

6 December 2020:
Advent 2
Year B

The Parish of East Preston with Kingston

St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE SHEET



Sharon Hill is co-ordinating the **Children's Society collecting boxes** again this year, so please return them to church and give them to one of the clergy - the absolute deadline is 31 December.

You're on camera! The Sunday 10am mass will, as a matter of course, be live-streamed. This means you will be filmed and broadcast as you take communion. If this is a problem, please speak to one of the clergy - we are v happy to bring communion to you in your seat (off camera!).

No talking in church! Latest regulations discourage interactions between social bubbles in church - I'm afraid you'll have to wait to chat until you're outside!

Christmas Flowers. Jenny Bromfield and the Team (incl help from EP Flower Club) will be arranging Christmas Flowers - if you would like to make a donation and do this in remembrance of a loved one, please contact Jenny on 772247 giving your name and the name(s) of those to be remembered.

Food Banks seem to be even busier during these uncertain days, so we are still collecting donations for the diocese's **Family Support Work** scheme. They say that what they need at the moment is "Christmas specific food items" (such as sharing boxes of chocolates or biscuits; family packs of crisps or snacks; Christmas puddings; stuffing; gravy; cranberry and bread sauce). There is a box in the Vicarage porch for donations. Thank you.

Having recently moved house Sue Baldock finds herself with a black 4 drawer lockable **filing cabinet** (with key!) she no longer needs. Free to a good home. Delivery could be arranged... Contact Fr Andrew in the first instance.

The finance team are looking for another **volunteer to count and bank the weekly collection** when we get back to worshipping in church. If this could be you, have a quick word with Peter Lewis. Many hands make light work!

Mary Jeavons writes: I will be putting in an order for the Bible Reading Fellowship's *New Daylight* and *Guidelines* books for 2021. The annual fee is £14.10. If you are interested in either of these books, please let me know so I can add to my order, which goes out January 2021.

Jack Collett writes: On behalf of Mavis, as in previous years, I'm collecting names and donations of £5 for Education West Africa. Your names will be on Facebook and the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to your friends. You can drop your £5 with your name in at 11 Hazelmead Drive E/P. Thanks!

If you want **FoSM Christmas Cards**, you are going to have to hurry! there are only 13 packs left (out of the 300 printed) - contact Malcolm on 412961 or friendsofstmarysEP@gmail.com £5 per pack of 10.

The Social Committee have an exciting **Christmas Hamper** and the draw will take place on the 20th December. Tickets from TODAY via Pauline McLelland 412961

St Mary's is now registered with **AmazonSmile** - so if you ever do shopping with Amazon make sure it's with AmazonSmile! Under *Accounts & Lists* select the charity you want to support (you may have to type in East Preston as the area), and select us (our long-winded title is: "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin East Preston with Kingston") and then for every purchase you make with AmazonSmile 0.5% goes to St Mary's. [NB AmazonSmile is the charitable arm of Amazon - this scheme doesn't work unless you use AmazonSmile each time you shop (but it is exactly the same as Amazon in all other respects!)] The link is: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Friends of St Mary's are now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmarysep/>

Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially: Gordon; Janet; Anne Langley; Brenda Jones; June Kirkham; Mavis Cooke; Brian Cooke; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; John Quigley; Sue Douglas; Kayley; Peter; Josh; Mikey, Mary Davey; Margaret; Annette.

We remember those who've died recently: Joyce Thompson

and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Eileen Timms; Sisters Lucy & May of the Cross; Marjorie Shrimpton; Ethel Wheeler; Winifred Fielding; Patricia Bates; Kathleen Hart; Maud Brown.

Next Sunday's readings (13 December: Advent 3):
Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

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