## This coming week's services and events:

# Monday 29th

10.00am Singles Friendship Group. Hilliers 02.00pm Service of thanksgiving for the late Bishop David and late Pam Wilcox. St Mary, Willingdon

## **Tuesday 30th**

10.15am-10:45am Revive Café. Church on the Trees

11.00am Church on the Trees worship 06.00pm Eucharist. St Mary, Hampden Park **Wednesday 31**st

\*\*\* No Morning Prayer \*\*\*

09.00am Eucharist **Thursday 1**st **January** 

\*\*\* No BCP Holy Communion \*\*\*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.00am Eucharist. St Peter, The Hydneye

## Saturday 3rd

08.30am Parish Partnership Men's Breakfast. Willingdon Golf Club

# Next Sunday 4th January 2026

# **Epiphany Sunday**

\*\*\* No 08.00am Holy Communion, Morning Prayer \*\*\*

10.00am Parish Eucharist

06.30pm Evensong

Any inclusions for the pew sheet to be sent to Carl by 12 noon on Wednesday at office@parishpartnership.co.uk or 01323 501763

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# St Mary the Virgin, Willingdon

# Sunday 28th December 2025

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

# **Services Today**

08.00am Holy Communion 08.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Encounter 06.30pm Evening Prayer

# **Today's Hymns**

62 Come and join the celebration82 See him lying on a bed of straw74 Like a candle flame, Born in the night60 Away in a manger72 Joy to the world

# **Today's Readings**

Exodus 33.7-11a
Psalm 117
1 John 1
John 21.19b-end

## Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

# Please pray for...

We pray for the sick and the suffering among them: Alan, Suzanne M, Monica C We pray for the faithful departed among them: Janet C, Bishop David Wilcox, Pam Wilcocx Jean Barron, Carol Ockendon, Lubomir Iliev We pray for the those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Elsie Lees. Joan Shirtliff, Richard Sherrington, Joan Williams, Henry Bishop, Minnie Bishop, Stephen John Lorraine (Steve), Ernest Jackson, Eleanor Duncan, Michael Pritchett, Dorothy Neal, Kathleen Gale, Daisy Adams, John Thoday, Lola Booth, Peggy Edwards, William Ward, Ainslie Darby, Cyril Phillips, Georgina Satchler, Margaret Browning

# **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

#### **Notices**

**Laying on of hands** in the Ratton Chapel after the Encounter service today.

**Singles Friendship Group** dates for January: 5<sup>th</sup> coffee at 10.00am, 12<sup>th</sup> coffee at St Wilfrid's Hospice, 19<sup>th</sup> lunch at The British Queen and 26<sup>th</sup> coffee at First Serve (Longlands Rec.).

Willingdon Church Players Tickets for Alice in Wonderland, are now on sale. 21st-24th January 7.30pm- Willingdon Memorial Hall. Adults- £10, children under 11- £5. Call Annette on 07870854941. Or purchase at coffee on the 11th and 18th January.

Parish Giving Scheme for 2026 ONLY there will be NO automatic inflationary increase and therefore you can either keep it at the same level for 2026, or you can contact PGS and nominate your own increase. The automatic increase process will restart in January 2027.

Congratulations the 'Mouseketeers' Ruth, Pauline, Iona and Felicity who took part in the Woman's Weekly campaign knitting and crocheting 60 Mice part of a total result of 46,506 mice which have been sent out to more than 500 cat charities. This helped successfully achieve an entry in the World Book of Record Holders for 2025.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal final total £375, thank you all for your generosity.

**Church yard tidy** 7<sup>th</sup> January bring your own tools and gloves – refreshments provided.

Christmas tree festival raised a grand total of £1700! Congratulations to all who helped and came to support. The winner of the newly named Elf – 'Brandy' was won by Rebecca and was thrilled to add to her collection of cuddly toys.

Envelope Giving Scheme apologies to those who donate through the envelope scheme but there has been a delay in printing. I hope to have next year's envelopes here in church early in January. Anyone who would like to donate through this means or the Parish Giving Scheme please see Trevor.

**Annual Leave** Father Adam will be having some time off from 30<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January.

A Huge Thank You to everyone who helped support the smooth running of the Church over advent and leading into Christmas, your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

## Save the Date

**5**<sup>th</sup> **January** Singles Friendship Group 10.00am @ Willingdon Park Manor

**10**<sup>th</sup> **January** Ladies Fellowship Group 10.30am @ Morrisons

**11<sup>th</sup> January** Epiphany Lunch. 12.30pm ready for 01.00pm sit down @ Chalk Farm Hotel

**17**<sup>th</sup> **January** Rosary Prayer Group. 11.00am @ St Peters

**21**<sup>st</sup> **January** Taizé Eucharist 07.00pm @ St Mary, Willingdon

**27**<sup>th</sup> **January** Mass 'n Chips. 06.00pm @ St Mary, Hampden Park

 $7^{\text{th}}$  February Messy Church. 03.00–05.30pm @ St Mary, Willingdon Church Hall

**18**<sup>th</sup> **February** Ash Wednesday Service. 06.30pm @ St Mary, Willingdon

**2<sup>nd</sup> May** Messy Church. 03.00-05.30pm @ St Mary, Willingdon Church Hall