

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others

# Welcome I 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025



You are very welcome at our worship. We hope you experience God this morning. If you are new or visiting we would love to meet you.

<b>(1</b> ) <b>(1</b>	Toilets & Baby Changing facilities are situated in the Parish Centre next to the church
	Please join us for Fairtrade tea or coffee after the service in the Parish Centre
	If you would like private prayer, please go to the chancel during communion or speak to a member of clergy after the service
	If you would like to receive a gluten free wafer, please speak to the person who greeted you at the door or a churchwarden

# **Services**

# Sunday 14th December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

### 10am Parish Communion

Isaiah 35.1-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Click <u>HERE</u> to access Zoom for 10.00am service. Meeting ID: 858 8936 7180 & Password: 508863 recurring link for Sunday services, for those who would like to join us virtually

# 6pm Sunday@6 Service

### Prayer for the day

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dates for your diary

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 6-10.15pm SBCB rehearsal in Church

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 3-10pm SBCB Rehearsal & Concert at 7pm in Church

Sunday 14th Dec 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom

12-3.30pm Private party in Parish Centre

6pm Sunday@6 Service in Church, Theme 'Rejoice'

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 8am Morning Prayer in Church

9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler group in Church - Last of term

7pm Toby Concert in Church

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec I-3.30pm Vivace Voices rehearsal in Church Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Ipm Vivace Voices rehearsal in Church

2.30pm Vivace Voices Concert in Church

Thurs 18th Dec 11am Communion Service held at The Hollies Care Home, Burghfield

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9am Breakfast@Church

10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols Service in Church

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9am Morning Prayer in Church

Wed 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm Christingle Service in Church 5pm Christingle Service in Church

11.30 Midnight Communion Service in Church & via Zoom

Thurs 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

10am All Age Service (no Communion) in Church & via Zoom

Sunday 28th Dec 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom with Revd Juliet Straw

We at St Mary's now offer an online donation page! If you would like to donate, please click on the link:



Donations to St Mary's Church can also be made via the QR code. Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission



## Please Pray For:

Sycamore Close, Rowan Way, Beech Close, Chestnut Drive & Larch Close.



Charities HHI, Farm Africa, Burghfield United Charities, Trussel Trust, Yeldhall Manor, Home Start, Spotlight UK & Lawrence's Roundabout Well Appeal.

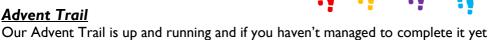
Local Nurseries, playgroups & childminders; & single parents, carers & children who are carers.

Years Mind -

Elinor Cooper, Maurice Reed & Gillian Margaret Etherington

# **Notices**

#### Advent Trail



there is still time as it's running up until Christmas Eve. Printed maps are available from Church, Harrys Café or the Library or printable from our website which has all the details you need.

Thank You! - Thanking everyone who helped to make our Christmas Tree Festival weekend, such a great success. Also special thanks to all who contributed so generously to the 'The Cowshed -Tree of Hope'. We delivered 121 gifts to the wrapping station. More info on Facebook and in next week's early lanuary newsletter.

### **Children's Society**

Funds raised from recent events are:-

Cake stall £165 Carols on the Hatch £178

Sale of Christmas cards £136 Grand total £343

Thank you everyone.

Our next events are the Christingle services . If anyone would like to help please speak to Colin, Anne B. or Pat G

### **Church Christmas Card**

We now have on the cupboard at the back of Church, a large Church Christmas card. In the interest of saving trees and in line with our Eco Church endeavours you can write your Christmas greeting to the rest of your Church family. The picture is based on one of our beautiful Church windows.

## 9 Lessons & Carols Service - Sunday 21st December 6 pm.

As usual we will be running a turn up and sing choir that will meet at 3.30pm in Church to learn some simple carols and lead the singing for the service. If you would like to join the choir just turn up, if you would like some more information drop Gill an email gillwsinclair@gmail.com



# 21st December

- 10am Communion service- Do come and join in for a special service where Bishop Mary Gregory, the new Area Bishop of Reading, will preside and preach with refreshments after the service.
- 6pm Nine lessons and Carols

# Christingle Services - Christmas Eve 3pm & 5pm

Everyone is invited to join us at one of our Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. Please note a change to our normal times. We hope to see lots of you there. Funds raised go to The Children's Society.

# **Fundraising**

<u>Easyfundraising</u> is a totally FREE way to raise funds for our Church. Sign up and every time you spend money online through a participating store they donate to us, it's so easy and costs you nothing so please sign up today. Click this link (you might need to copy & paste it) to sign then search **St**Mary's Burghfield https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=49900&invite=1vyzji&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral



We have a donation box just inside the front door of Church on top of our other recycling collection bins. So far we have raised an amazing £239.05 from your old and empty ink cartridges, so Thank You.

### **Contact Information**

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Parish Administrator, Tuesday - Friday, 8.45am - 12.45pm Office & Homebased.

If you need a face-to-face meeting please email or call to arrange a date & time.

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