

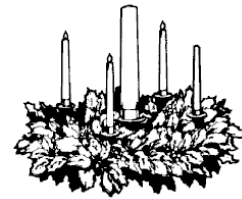
Welcome to

ST MARY'S EALING

24 & 31 December 2017

This notice sheet covers 2 weeks. Please take it with you.

Fourth Sunday in Advent



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

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

Carol Service

Midnight Holy Communion

Led by Alex Volossevich

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Readings: Hebrews 1:1-4

John 1:1-14



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 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.

Modern Day Slavery: Are you aware of it in your community? There will be an event at St John's Church, Mattock Lane, on 22 January (7pm-9pm) to raise awareness of modern slavery and discover practical information about this issue. See the noticeboard for more details. Please RSVP on Eventbrite or call 0207 931 6077.

The church office will be closed from Monday 25 December to Monday 1 January 2018. It will reopen on Tuesday 2 January.

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). Please contact Angela Hailstone for more information.

There will be no **Morning Prayer** from Monday 25 December until Monday 1 January. Morning Prayer will resume on Tuesday 2 January.

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 **Christingle** at 4pm this evening (Sunday 24 December) in support of the Children's Society. This is one of our biggest services of the year and is suitable for all ages, especially young children. ***Please note that there will be no 6pm service.***

Our **Midnight Holy Communion** starts at 11.30pm tonight (Sunday 24 December), and on **Christmas Day**, our all age **Holy Communion** will be at 10.30am.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

"...He is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.'
Psalm 89:5

- God's people can rest secure; their King is in absolute control. He has power over the universe, and has promised to keep them safe for all time.

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, 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.

SUNDAY - 31 December
Christmas 1

ST MARY'S at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: At the right time, Christ came

Readings: Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

There is no 6pm service.

SUNDAY - 7 January
Epiphany 1

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: What gifts can we give to Jesus?

Readings: Matthew 2:1-12

ST MARY'S at 6pm

Service of the Word

Led by Angela Barnfather

Preacher: Steve Paynter

Theme: Epiphany

Readings: Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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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