



St Mary's
Parish Church
Frinton 2025

I press on to reach the end of the race
and receive the heavenly prize for which God,
through Christ Jesus, is calling us.
Philippians 3:14



Welcome!

Tea and coffee available from 10:30 at the back of the church

Time for a chat

Sunday, 14th December 2025

Parish Church Services (Sunday only)

9:30am Traditional Service BCP

Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-11

11am All-Age Service (also livestreamed)

Isaiah 35:1-10



Old Church Services

Sunday 6:30pm Evening Service - CW (HC)

Wednesday 11am Holy Communion



St Mary's Parish Church Frinton

Sometimes Christmas hurts.
A reflective time to embrace God's hope in the face of loss.

Blue Christmas Service

Refreshments will be provided after the service.

Wednesday 17th December, 6:30 pm
St Mary's Parish Church, Old Road,
Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 9BX

Christmas isn't always easy, especially when you have lost someone close ...
This a service for those experiencing the heartache and loneliness of loss this
Christmas, or for whom this time of year can feel difficult, for all sorts of reasons.



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Christmas at St Mary's

Christingle
Sunday 7th December, 4pm
Oranges, Treats and Candles

Blue Christmas
Wednesday 17th December, 6:30pm
Christmas isn't always an easy time of year

Christmas Family Nativity
Sunday 21st December, 11am
Lively Christmas fun for the whole family

Carol Service
Sunday 21st December, 6:30pm
The Story of Christmas with Carols

Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24th December, 11:15pm
Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day
Thursday 25th December, 10:30am
Festive Family Celebration

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Hope

LIVE
STREAMING



Prayer requests for this sheet should be made via the **Church Office**.

Tel: 01255 679164 Email: Office@stmarysfrinton.org Website: www.stmarysfrinton.org

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain (a group of church members who will pray, in complete confidence, for serious situations) Stewart and Mary Wilson: 01255 814 594

NEVER
DOUBT THE
POWER
OF PRAYER

For our prayers during the week ...

... those who are unwell, and those who care for them:



Anne Davis, Chris Glasby, Kelsey Hawkins, Philip Kyriacou,
Sue Maloney, Sylvia Wells, Daphne West, and Cate Wilby.



We have some very sad news from the *Haven in Romania* family – Diane Baker, one of the charity's trustees, has died very suddenly. She went to be with the Lord on 2nd December, so please pray for her family and give thanks for the love she shared with the children in Piatra Neamt. Monica writes, "Please, pray for the day centre, and for the future of *Haven in Romania*... we lost today a precious member and a very dedicated person... God is in control of all things, but sometimes is hard to see further..."

Please also pray that the children and staff may have a blessed Christmas break. Thank you.

Maggie Wilson



Christingle Service: We raised £145.05 for the work of Haven in Romania.

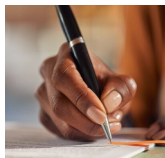
Part-time Admin Assistant

St Mary's Parish Church is looking to appointment someone on a permanent contract to support the Operations Manager for 3 hours a week. For a full Job Description and Application Form please contact Dominic Gardner, Operations Manager: opsmgr@stmarysfrinton.org
Applications close on Friday 19th December 2025.



Church Christmas Cards

If you wish to send Christmas cards (to other **church members only**) please use the A-Z shoeboxes by the South Door in church. **DO NOT** use the pigeon holes for Christmas cards. Any uncollected cards will be removed on Sunday 11th January. If you can, please deliver any to housebound members.



Our Rector Funmilayo is writing a letter to the members of our Church each month. These letters appear on our website. Just click on [this link](https://www.stmarysfrinton.org/focus1.htm) or go to <https://www.stmarysfrinton.org/focus1.htm> to read what she has to say this month. If you don't have access to the internet, simply contact the Church Office and ask to read a paper copy.



Notice to all Key-Holders

During December and January, key-holders will be contacted by Dominic Gardner or David Kidney, regarding church keys held. **They will request back any keys you still hold, for any role you no longer undertake.** As a church, we are constantly updating and expanding provisions and need to keep costs low where possible. Cutting extra keys has the potential to be expensive, however, if everyone returns keys they no longer need, we hope it will be possible to simply re-issue keys, rather than spend money unnecessarily.



Office Christmas Opening Times

The Church Office will close at 12 noon on Monday 22nd December until Monday 5th January. During this period the telephone will not be monitored, but emails will be. Should you need anything urgent during the Christmas period, please contact the Operations Manager or the Churchwardens.



Christmas at St Mary's

Blue Christmas - Wed 17th - 6:30pm

(Christmas isn't always an easy time of year)

Christmas Family Nativity -

Sun 21st - 11am

(Lively Christmas fun for the whole family.)

Don't forget to dress up.)

Carol Service - Sun 21st - 6:30pm

(The Story of Christmas with Carols)

Christmas Eve - 11:15pm

(Traditional Service with Holy Communion)

Christmas Day - 10:30am

(Family Festive Celebration)

Sunday 28th Dec - 10:30am

(Only one service on this day)



Giving at St Mary's

If you would like to make a gift, and do not carry cash, you can make a one-off donation by using the card-reader or via **Parish Giving Scheme**. If you would like to be a regular giver please take a paper copy of 'An Introduction to the Parish Giving Scheme' from the back of church and complete it, or use the information found on the back of this noticesheet.



Want to know what we are doing?

www.stmarysfrinton.org
#stmarysfrinton



Our final **Weekly Prayer Meeting** of 2025 will take place on Monday 15th December, 7:30 to 8:30pm, and will meet in Room 2. Weekly Prayer will resume on Monday 5th January. In January and February we will also have an afternoon Hour of Prayer at 2:30pm on Thursday 22nd January & Thursday 19th February.



Attention: ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH CAR PARK

Please **do not park** in the four reserved spaces beside the church, especially the Rector's space, without permission, at any time of day, on any day of the week. The 3 other remaining spaces are reserved, Monday to Friday, 8am until 6pm, for the Office Team to delegate as necessary to those on church business. There is also **NO parking** in front of the main doors, as this restricts emergency exit routes.

Want to feel more connected to God's Word?

The Bible Course begins Tuesday 3rd February 2026, 2pm & 7pm in Rooms 3/4 and on following Tuesdays 3rd 10th 17th February (NOT 24th) & 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st March.

A course guide will be available for purchase in the New Year from the Church Office.

2:30 and 7pm sessions will be a duplicate each week. More information about this to come.

Discover how Bible characters, stories, and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the collection for Jaywick. On Friday we delivered sweets, biscuits, fruit and snacks for 60 children, 30 families and 25 elderly. Thank you to Judy Morris for her help with delivery. Thank you also for **continued prayers** for the Jaywick community, which, according to recent news reports, still remains **the most deprived area in the country**. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Eleanor Young

During the week ...

Morning Prayer - returns on Monday 5th January at 9am in Room 2.

Monday 15th Weekly Prayer Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 17th Wednesday Group 10am
 Holy Communion (Old Church) 11am
 Blue Christmas Service 6:30pm
Thursday 18th Knit & Natter 1:30pm
Friday 19th Coffee Morning 10am
 Choir Practice 6pm



Peace



Sunday 21st December

NO Service at 9:30am

11am Christmas Family Nativity (also livestreamed)

Please dress up so you can take part in the Nativity

6:30pm Traditional Carol Service

Rotas for 2025 available on ChurchSuite. [Logins](#) available upon request.



Secure Giving and Donations

We are members of the **Parish Giving Scheme** which means you can set up regular monthly giving, or leave a 'one-off gift'.

Giving regularly via PGS means (unlike other ways of giving) the Church receives 100% of your donation, plus Gift Aid - WITH NO BANK FEES!

Donors who would like to use the services of PGS can simply visit parishgiving.org.uk and find our Church using the easy search tool. Then follow a few simple steps to set up your donation securely (or [click here](#)).

Or you can scan the QR code on this page, which will take you straight to our parish's landing page on the PGS website, where you can click on the 'one-off gift'. It couldn't be easier!

Alternatively, you can set up your regular gift by phoning the PGS team on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9-5.

If you need any help, please get in touch with **Dominic Gardner, Operations Manager**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Christmas Family Nativity - Sun. 21st December 11am
Traditional Carol Service - Sun. 21st December 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Service - Wed. 24th December 11:15pm
Christmas Day Service - Thurs. 25th December 10:30am

Find us on the web!



Noticesheet Items: please submit to the Church Office by noon Tuesday to office@stmarysfrinton.org

Homegroup Information: Heather Ursell - 07882 402 768

Media & PowerPoint items: email to office before 6pm Wednesday

Bookings for Church Premises: OpsMgr@stmarysfrinton.org