ST MARY'S
CUDDINGTON

Pew Sheet for 15th November 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services

2nd Sunday before Advent and Safeguarding Sunday

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 9:30 service

Collect:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed

Hymns:

CP558	**Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of Creation**
CP386	**Be thou my vision**
CP581	**Take my Life and Let it Be**
EWS16	**Bind us together Lord**
CP277	**All for Jesus, all for Jesus**

We are very grateful to all those who give generously to St Marys. Some of you may find it easier to donate through our Give a Little account and use the QR code shown here

Readings

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a longtime the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And

the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the gro serviceund. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post-communion prayer:

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - following the 9.30am service, there will be a celebration of Pat Lelliott's 90th year. All are welcome.

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - 4pm Youth Conversations with Martin Gerrard at the church Hall

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – AFTERNOON GROUP will be visiting Squires Garden Centre. Members will be contacted about lifts. Any queries please contact Judith via the Parish Office.

DONATIONS BY FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER for local Christmas FoodBank. List of items is displayed at the back of church.

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - WOMEN'S GROUP will be welcoming our friend Miriam back an with her beautiful soaps, candles and melts. It is always a pleasure to see her and this is a good opportunity to buy some Christmas presents! Do come along from 10am for coffee and cake; we aim to finish by 12 noon.

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - QUIZ NIGHT - 7pm start tickets are now on sale at £10 each. Mark Hodge is the quizmaster, and a meal will be provided. We are holding a raffle, so could you please bring any raffle prizes and leave them under the table at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER GIFT DAY – 9.30am service We are currently raising funds towards improving the church heating system. We have already installed some under-seat heating in the choir area and hope to extend these improvements as resources allow. We are also looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to offer their time, skills and gifts to support the various activities and community initiatives at St Mary's.

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - HEALING SERVICE 6pm at St Mary Cuddington All are welcome.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS HOMEMADE SUNDAY after morning service. Please start baking, jam making, making craft items, small baskets (to fill with treats), Pet treats and accessories or growing plants in preparation for this sale. More details to follow.

Each Sunday, following the 9:30am service, someone is available in St Mary's Chapel to listen, pray, and offer pastoral support.

The church is also open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm for anyone who would like to come in for quiet prayer, reflection, or simply to spend time in the presence of God. On Thursday mornings from 9am I join Rod to pray together at the Church using the Church of England morning prayers. All are welcome.

First and second Sunday of the month we have an 8am service – 6th and 12th December.