

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

DECEMBER 2025 News.

Priest in charge – Revd Richard Attew –Tel 01279 315044.

Services - Sunday – 11:00am Holy Communion/ morning worship.
Wednesday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.
Thursday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.

Advent and Christmas services.

Sunday 7th December – 11:00am Christingle service
Sunday 14th December - 11:00am Communion
Sunday 14th December – 4:00pm Carols.
Sunday 21st December - 11:00am Communion
Wednesday 24th December - 11:00pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day – 10:00am Morning Worship/ Communion at Roydon.
Sunday 28th December - 11:00am Morning Prayer.

Postcards of these services are available at the back of church. Please take one or more – for a neighbour.

Advent Coffee Morning -Thursday 4th December

Come and join us for tea, coffee and a chat.10:30am to 12noon at St Mary's church. There will be a Christmas theme, so remember to wear your Christmas jumpers and Santa hats. All are welcome. For further details contact Alison on 01279 418699. We will also be decorating the church at this time.

PCC Meeting.

Our next PCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13nd January at 7:30pm, via Zoom, where our Christmas services will be reviewed and we start planning for our Easter services.

The PCC thanks all those who give regularly to the upkeep of the parish, whether by planned giving envelopes, standing order or through the Goodbox/cash collection.

Advent Prayer Calendar at St Peter's, Roydon.

Each year this is collated by Jess and Anthea with contributions from others and is displayed on the lych gate outside St Peter's. A daily prayer is sent out via email. If you are interested, please contact Jess(email: jwells@essexcourt.net)

Cleaners wanted for St Mary's church.

We give thanks for all who keep our beautiful church clean. If you can help with this task - an hour or so each month, please let Peter Button know.

Listed Places of Worship Scheme – request to write to your MP.

The government has proposed that this will end in April 2026. At present it means we can save the VAT from any repair work to the church building. An example is that we saved £1,400 from the cost of repairs to the chancel floor in 2024. This would otherwise have been found from church funds. So please write/email Chris Vince, Harlow MP, asking for the continuation of this scheme.

Eco tip.

Blister packs can now be recycled at Boots in Harlow Town Centre. You can gain extra Boots Advantage points by scanning the relevant link on the Boots website, which entails photographing the blister packs on your smartphone and downloading them on the app.

Foodbank. Peter Button is happy to take donated items from St Mary's to the Foodbank each week. Please leave items in the usual place next to the font. Note that the Foodbank is dealing with rising demand and is now short of many items, such as tinned meat, tinned fish (tuna), sponge pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long life fruit juices and small jars of coffee.



For help: The Church of England has a free 24-hour phone line, *Daily Hope*, offering hymns, prayers & reflections (0800 804 8044).

Email; <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/sleep-well-dailyhope>