

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Fetcham Parish Church
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We aim to be a growing community of Christian people who desire to be:

mature disciples : committed church family members : effective witnesses : caring neighbours

Christmas Crafty Girls Night In - Friday 2nd Dec at 8.00pm

The chaps have been having a wonderful time when they've been "let out" on Saturday mornings and now it's the girls' turn! Come to the hall and, with experts on hand, make candles, cards, gifts, Christmas cupcake toppers, Christmas decorations and buy Christmas cards and gifts. Tickets @ £3.00 (to help cover our costs) include three craft activities, mulled wine and mince pies. Irresistible, eh? Bring all your mates - it's going to be great fun. Tickets from Marion (375000), Corinne (800885) or Julie Partridge (459906).



Joint Advent Carol Service - Sun 27th Nov, 6.30pm at St Mary's

Do come and enjoy this wonderful opportunity to worship with our Christian brothers and sisters from the Church of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Advent Sunday together. Our respective choirs are busy rehearsing the music and it promises to be a wonderful occasion. Come to the hall afterwards for goodies - there are rumours of mulled wine and mince pies that Brian Egles and the Women's Group are organising respectively! If you can provide some mince pies, please speak to Barbara Fairweather, 372006.



NB: Speaking of Advent, have you got your beautiful red Advent Candle from the office yet, price £2.50? Each day in Advent is marked with a different name by which Jesus is known in the bible.

Hot Potato Sermon Series

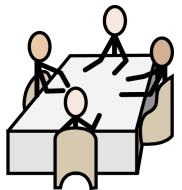
What excellent sermons we've been fortunate to have, sensitively addressing some really challenging issues. These sermons are available on our website, if you missed one or would like to listen to them again, www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk.



News from Wednesday's PCC Meeting:

There was a very full agenda! Amongst the matters discussed:

- Helen Dean was welcomed to her new role as Adult Protection Officer
- Nigel Hunt was thanked for another year as Fire Officer, having presented a comprehensive and encouraging report. Nigel is standing down from this role and the Wardens would love to hear from anybody who would like to take over as Fire Officer.
- The schedule of donations to charities for 2011 was agreed. There will be a consultation with church members in 2012 on possible changes to the list of charities we support.
- There will be a "Vision Day" in the spring - date to be announced shortly. This will be held on a Saturday with food provided and will incorporate the APCM but will give more time for feedback and discussion about our church priorities for the next twelve months.
- Look out for some exciting ideas of ways we could mark the Olympics within the wider Fetcham community.



Christmas Charity Post:

Since its small local beginnings, Practical Action has raised £67,900 for resources to help raise people in third world countries out of poverty. Stamps on sale, @25p, in local shops and at St Mary's in the hall after coffee, for Christmas card deliveries in Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham. Please support this excellent charity.



THE HOMEMADE TABLE ON 4th DECEMBER will have a Christmas flavour with cards and seasonal goodies. Please generously support the stall - both in donating and buying!

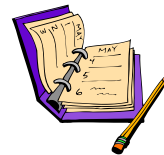
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- To the WLTD0 team for another excellent Saturday morning for Dads and kids yesterday.
- To the team of Fetcham Link Distributors who will be pounding Fetcham's streets at the beginning of December delivering a copy of the Link to every house in the parish and to Roderick Gray for his impeccable organisation.
- To Nigel Hunt who has been such an efficient and diligent Fire Officer.
- To the Women's Group for being willing to organise the refreshments after the Advent Carol Service and to Brian Egles for agreeing to make his wonderful mulled wine.
- To the Mole Valley Parks Department for cleaning the War Memorial so it was all spick and span for Remembrance Sunday

Dates for your Day:

- Sun, 20th Nov The 9.30 Service will be a Service of the Word, ie no Holy Communion
- Sun, 20th Nov The Eleven at 11.00!
- Fri, 25th Nov Footprints at 10.00 in the hall
- Sun, 27th Nov Joint Advent Carol Service at St Mary's at 6.30pm with our friends from the Church of the Holy Spirit
- Fri, 2nd Dec Horizon meets in the hall at 10.00am
- Sun, 4th Dec The Rt Rev'd Ian Brackley, Bishop of Dorking, will be with us at the 9.30 service
- Sun, 4th Dec Family Service at 11.00am
- Fri, 9th Dec Footprints at 10.00 in the hall
- Sun, 11th Dec Christingle at 4.00pm, followed by goodies in the hall
- Fri, 16th Dec Horizon at 10 o'clock in the hall



Special Christmas Services:

- Thu, 15th Dec Carol Service for the local business community at 6.00pm at St Mary's
- Sun, 18th Dec "Christmas Special" at 9.30am
- Sun, 18th Dec Carol Service at 6.30pm
- Sat, 24th Dec Crib Services at 3.30pm and 5.00pm
- Sat, 24th Dec Midnight Communion starting at 11.15pm
- Sun, 25th Dec 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Christmas Day Communion 11.00am Christmas Day Family Service

Info on events at Guildford Cathedral is on the notice board in the hall.

Warm Welcomes

- To Peter Jeffrey of Urban Saints (previously called Crusaders) who is preaching at our 9.30 and 11.00 services today, "Leave it to Mum" (coping with Teenagers). Peter, an experienced youth leader and National Chairman of Youth organisation, was a contemporary of Paul's at Crusaders in Guildford – I wonder if knowing Paul as a teenager inspired today's topic!
- To the Bishop of Dorking, Ian Brackley, who will be preaching at the 9.30 service on 4th December
- To Luke Roberts who is being baptised on his 1st Birthday today, his parents, godparents, family and friends



Calling all Fetcham Link Distributors

Don't forget bundles of the new Link will be available for you to collect from the hall over the weekend 3rd / 4th December for delivery in your usual patch.



Do you have any stray books at home? because, if you have, they may belong to Pam Egles! Pam very generously lent books to some kind people who led Junior Church sessions in the summer holidays but she can't remember what she lent to whom! Can you please have a look and return Pam's books to her. Thank you!

Lost your mobile phone? A pink "Orange" Siemens mobile in a black case was left on the Rectory doorstep. If it's yours, you know where it is now – well, strictly speaking it's now in the Rectory, not on the doorstep!



Local Accommodation Sought by friends of the Titleys – an annexe, flat or small house – for a short time. Call Anne on 375561 for more information.

Woodlands School, Leatherhead is looking for a lunchtime supervisor, starting asap. Contact the school, 377922, for an application pack and to arrange a visit to the school. See ad on hall notice board.

Leatherhead Choral Society, of which several St Mary's folk are members, is giving a concert at The Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon, on Saturday, 26th November at 7.30pm. Programme "Petite Messe Solennelle" by Rossini and Mozart's "Misericordias Domini" K222. Tickets £14 from 08700 842020 or 01737 766203.



Newsletter: The next edition will be published on the 4th December. Please let Corinne have all your news and information of all Christmas events and activities by Wednesday, 30th November. Thank you!

Please pray for:

- Those who are sick, including Barry Welch, Graham Alsop, Ian Wells (Deacon at the Church of the Holy Spirit) who is recovering from surgery and Barbara Grant who is going into hospital for surgery this week
 - Luke Roberts who is to be baptised on his 1st Birthday today, his parents and godparents
 - Youngsters beginning their preparation for Confirmation and those on the Welcome Course
 - Churches everywhere planning for Christmas activities and events and preparing to welcome people who don't normally come
- We remember those who have died recently, including Michelle de Quidt, Pauline Dyde, Donald Potter and Barbara Powell (Emma Sweeney's mother) and surround their families and friends with our love and prayers.



St Mary's, Fetcham Parish Church: Rector: the Reverend Paul Boughton, 10a The Ridgeway, tel 01372 375000. Please submit copy for inclusion in the Newsletter by the Wednesday preceding publication to Corinne by e-mail (newsletter@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or corinne.braid@ntlworld.com), post (12 Long Copse Close, Gt Bookham, KT23 3PX) or via the tray in the vestry.