

St Mary's News

Sunday 30th November 2025

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Today

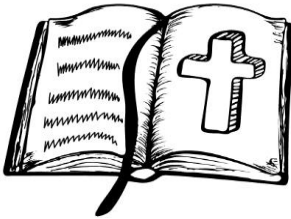
Advent Sunday

Teddy Bear Blessing and Toy Service

10am Family Communion service
with Teddy blessing

Reading:

Matthew 18.1-5, 10-11



The Collect for the 1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet
you in our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**We thank Rev Jane Edwards
for leading our service today**

Next Week

2nd Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12



Prayers for the Week

We pray this week for all who live
in Puttenden Road, Pitts Wood
and High House Lane.

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Connie Bell (30th)

Vera Rose Neve (30th)

Patricia Marston (3rd)

Alan Boatwright (5th)

*If you would like a loved one remembered,
please complete a blue form by the Book of
Remembrance and the name will be added to
the book.*

Coffee After Church

Visitors are warmly welcomed;
please join us for refreshments
after today's 10am service.



This Week at a glance

Monday

10am Quarter Peal attempt

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

Friday

10.30am Coffee Morning for
seniors

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

9am Leading Worship Course

**The church is open every
day from 10am to 3pm.**

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children
are in baskets near the back of
church. There are also books,
crayons etc.



**All visitors' children are
welcome**

Flowers in Church for Christmas

If you would like to make a
donation towards the cost of
Christmas flowers in memory of
a loved one, please hand their
name and the
money to one
of the Church
Wardens by
Monday 22nd
December.
Thank you.



Thank You

A big thank you to those who
helped out at the Bacchus Wind
Orchestra concert last Sunday.
Thanks too to all who supported it
and, of course, to the band for its
wonderful performance. The event
raised over £780 to be shared
between the band and St Mary's.

Christmas Raffle

1st prize £100

2nd prize Christmas hamper

3rd prize Christmas flower arrangement

Tickets on sale (£1 each) from this Sunday. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, please buy as many tickets as you can afford and take some away to sell to family and friends.



Tuesday 23rd December
10.30am - 1pm.

Lots of fun and craft activities, for children and families to enjoy learning about the true meaning of Christmas. followed by a simple meal together and a short act of worship. All welcome to come along and make a Christingle.

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.

Booklet of Advent Reflections



Rev. Nicky Harvey has created a booklet of reflections for every day during Advent. This can be read online or as a hard copy (see, sample at the back of church). To access it online go to St Mary's website. You will find a link to the booklet on the home page or the news page. If you would like a hard copy, please see Janice or email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk The price will be £3 to cover costs.

Café Plus Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 10th December

1pm - 3pm in Church

For our final Café Plus of the year, do come and join us for a warming winter lunch: soup, roll, mince pies table games etc. Free, but donations are welcome for our charities. Please let Sally or Janice know if you would like to attend.

Volunteers Needed

Intercessions

We would like more people to join the intercessions team for leading the prayers during the Sunday service. Guidance and advice will be given. If you could help, please contact Janice.

Church Cleaning

More volunteers are needed to join the rota for church cleaning. If you might be able to help or would like more information, please speak to Janice.

Teddy Bear Prayer

I'm just a little Teddy Bear,
I'll sit upon your bed.
It's my job to remind you
when your prayers should
be said.

When you put me on
your pillow
as you make your bed each day,
remember as you hold me,
to take the time to pray.

Then when you go to bed at night
and put me on the floor,
remember to take the time to
kneel
and say your prayers once
more.

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)
john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Katerina Plucknett-Nixon
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Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)
finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)
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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

John Speed, Katerina Plucknett-Nixon (Church Wardens);
Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod rep.);
Cathy Brill, Kirsty Finch, Jenny Hopkins, Richard Hopkinson, Janice Massy, Martin Massy, Jim May, Iris Shaw and Sharon Vanns.

PCC Secretary:

Richard Hopkinson
PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk
*Minutes of PCC meetings are on the
notice board and on St Mary's website.*