

Nativity Festival update:

Please take part in filling the church with nativities



Our application to break the world record of the most number of nativity sets in one place has been accepted. This currently stands at 2,150! In the Guinness World Record criteria, a nativity set must have a Mary, Joseph, Jesus and at least one of a star/stable/angel/shepherd/animal. The nativities can be of any size, material or style. (However, as yet, it's not clear if flat paintings or pictures will count, so please include an added dimension, or texture to ensure the nativity will count.)

Please pass this invitation onto anyone who may be able to make, or lend us a nativity- we would like to involve as many people as possible and make this a community event to be enjoyed through participation and for viewing, with the added bonus of setting a world record!

The time table so far is as follows:

Book in to Sue at stmmildenhall@aol.com by November 6th with an idea of what you can bring.

Thursday Nov.27th from 10am – decorating the church nativity trees-help needed please.

Friday and Saturday Nov.28th and 29th from 10am to 4pm bringing your nativities which will remain until collection from Jan.4th 1-3pm or on Jan.5th and 6th 10-3pm.

The Big count will be at the Nativity Festival launch service 4pm on Advent Sunday Nov.30th.

The church will be open to make nativities every Saturday 2-3pm from Nov.29th to Dec. 20th and Dec.4th Merry Mildenhall evening 4.30-7.30pm (please sign up on the rota to help welcome).

Other nativities will be made and added ready for the BIG Big Count on Christmas Eve 4pm all-age nativity service.

Then there is a verification process and later we will hear if we have been successful in breaking or setting a record.

Please note – while we have CCTV and do all we can do ensure what you lend or make is kept safe, but we cannot undertake to look after anything very precious to you.

Ideas for creating nativities are available at the back of church and on St.Marys Church Mildenhall facebook page.

St.Mary's Church Mildenhall November Noticesheet



11.00am November 2nd All Saints Sunday All-age service

Ephesians 1:1-6

Friday November 7th 1.30pm Mabbs Hall Remembrance service

10.45am November 9th-Remembrance service

with silence at 11am. 1 Tim.2:1-6

2.30pm Mildenhall Lodge Remembrance service



11.00am November 16th – Second Sunday

before Advent Holy Communion with prayer for healing

2 Thess.3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

11.00am November 23rd Sunday before Advent,

Christ the King. Col.1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43



11.00am November 30th Advent Sunday

Holy Communion with Celtic style prayers. Romans 13:11-end, Matt.24:36-44

4pm Nativity Festival launch service and the Big Count

Through the week: Prayer services- everyone welcome:

Tuesdays and Fridays 9.45-10am in church

Wednesdays Prayer service 3.00-3.15pm in the Cottage rooms, followed by Bible Book club 3.15-4.15 pm.

Thursdays- Nov.6th, 13th and 27th 7.00-7.45pm New: Prayer service with reflection and Compline in church

Churches Together in Mildenhall Prayer time- All welcome

Sat.9am Nov.1st at St.Mary's Sat.9am Dec.6th King's Church

Don't forget clocks go back in the early hours of Sunday Oct.26th.

Don't forget on Remembrance Sunday November 9th the church service will begin at 10.45am.
A wreath will be laid on our behalf at the war memorial on the 11th.

Thank you for all the Harvest decorations and gifts at Harvest time. For help with refreshments and support for the Confirmation candidates.
Thank you too for donations for the school Bibles, we have reached our target.

It's "Shoe Box" time.
Leaflets with label and guidance about how to pack a shoe box are available at the back of church.
There will be a "Shoe box Sale" at 13, East View, Freckenham, IP28 8HU on Tues. 7th and Wed. 8th Oct. 9am-5pm where there will be lots of bits for sale ideal for filling a shoe box.
There will be a "shoe box service" at Freckenham on Sunday Nov. 2nd at 3.00pm. (Or you can drop off shoe boxes at 13, East View, Freckenham, IP28 8HU before Nov. 2nd.)
There is also a follow your box feature – available only online. If you need more information please see Sue who can put you in contact with someone from Freckenham.

If you would like extra **prayer for any reason, or to talk**, please phone 01638, Ann (718902), Sue (711930), or Jill (714775), or put a request in the prayer corner box, come along to a prayer time, or speak to us after a service.

Thank you for taking part in the Recycling Challenge – this is now closed, but there is a new electrical recycling container for electricals up to the size of a microwave, by the bottle banks in the Jubilee car park.
We will continue at church with soft plastic, empty blister pack and crisp packet recycling.

Autumn Clean up Day – Saturday November 22nd from 9am – lots of jobs inside and outside. Dusting and cleaning inside ready for the Nativity Festival and outside leaf sweeping, wedding and bulb planting. Something for everyone. Thank you for your help.

News from the PCC:

1. We will be returning to having services in the chancel from Nov. 2nd, unless it is a special service when we expect increased numbers.
2. A letter will be out shortly to say thank you for all your gifts and with an update about finance.
3. Applications for the solar panels are underway- permissions and grant funding.
4. We will be introducing new welcome sheets which will be given out at the beginning of the service.
5. We hope to put up a temporary rope fence to protect the hedging.

New : All are welcome on Thursdays- Nov. 6th, 13th and 27th 7.00-7.45pm to a Prayer service with reflection, prayers for the world, country, community, church and people including Compline prayers – in the chancel in church

Advent and Christmas special services:

Sunday 4pm Nov. 30th Nativity festival launch and Big count

11am Dec. 7th Christingle service- please bring an orange if you can.

11am Dec. 14th Memorial and Thanksgiving service- invitations to families who have arranged funerals this year will be sent out and there is an opportunity for everyone to remember the lives of loved ones.

4pm Dec. 21st Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve- 4pm Nativity crib service with the BIG big count,
11.30pm Communion and carols

Christmas Day **11am** Communion and carols. (new time)

The full service list will be available soon, along with fliers and community news sheets to take to our neighbours.