

Pew Sheet for 16 November 2025

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services

Safeguarding & Third Sunday before Advent

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 9:30 service.

Collect:

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

CP163	All hail the power of Jesus' name
CP308	Just as I am, without one plea
EWS101	Jesus Shall Take the Highest Honour
EWS15	Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
EWS152	River Wash Over Me
CP267	Thou who's Almighty Word

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Isaiah 43.1-3a

But now thus says the Lord,
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Isarael;
do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Gospel: Matthew 18.1-11

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire. "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

Post-communion prayer:

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Dates for your diary

A MESSAGE FROM MAGGIE

Thank you so much for all the love and support I have received since Charlie died. We met when I was 15 and Charlie was 17 and had been married for 55 years. I am still in a state of shock and you will understand that I am taking time out to grieve. Your kindness is appreciated more than words can say.

Thursday, 20th November - Afternoon Group - we shall be visiting Squire's Garden Centre. Regular members will be contacted with details and to arrange lifts. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

Sunday 23rd November - Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm - <u>URGENT!</u>

Please, please could you bring donations of bottles, luxury food items, pet accessories, and craft items for the Christmas Fair. We are struggling to get enough to be able to run the stalls.

We would also like some help on the day (sign-up sheet at back of church). Many thanks in anticipation! Please leave donations under the table at the back of the church

Sunday 23rd November 3pm at St Mary's Ewell: The Voice of Melody - Gibbons at 400: Tickets can be bought from Saskia and Martin Harris.

30th **November is Advent Sunday and Gift Day** - a conversation on Stewardship and gifts to the church and a conversation on mission strategies of St Marys after the service

30th November – 6.00 pm - The 'From Darkness to Light' service (a gentle, reflective service) **remains cancelled**. We look forward to sharing this time together at a future date.

Advent Bible Study, 'Waiting in Uncertain Times'

- 1st, 8th and 15th December
- 7.30 8.30pm, on Mondays in the Church Hall

Advent and Christmas Special Services -

ADVENT 3, SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

9.30 am Sung Holy Communion

With guest preacher, our Archdeacon Ven Martin Breadmore.

ADVENT 4, SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

6.30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

- **4.00 pm** Christingle and Crib Service, especially for families and children.
- 11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

10.00 am Christmas Family Communion Service

Other Christmas Carol Services at St Marys-

7th December Silver Band carols:

15th, 16th, 17th Mornings – Schools' carols;

16th December 6 pm Second Cuddington Scouts carols