

Christmas Services 2025

at St Mary the Virgin, Henley-on-Thames

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1.5)

You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ this Christmas!

Sunday 14th December

4PM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

An opportunity to sing your favourite carols in an informal setting, with seasonal refreshments. Donations are invited to support music at St Mary's.

Sunday 21st December

6.30 PM FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The ultimate traditional carol service, with the Choir of St Mary's Church. Seasonal refreshments will be offered after the service.

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3PM CRIB SERVICE

An exploration of the Christmas story especially suitable for families and children. All are welcome to dress up as their favourite Nativity story character, be it an angel or an ox or ass!

11PM THE MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS

With the Choir of St Mary's Church. Incense is used at this service.

Thursday 25th December

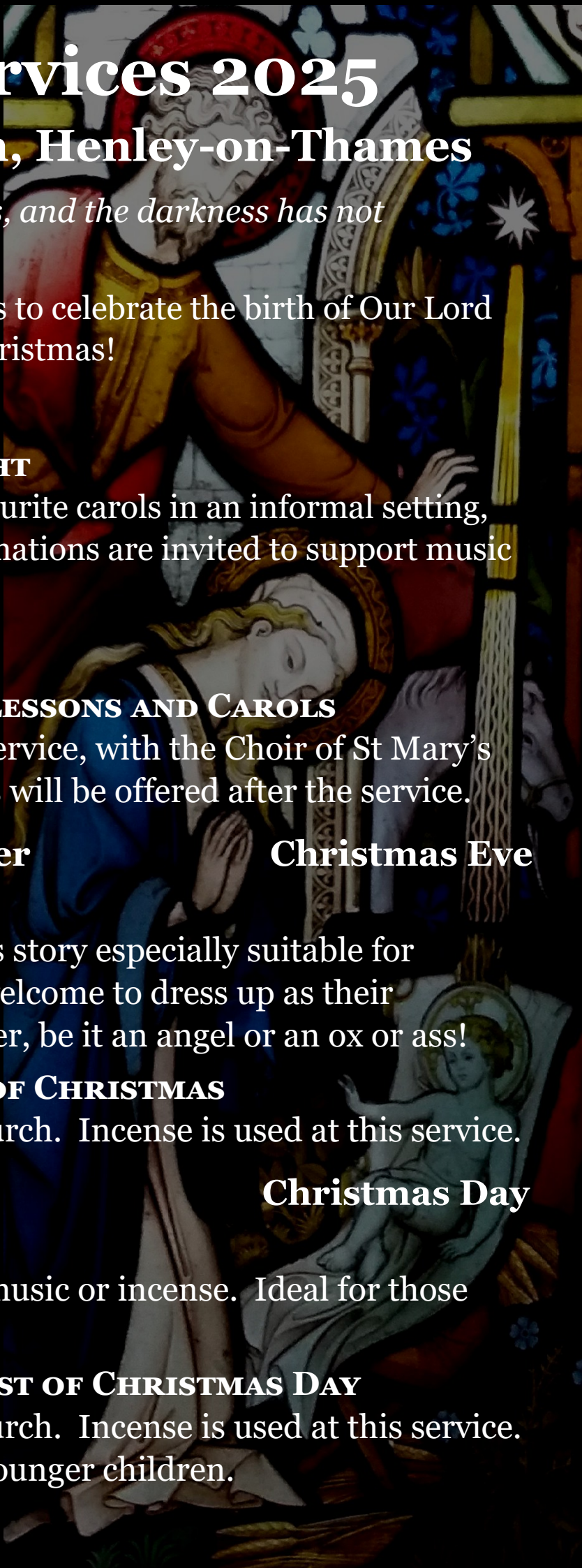
Christmas Day

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

Short, simple, traditional. No music or incense. Ideal for those with significant cooking duties!

9.30AM THE SUNG EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS DAY

With the Choir of St Mary's Church. Incense is used at this service. Activities will be provided for younger children.



Friday 26th December

St Stephen

12NOON REQUIEM EUCHARIST

At Christmas we are often more than usually conscious of loss. At this Requiem Eucharist we remember before God those we love but see no longer. Prayer requests can be emailed to the Parish Office.

Sunday 28th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

Our celebration of Christmas continues this Sunday.

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Thursday 1st January

The Naming of Jesus

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST (SAID)

Get the New Year off to a good start!

Sunday 4th January

The Feast of the Epiphany

The Epiphany is a great feast of the Church in its own right, celebrating the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

With the Choir of St Mary's Church. Remembering the gift of Frankincense, incense is used at this service.

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All are welcome, and so please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours. Our regular Sunday services are 8am Holy Communion and 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church.

If you want to get in touch, please contact:
office.hwr@btinternet.com or 01491 577340.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. " (John 1.14)

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