# S+Mary's Church

# 30 November, 2025, First Sunday of Advent



### **Services today**

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am - Young Church in the hall.
11.30am – Service of Wholeness and Healing
1pm - Baptism

Hymns for 10am today:- 307. 49, 470, 577.

## Services next week, 7 December

8am – Holy Communion 10am – Holy Communion 10am - Young Church in the hall.

<u>INTERCESSIONS - Our prayers have been asked for Lorna and Charles, Hazel and Elle, Malcolm, Jane, Janine, Julie.</u>

#### COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

#### **READINGS**

Romans 13: 11-14

quarrelling and jealousy.

- <sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.
- <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.
  <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in
- <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24: 36-44 No One Knows That Day and Hour

<sup>36</sup> "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

- <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
- <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
- <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.
- <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.
- <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
- <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.
- <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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SUNDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> November, come and see the Christmas Lights at the village hall in George Green, and enjoy a festive afternoon from 4pm; lights go on around 5pm..

#### HAVE YOU GOT YOUR NEW 2026 DIARY YET?

Make a date for January 16<sup>th</sup> - Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Night. Tickets £10 each from Lynnette, to include a Ploughman's supper. Call Lynnette for more info on m 07751 659 641 or 01753

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**YOUNG CHURCH** - This Sunday is Advent Sunday when we start to prepare for Christmas and Jesus coming. We will play Be-ready relay game and make a candle or Christmas tree Advent Calendar.

#### **NOTICES**

# TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS TO OUR SHOC APPEAL

#### A BOX IS IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR DONATIONS

Monday, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Bingo – all welcome

Tuesday, 10.30, Bible Study group continues to meet at Chris' house. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Chris. m. 07790 366 241.

Tuesday 2 December, 10am - Treasurer meeting.

**Thursday 4 December, 7:30pm** - Emmaus Road Fellowship in church.

COMING SOON, CHRISTINGLE!!

Do you know what the Children's Society does? Come to **Church for All on 14**<sup>th</sup> **December** and find out all about their vital work with disadvantaged children. You will be able to make your own Christingle to take home. Refreshments and bacon rolls will be served from 9.30am. **Christingle envelopes will be in church next week.**