

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30th <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i> 8.30 Eucharist S Chad's C Revd John Davis P Philip Taylor <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> 10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's C Preb Michael Newman P Philip Taylor 6.30 Advent Carol Service S Mary's	1st Dec <i>Andrew the Apostle</i> 10.00am-4.00pm Tree Festival set up S Mary's	2nd Dec 10.00am-4.00pm Tree Festival set up S Mary's NO EUCHARIST TODAY	3rd Dec <i>Francis Xavier, 1552</i> 11.00am Eucharist S Chad's 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival 7.00pm Mayor's reception for Christmas Tree Festival S Mary's	4th Dec <i>John of Damascus, c.749; Nicholas Ferrar, 1637</i> 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival 7.30pm Festival Night Concert with St Mary's Singers S Mary's	5th Dec 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival Noon Eucharist S Chad's 4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	6th Dec <i>Nicholas, c.326</i> 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival 7.00pm Festive Concert with Fish from Oblivion S Mary's
7th <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8.30 Eucharist S Chad's C P Preb Michael Newman <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> 10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's C Revd Pam Merriott P Preb Michael Newman 10.00 Christingle Service S Leonard's Philip Taylor 2.30 Carols among the Trees S Mary's 6.00 A Child of Mine S Mary's	8th <i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival 7.00pm Christmas with VocaBella and the Rock Choir	9th 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival NO EUCHARIST TODAY	10th Tree Festival clear up S Mary's 11.00am Eucharist S Chad's 7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	11th 1.00pm Stafford Grammar Carol Service S Mary's	12th Noon Eucharist S Chad's 4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	13th <i>Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304; Samuel Johnson 1784</i> 10.30am -12.00pm Christmas Cracker S Mary's 4.00pm Visiting bell ringers S Mary's
14th <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8.30 Eucharist S Chad's C P Revd Preb Michael Newman <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> 10.00 Family Eucharist S Mary's C Revd John Davis P Revd Pam Merriott 5.30pm Emergency Services Carol Service S Mary's	15th 7.00pm Stafford Choral Society performance of the Messiah S Mary's	16th Noon Eucharist S Mary's 2.00pm WI Carol Service 6.30pm Scouts Carol Service	17th <i>Eglantyne Jebb, 1928</i> 11.00am Eucharist S Chad's 1.00pm Come & Sing Carols S Chad's 7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	18th 2.00pm Stafford College Carol Service	19th Noon Eucharist S Chad's 4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	20th 1.00pm Come & Sing Carols S Mary's 2.00pm Crib Service S Chad's
21st <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8.30 Eucharist S Chad's C P Revd John Davis <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> 10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's C Preb Michael Newman P Revd John Davis 10.00 Eucharist S Leonard's C Revd Pam Merriott P Philip Taylor 6.30 Civic Carol Service S Mary's	22nd	23rd Noon Eucharist S Mary's 1.00pm Come & Sing Carols S Chad's	24th <i>Christmas Eve</i> NO EUCHARIST TODAY 4.00pm Carol Service S Leonard's 4.00pm Christingle Service S Mary's 8.00pm First Mass of Christmas S Chad's 11.30pm Midnight Mass S Mary's	25th <i>Christmas Day</i> 10.00am Sung Eucharist S Mary's C Revd Pam Merriott P Preb Michael Newman	26th <i>Stephen</i> NO EUCHARIST TODAY NO CHOIR PRACTICES	27th <i>John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
28th <i>The First Sunday of Christmas</i> 8.30 Eucharist S Chad's C&P Preb Michael Newman <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> 10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's C Preb Michael Newman P Revd John Davis	29th <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	30th NO EUCHARIST TODAY	31st <i>John Wyclif, 1384</i> NO EUCHARIST TODAY 7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	1st Jan <i>The naming and circumcision of Jesus</i>	2nd Jan <i>Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, 379 and 389; Seraphim, 1833: Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, 1945</i> NO EUCHARIST TODAY NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	3rd Jan

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ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Wednesday 3rd - Tuesday 9th December
 St. Mary's Church will be open to visitors every day from 10am until 4pm throughout the festival. Everyone welcome!

Thursday 4th December - 7:30pm (Entry £6)
 Festival Night Concert

Saturday 6th December - 7pm (Entry £10)
 Fish from Oblivion Festive Concert

Sunday 7th December - 2pm (Free Entry)
 Carols around the Christmas Trees
 With the Salvation Army Band and Stafford Grammar School Choir

Monday 8th December - 7pm (Entry £10)
 Christmas with Voca Bella & Rock Choir

St Leonards Church,
Marston, ST18 9ST

Christmas Events

Sunday 7th December 10am –
Christingle Service, everyone will have the opportunity to make a Christingle to take home

Sunday 21st December 10am –
Communion with Christmas Carols

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve
 4pm - **Christmas Carol Service** with mulled wine and mince pies

Everyone welcome, come and join us
 Enquires to: stleonardmarston@outlook.com

One World Group
A Message of Thanks and Upcoming Appeals

The One World Group at St Mary's Church, Stafford, would like to extend our warmest thanks to all members of the congregation for their continued generosity and compassion. Your ongoing support for Stafford's local food bank has made a meaningful difference to individuals and families experiencing hardship in our community.

We also invite you to support two important upcoming initiatives:

Christmas Tree Festival Carol Concert – 4th December, 7.30pm A special collection will be taken in aid of Hospice Care Kenya during the Carol Concert at the Christmas Tree Festival. Your contributions will help provide vital care and support for patients and families in Kenya facing life-limiting illness. Thank you in advance for giving so generously.

Food Drive – Sunday, 14th December We will be holding a food drive to support the local food bank, collecting non-perishable items including: - Tinned meals - Tinned vegetables - Tea - Coffee -Packaged festive treats.
 Every donation helps bring comfort, nourishment, and hope to those most in need during the Christmas season.

Thank you for continually showing such heartfelt commitment to supporting others locally and globally.

Your kindness truly changes lives.

StaffordChurches.uk in December 2025
 @StaffordChurch
 Saint Chad : Collegiate Church of Saint Mary : Saint Leonard

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 3rd to Tuesday 9th
 Christmas Tree Festival
 10am-4pm at St Mary's
Carols Around the Christmas Trees
 Sunday 7th at 2.30pm

For children and families
 Christmas Cracker, Saturday 13th
 10.30am-12 noon at St Mary's
Children's activities and worship

Crib Service, Saturday 20th
 2.00pm at St Chad's

Carol Services
 At St Mary's:
 Sunday 21st, 6.30pm
 At St. Leonard's
 Wednesday 24th, 4.00pm

Christingle Services
 At St Leonard's
 Sunday 7th, 10.00am
 At St Mary's
 Wednesday 24th, 4.00pm

Christmas Eve
 First Mass of Christmas: 8.00pm at Saint Chad's
 Midnight Mass: 11.30pm at St. Mary's

Christmas Day Eucharist: 10.00am at St. Mary's

Have you signed up for our weekly e-newsletter?

Go to your browser and type in:
<http://eepurl.com/gXGBYr>
 to go straight to the signup form.

St. Chad's Crib Service

Saturday 20th December – 2pm
 St. Chad's Church, Stafford

★ All children must be accompanied by an adult

★ Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite nativity character!

Please take this newsletter away with you.
 StaffordChurches in January will come out on December 28th. If you have something to go into the calendar, please tell Samantha in the Parish Office before December 23rd.