

Welcome to

ST MARY'S EALING

17 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.

*Third Sunday
in Advent*



ST MARY'S at 10.30am
Time Together with COSMOS
Nativity
Led by Angela Barnfather
Theme: COSMOS Nativity

ST MARY'S at 6pm
Carol Service



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 2018.

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**. 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**. 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.

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

Carol Singing to raise money for Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter at **Ealing Common Tube Station** on **Tuesday 19th December** from 5pm - 7pm. Either 5-6pm or 6-7pm slots. Please email Nicola at office@ecwns.org.uk if you can come along.

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 for more info.

Grant White will be taking **photographs** during our service today, which will be used on public display and on the website. If anyone has any concerns about this, please speak to Angela after the service.

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.

Christmas at St Mary's

Join us for our **Carol Service** at **6pm this evening** (Sunday 17 December), with refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Our **Blue Christmas Service** for the shortest day of the year, is a service of light, hope and peace for those who find Christmas a difficult time. Join us at **8pm this Thursday (21 December)**.

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.

Our **Midnight Holy Communion** starts at **11.30pm on Christmas Eve**, and on **Christmas Day**, our all age **Holy Communion** will be at **10.30am**.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up. Our God is a God of salvation.' Psalm 68:19-20

- It is God, not ourselves, who is our salvation, it is he who reaches out to us to touch us back to life.

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, moved to a care home near her sister in Birtley near Newcastle.
- * Jean Place thanks you for your prayers. She is feeling much better now.
- * Harry Simpson, brother-in-law of Wayne Leighton, suffering from Alzheimers and being admitted to a care home. Please pray for all the family.

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 West Entrance Meeting Room; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.45am.

Thursday
8pm

Blue Christmas
Service

Church Office hours

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm

SUNDAY - 24 December Advent 4

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: The Annunciation

Readings: Romans 16:25-end
Luke 1:26-38

ST MARY'S at 4pm

Christingle

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

ST MARY'S at 11.30pm

Midnight Holy Communion

Led by Alex Volossevich

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Readings: Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

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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