

We aim to be a growing community of Christian people who desire to be:

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



## Merry Christmas

### Christmas Services at St Mary's

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4pm Christingle (no Gener8 at 11.15) followed by refreshments in the hall
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm Transform Carol Service followed by refreshments in Fetcham Park House
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Nativity Service (no Holy Communion)
	6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Carols @ The Bell – 6pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm Crib Service
	11.15pm Midnight Communion
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Christmas Celebration

### Weekly Services

<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday:</b>	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Parish Communion
	11.15am Informal Worship Service NB: First Sunday in the month when there is Gener8

**Activ8** for 3-10 year olds at 9.30 & 11.15 services, with the exception of the first Sunday each month.

Mid-week communion at 10am (no service 27<sup>th</sup> Dec). Coffee and hearing aid clinic are available on the third Thursday in the month.

### Evening Services in December

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Evening service	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Evensong at 6.30pm
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carols @ The Bell – 6pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	No Evening Service		

### Dates for your Diary:

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December Men's Group – Drinks @ The Bell – 8pm
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December The Homemade Stall / Fairtrade Stall / Second Hand Books in the Church Hall
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch – arrive 12.15 for 12.30 start. **Prebook only** (no coffee morning)
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Drinks and Nibbles – 8pm at The Rectory, all welcome
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December Family Film Afternoon showing Paddington2 – 3pm in the Church Hall
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Movie, Games and Christmassy Fun 7-9.30pm in the Church Hall

**Homemade Stall** – As well as the usual offerings, Penny Day has made an entire Christmas raffle. Do come and take a look at the range of prizes and buy some raffle tickets - only £1 a ticket, £5 for a strip and for such a good cause. The final draw will be after the Christingle service at the beginning of December. Thank you so much Penny! Let's make sure we raise lots of money.



Christmas Plum Puddings, raising money for the Scout HQ Project, available to buy now. Either 454g (1lb) £5.60 or 908g (2lb) £10.50. Please contact karen.jordan@1stfetchamscouts.org.uk or pop into the parish office.

**Youth!** If you are a parent of a young person or are generally interested in receiving email updates from Nathan, our Youth Minister, regarding the youth ministry here at St Mary's then please let Nathan know by emailing him or finding him for a chat! - [youth@stmarysfetcham.org.uk](mailto:youth@stmarysfetcham.org.uk)



**FM Life is a fortnightly group for women of all ages.** It's a great opportunity to make new friends, chat about issues relating to our everyday lives and to think about how our faith may help us. Held in the church hall from 10am-11.30am with crèche facilities should you need it. Finishing the year on Friday 14 Dec, back 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Footprints** – is for pre-school children and their parents/carers. With a spiritual background, it provides a gentle introduction to the Church family and an opportunity to meet over a cup of coffee whilst the children play, paint, craft, sing and hear Bible stories. Footprints takes place on alternate Friday mornings during term time from 10-11.30am. Finishing on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, back 18<sup>th</sup> January.



**Hidden Treasure** - Seven ladies have enjoyed meeting together to study the Bible throughout this term. Hidden treasure will continue fortnightly in the church hall on Wednesday mornings beginning on 16th January.

**Restore – Café Church.** Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 7pm at Greenwise in Fetcham village. Restore Café church is a great place to bring friends, family and neighbours. Our hope and prayer is that Restore will give people an opportunity to think about the big questions of life in a relaxed and friendly setting. Returning in January 2019.



Do join us for our biggest **Homemade Stall** of the year this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Buy your Christmas gifts and produce, or possibly donate something homemade. We are delighted to receive Christmas baking, presents, cards and gift tags, early daffodils, decorations, Christmas Wreaths, in fact anything homemade and with a Christmas theme. We look to be on course for our best ever year, so do come with your wallets and take a look.



**Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham Christmas Charity Post:** Stamps still only 30p and are on sale after Thursday coffee, 9.30am services and weekday mornings in the Parish office. Available now! Stamps can also be found locally at: Cannon Court Pharmacy, Contact, Nikki's news and Open all hours and shops in Bookham and Effingham. First collection Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, last collection is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Fetcham Village Infant School – Needs your help** - Throughout Nov and Dec in selected stores, shoppers receive tokens to support their favourite project. They are pitched against 2 other projects. The winner, announced at the end of Jan, will receive the maximum amount of £4000! So every time you, family or friends shop at any of the Tesco stores (Leatherhead, Banstead Exp, Craddocks Ashted Exp, Epsom Horton Exp, Epsom Ruxley Lane Exp, Epsom Station Exp and Ewell Exp). please donate the tokens to their project. Even if it's a bar of chocolate, ask for a token! They have until December 31st.

Once again we are collecting **Christmas presents for local causes**; if you would like to donate a new present, do bring along to the church hall any morning and any Sunday till 9th December. We are supporting four local causes again, [B@titude](#), Surrey's vulnerable teenagers, some of the guests at the Village Hall Christmas Lunch and the children of the families currently being helped by Mole Valley CAP (Christians against Poverty). We will be delighted to receive your new gifts any time until 9th December. Some possible suggestions for gifts are chocolates or luxury biscuits, toiletries, cuddly toys, gloves, hats, scarves and clothes, craft activities, DVDs, or gift tokens to spend at Tesco or Sainsburys. Do see the St. Mary's website for more details at the very bottom of the This Week's Notices section. Thank you so much.

**Thank you to:**

To everyone who delivers our **postcards** advertising our services. It really does help bring our community together. Particular thanks to Kwoon who continues to design great artwork.

To the Bothy Team for their wonderful work in the garden by the exit gate throughout the year. Please contact Val to see what the team could do for you : [bradlez@btinternet.com](mailto:bradlez@btinternet.com)

A huge thank you from John and Joan Marr to all those members of the Church family, and others, who have offered prayers, lifts to hospital, food, cards and other kindnesses, during their recent illnesses.

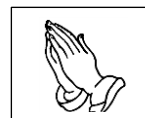
**Please pray for:** John and Joan Marr.

We also pray for those in Bellsgrave Care Home: David Watson, Sybil Francklow and Beryl Burgess.

For those in residential care: Liz Crawford, June Williams, Sebastian Nohl, Betty Colven, Gordon and Mavis Lake.

Those who have passed away – Col George Hale

Congratulations to the family of Ava Winteridge-Palmer, who was recently baptised



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