



# ST MARY'S

◆ CUDDINGTON ◆

**Pew Sheet for 25 December 2025**

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

## **Christmas Day**

### **Collect:**

Eternal God,  
in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:  
give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **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>CP660</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 52 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy,  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth; shout together for joy,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

### John 1 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to

testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,<sup>[d]</sup> full of grace and truth.

**Post-communion prayer:**

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.

## 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.