

Welcome to

ST MARY'S EALING

10 December 2017



A Warm Welcome especially if you are new or a visitor. We hope you enjoy our service. Please join us in the Polygon after the service for a tea or coffee.

If you would like any information, there is a Welcome Desk in the Polygon, where there will be someone happy to talk to you.

Our term card which gives you information about all our services is available from the Welcome Desk or outside the church office.

www.stmarysealing.org.uk

Our website contains everything you need to know about St Mary's and also has the Sunday morning sermons on there. Alternatively, just ask one of us - we would love to meet you and help you make St Mary's your spiritual home.

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Baptism

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: What is our Christian hope?

Readings: Colossians 1:24-29

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Holy Communion

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: What is our Christian hope?

Readings: Colossians 1:24-29

St Mary's seeks to be a church that is:



Transformed by Christ

Inspired to Worship

Hospitable in Fellowship

Empowered to witness and serve

Can you help? St Mary's will again be taking part in the **Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter** project (<http://www.ecwns.org.uk/home/>) next spring. This will involve us hosting 14 homeless people on Monday evenings in the Polygon from 19 February to 26 March 2017.

Five different teams of people are needed to cover (i) the set up & evening period (6pm-10pm), (ii) the night time (10pm-7am), (iii) the morning breakfast from 7am-8.30am, (iv) cleaning up from 8-9am and (v) people with a large car to help transport all camp beds and bedding to the next venue on Tuesday mornings.

If you can help with any of the above teams for one or more evenings then please give your name and contact details to **Zanda Russell**.

There will be a planning and orientation evening at 8pm on **Mon 22 January** in the Vicarage. All new and past team members welcome. Thank you.

Do you want to join a Home Group? We are looking for new members as some of our group have moved away. We meet every other Thursday and study a variety of topics. We also get together at least once a term for a meal. If you are interested then please contact **Pat Ealey**. We are having a **welcome coffee and cake evening** on **11 January 2018** at 8pm. You will have a chance to meet us and get a preview of what we will be studying next.

We are getting short of **Bibles**, people often borrow them when they are going to read on a Sunday, could you look and see if you have borrowed one and forgotten to return it please. Many thanks.

Please help yourself to the **leaflets** featuring our **Christmas services** to give to your friends.

A Rocha are looking for an **Executive Assistant** (maternity cover). The closing date is **tomorrow (Mon 11 Dec)**, please see the noticeboard for more info.

Volunteers are needed for the **30 and 31 December (NO Christmas Eve duty this year) Soup Kitchen** in St John's Church, Mattock Lane. The shifts are 12-3pm, 3-5pm, 5-6.30pm (Saturday) and 1-3pm, 3-5pm and 5-6.30pm (Sunday).

On **23 December, 11.30-12.30**, there is **carol singing** for the Soup Kitchen by the Christmas Tree at **Ealing Broadway Centre**. We need as many people as possible so please do come, small children and non-singers are welcome. Please wear something festive - i.e. tinsel, a Christmas hat or full nativity costume if desired. No need to reply, just turn up and invite your friends.

Please contact Angela Hailstone.

Noticesheet deadline: Please note that requests for notices need to be given to the church office by 11am on Thursday to be included in the following Sunday's noticesheet.

Coming up

The last **Babies and Toddlers** before the Christmas break will be on **Tuesday 12 December** when there will be a short service (10am-10.15am) followed by refreshments. Please arrive by 10am for the start. The new term begins on 9 January 2018.

On **Sunday 17 December** we shall be having our **COSMOS nativity service** at 10.30am. Can we encourage the children (and adults!) to come dressed in nativity costumes so we can all participate in this joyful occasion. Please don't spend money on costumes, a tea towel is great, and there will be costumes here in church to borrow on the morning. Thank you.

Our **Carol Service** will take place on **Sunday 17 December at 6pm**. The choir will also be singing at All Saints Carol Service tonight at 6.30pm. We are looking for **donations of mince pies** for the carol service, please contact **Elaine Standen** or sign up at the welcome desk. Thank you to all those who provided goodies for after the Mencap service last Sunday, everyone enjoyed a delicious tea.

As usual, St Mary's will be holding a **Christingle** service at **4pm** on **Christmas Eve** in support of the Children's Society. 250 Christingles will need to be prepared in advance for one of our busiest services of the year, and we need lots of volunteers to help with that at **9am** on **Saturday 23 December**. Additionally, we need volunteers to help at the service itself to greet people, distribute Christingles and collection envelopes etc. Please contact Mags (mags@willko.com) if you can help with any of these events. Thanks in advance for your support of this great charity.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Whom have I in heaven but you? There is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.' Psalm 73:25-26

- During this Advent, may our desire be simply to keep company with God. This is a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

DO WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

If you are new to St Mary's, and not yet on our membership list, please consider letting us have your details.

You can fill in the contact list update form available on the Welcome Desk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- * the elderly, housebound, lonely and those we know who are ill or need healing either in body or spirit; Anne and Stuart Mills, Chloe Maghsoudi, and Janet Salter.
- * Jean Foster is being transferred to a home near her sister in Birtley near Newcastle.
- * Jean Place, home from hospital after a sugar problem with her diabetes. Jean's chest is much better but she now has a kidney infection. Please continue to pray for her.
- * Harry Simpson, brother-in-law of Wayne Leighton, suffering from Alzheimers and being admitted to a care home. Please pray for all the family.
- * Paige and Ruby White and Rafe Camplin being baptised here today, also for their parents and godparents.

Please let the church office know if you would like your name added or removed from the prayers.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer takes place in the Memorial Chapel; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.45am.

Tuesday

10.00am-11.00am Babies and Toddlers service followed by refreshments

Wednesday

12.30 - 2.30pm Polygonian Friends
1.10 - 2pm LCM Lunchtime Concert

Thursday

11am Grange Carol Concert
2pm Grange Carol Concert

Friday

7.30pm Youth Group (place TBA)
8.00-9.30pm Choir practice

Church Office hours

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm.

SUNDAY - 17 December Advent 3

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Whole Church Communion with COSMOS Nativity
Led by Angela Barnfather

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Carol Service

Homegroups

If you are not currently a member of a group but would like to join one, please fill in a **Home Group** reply slip from the Welcome Desk and put the completed slip in Steve Paynter's pigeonhole.

Prayer Triplets

If you would like to pray with 2 or 3 others on a regular basis, please contact Suzanna Rust or Christine Goldsmid.

If you would like to know about **St Mary's Stewardship Scheme**, which enables you to give regularly to the church, then please contact the Stewardship Recorder, Hazel Neaverson on 020 8567 2619.

If you wish to be prayed for, or wish prayers for another person or situation, then there will be an opportunity for you to do so later in the service. When you come up to receive Communion or a Blessing, instead of immediately returning to your seat, make your way to the chapel to the right of the altar, where there will be members of the congregation who will pray with you. If it's Morning Prayer please come up during the last hymn.

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