My dear friends,

It was when life was at its darkest and most dangerous that Jesus was born, amidst political unrest and social unease.

His birth brought a whisper of hope of a different way of valuing each other and living together in the world, more united with one another and with our Creator God.

May His presence similarly pierce the darkness and danger so many are experiencing in the world of today and may hope be kindled in hearts, minds and imaginations, in others and in ourselves, in 2026.

With blessings and best wishes,

Jeff Hopkin Williams Vicar of St. Mary's Twickenham

## Please join us for our regular services:

Sundays: 8am Prayer Book Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in month)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (every Sunday)
Sunday School groups for ages 3 to 11+ years and 'Little Fish' for newborns to 3.5 years with carers meet during 9.30am Sunday services in term-time.

Wednesdays: 10am Eucharist or Prayer Hour

## and for these special celebrations and services:

ADVENT SUNDAY, 30th November

6pm Advent Carol Service with the Marble Hill Singers

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

4pm Christingle Service to help raise funds for The Children's Society

Sunday 21st December

9.30am Children's Nativity Eucharist 6pm Christmas Carol Service

## CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday 24th December

3.30pm Crib Service

4.30pm Crib Service

11pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Festival Eucharist for Christmas Morning