



## The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



### News from Westerham

**Sunday 14th December,  
Third Sunday of Advent**  
**8.00am, Traditional Communion**

**at Westerham:** a said service

**10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill**

**Readings:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**10.30am, Advent 2nd Sunday with Christingles at Westerham:** our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with refreshments available throughout. Everybody's welcome.



Day	Time	What's on at St Mary's this week?
Tues to Sat	9.00 - 9.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
Tuesday	10am - 12pm	<b>Coffee Time Christmas Party</b> in the John Fryth Room with carol singing led by Pastor Phil on piano and hopefully a guest singing performance by Steve. <b>If you are able to donate any food—sweet or savoury, please let Christina know.</b>
	7.45pm	<b>Bell ringing practice</b>
Wednesday	10am	<b>Midweek Communion:</b> a said service
	10am to 12pm	<b>Jigsaw Group</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	7pm	<b>Choir practice</b> in the John Fryth Room

**Sunday 21st December, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8.00am, Book of Common Prayer Communion at Crockham Hill**

**10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham:** in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards. Everybody's welcome.

**Readings:** Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

**6.00pm, Candle Lit Carol Service at Westerham**

**6.00pm, Nine Lessons and Carols at Crockham Hill**

**Rotas for January and February 2026** are now available to view online. Please let Bruce know of any swaps.

**Volunteers needed for brass cleaning ready for Christmas!** If you are able to assist in cleaning/polishing the altar candlesticks, cross, processional cross and collection plate, please contact **Bruce** in the first instance. For items permanently in church, e.g. altar rail, sanctuary candlestands, etc, please contact **Sandra Johnson**. If you are already a volunteer, **thank you** and keep at it!

**Christmas Cards for sale:** Thank you to everyone who bought our specially designed St Mary's Christmas card. **We sold out last weekend, but more supplies have been ordered!** The card illustrates the Nativity scene in the east window and was crafted by Bruce. Available in the coffee area after the 10.30 service on Sundays or from the Benefice Office: **£1 each**.

Bruce has kindly agreed for the design to be used for the **St Mary's single Christmas card**. It is available to sign at the back of the church on Sundays. You may remember that as an Eco Church we decided to have one card rather than sending individual ones - perhaps donate the money you save to your favourite charity (which could be St Mary's!).

**Thank you** to everyone who stewarded at the Christmas Tree Festival. The warm welcome makes a great difference to visitors.

**Organ Update.** Thank you to all of you who have supported the Organ Restoration Fund since it was launched. We're now waiting the grant of a faculty for the remainder of the work from the Diocese, and will be back raising funds in the New Year. In the meantime, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year to you all.



**Christmas Lights!** Once again this year, Peter Cambridge is brightening London Road with his display of Christmas lights, and once again there's an opportunity to donate to Porchlight, a local Kent charity working with the homeless. The lights will be on **until Monday 5th January**. If you would like to donate, you can follow the link to the Just

Giving page or use the QR code: [Christmas Lights for Porchlight \(London Rd, Westerham\) - JustGiving](#)



**Christmas Newsletter:** the newsletter on 21st December will be an extended edition covering the period until 10th January. If you have any items for submission, please send them to the Benefice Office **by 12pm on Wednesday 17th December**. Thank you.

The **Benefice Office will be closed** from 1pm on Christmas Eve until Monday 5th January.

**Expenses:** If you have any unclaimed expenses please make sure that they are submitted on a claim form, to the Benefice Office, **by Friday 19th December**. This is so that everything can be paid by 31st December, which helps to make the Treasurer's life easier when compiling the year's accounts.

***It's Your Calling:*** The next day for exploring how God might be calling you is on **Saturday 28th February** at the St Benedict's Centre. God's people are a pilgrim people, and we are all called to on the move, spiritually and in vocation. The new year is the perfect moment to spend some time with others, asking God to show us what new thing he is calling us to. **Speak to Revd Dave if you think this might be for you.**

***Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever life is like for you and however you experience yourself; regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you are welcome to every service in both our churches.***

**A Prayer for Peace:** God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold, protect and provide for them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

**Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday**

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## **Advent and Christmas Services in Crockham Hill and Westerham**

Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus  
Everyone's welcome

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
10.30am - Advent 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Westerham

Sunday 21st December  
6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols Service  
at Crockham Hill  
6pm - Christmas Carol Service at Westerham

Christmas Eve  
3pm - Crib Service at Westerham  
4pm - Christingle Service at Crockham Hill  
11.30pm - Midnight Mass at Westerham

Christmas Day  
8am - Traditional Communion at Westerham  
10am - Holy Communion at Crockham Hill  
10.30am - Holy Communion at Westerham

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