” in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Please complete these and return to the Vicar. The Lights will be dedicated and lit this evening at 6.30 pm. Do come along.

**COMPLINE:** At 9 pm on the three Tuesdays in Advent Will is offering a short Advent Address followed by plainchant Compline. All are welcome.

**LAST CALL:** for Holiday Club forms please. We do need to know final numbers and any dietary needs so please get them to Kay Vernon today!

**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.

**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.



**Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm**  
**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
A beautiful sequence of bible readings and carols

**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!

**DONATIONS TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** will be gratefully received and can be left at the South Door or passed to Janet Biggs (792289)

## SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

9.30 am Morning Prayer                      5.00 pm Evening Prayer  
*is said each weekday and, in addition, the following will take place this week:*

### **Tue 12 Dec**

9.00 pm Advent Devotional Address followed by Compline

### **Wed 13 Dec Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304**

7.30 pm Holy Eucharist

8.15 pm P.C.C. Standing Committee – *in the Transept*

### **Thu 14 Dec John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher, 1591**

10.30 am Holy Communion – *New Forge Place*

### **Fri 15 Dec**

10.30 am Teddy Tots – *in the Transept*

### **Sun 17 Dec THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist with Children's Nativity Presentation

6.30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

## NEXT WEEK'S DUTY ROTAS

Servers:                      Weds:    Saxon Aldred  
                                    8.00 am: Rachel Snow  
                                    9.30 am: Ian Ashton, Penny McAdam and John Blake  
                                    6.30 pm: Rod McPhee, Rachel Snow and Simon Taylor

Sidespeople:              8.00 am: Ann Palmer and Margaret Tillyer  
                                    9.30 am: A and R Woodhouse, Janet Godley, Simon Taylor  
                                    6.30 pm: Judith Sandell, Jill Whitehouse and Sue Ashton

Screen Tree:              Sue Nice, Mike Thain, Dick Morgan

Flowers:                    Linden Andrews, Val Coates, Michelle Collins, Virginia  
                                    Corbett, Penny McAdam and Margot Wright

Cleaning:                   Heather Stanley, Ruth Hurst, Marion Briggs and  
                                    Margaret Metcalfe

Churchyard:              Chris Thomas and Terry Bradley

Lifts 9.30 am:              Rosemary Hinde, Jan Nelder, Stephen Gell and Ian Ashton

Young People:            Nativity Presentation – leaders to assist please if possible

Coffee:                      Margaret Jewell and Pat Lacey

Traidcraft:                Liz and Mike Wood

**NOTICES FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHURCH NEWS** should be passed in written or printed form to The Vicar by Wednesday pm. Please also forward any church diary entries and rota amendments to Will. ([will@stmarysredbourn.org](mailto:will@stmarysredbourn.org))