

Welcome to

# ST MARY'S EALING

3 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](http://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 8am

BCP Holy Communion  
Led by Steve Paynter

## ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Whole Church Communion  
Led by Angela Barnfather  
Preacher: Steve Paynter  
Theme: Christ in us the hope of glory!  
Readings: Mark 13:26, 33-end

## ST MARY'S at 3pm

Mencap Service  
For people with learning difficulties

## ST MARY'S at 6pm

A service of celebration for Advent with songs and readings.  
Led by Steve Paynter and Angela Barnfather.

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



Transformed by Christ  
Inspired to Worship  
Hospitable in Fellowship  
Empowered to witness and serve

There will be a stall after the morning service TODAY (3 December) to raise money for the COSMOS charity partner this year (Open Doors - Project Rebuild Hope). The children will be selling all the Christmas crafty things made last week.

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.

**St Mary's Carol Service** is on **Sunday 17 December**. If you would like to be part of the choir for this service, please come along to the following rehearsals, all 8-9.30pm. Further information from Catherine Pye,  
Friday 8 December in church  
Friday 15 December in church

Our **Carol Service** will take place on **Sunday 17 December at 6pm**. The choir will also be singing at All Saints Carol Service on 10 December.

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.

**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.

Is there anyone who could lend a copy of Joyce Huggett's book '**Finding God in the Fast Lane**' to our home group? Please contact Chris Goldsmid.

**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.

The **Polygonian Friends Christmas lunch** will be on **Wednesday 13 December** at 12.30pm. Please let Wayne Leighton know if you would like to come (so that they know numbers for food). This will be the last Polygonian Friends before the Christmas break. It will resume on 10 January.

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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'We have heard with our ears O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in the days of old.' Psalm 44:1

- We pray that God will empower his people today, in our time, as he always has in the past.

### 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.
- \* Jenny Mulrenan back in Abbotsleigh Care Centre, Staplehurst, Kent recovering from her back operation.
- \* Jean Foster who had cancer a few years ago and has found out it has returned. Pray that her pain can be eased to make her more mobile.
- \* Jean Place, home from hospital after a sugar problem with her diabetes, pray that it is sorted, and she recovers from her chest infection.

*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

9.30-11.30am Babies and Toddlers

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

6.30pm LCM Evening Concert

### Friday

8.00-9.30pm Choir practice

### Saturday

8pm Grace

### Church Office hours

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

## SUNDAY - 10 December Advent 2

### ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Baptism

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: What is our Christian hope?

Readings: TBC

### ST MARY'S at 6pm

Holy Communion

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: What is our Christian hope?

Readings: TBC

### 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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