



# ST MARY'S

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**Pew Sheet for 24 December 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services*

## **Christmas Eve Midnight Communion**

*Service starts at 11.30pm*

### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Hymns:**

<b>CP53</b>	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
<b>CP61</b>	O Come All Ye Faithful
<b>CP63</b>	O Little Town of Bethlehem
<b>CP66</b>	Once In Royal David's City
<b>CP45</b>	Away in a Manger

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 9 2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Great will be his authority,<sup>[d]</sup>  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Lord sent a word against Jacob,  
and it fell on Israel,  
and all the people knew it -  
Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria -  
but in pride and arrogance of heart they said:

## **Luke 2 1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

### **Post-communion prayer:**

Eternal God, for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:  
keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Dates for your diary

### **CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER**

10.00 am Christmas Family Communion Service

### **NEW YEARS DAY - 1ST JANUARY 2026 - CHURCH WALKING GROUP - is**

organising a New Years Day walk around Ham and Richmond Park.

Meet in the church car park at 11.00am and car share to the Ham Street CP. We expect to lunch (bring your own) at Pembroke Lodge before returning to Ham Street via Ham Gate. All are welcome.

### **SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY at 7pm at All Saints Weston. Hey for**

**Christmas!** The Ripieno Choir collaborates with professional group Siglo de Oro and the Spinacino Consort in a reimagining of the Christmastide revelry at a 17th century London house party. Tickets from [www.ripienochoir.org.uk](http://www.ripienochoir.org.uk)

**SUNDAY 4TH & 11TH JANUARY 2026** - there will also be an 8am service.

**SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026 - BAPTISM OF CHRIST** - On this day, we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. All those who have been baptised at St Mary's are warmly invited to bring their baptismal candle and take part in a prayer of baptismal renewal, using the Collect for the day, during the 9.30 am service.

**SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026 - The Listening Group of St Mary's** will be introduced during the 9.30am service.

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026** - We will welcome a **special guest speaker from the Prison Ministry** at the 9.30am service.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & STAMPS** - don't forget you can leave cards for others in the pigeonholes and used stamps can be left in the red box at the back of church for Princess Alice Hospice.