

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

JANUARY 2026 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.

Happy New Year.

We wish our congregation a happy and a healthy New Year.

Monthly Coffee Morning -Thursday 8th January.

Note the date. Come and join us for tea, coffee, and a chat. 10:30am to 12noon at St Mary's church.

All are welcome. For further details contact Alison on 01279 418699.

Christingle. Many thanks to all who supported the Christingle service. A total of £310.00 was raised on the day (about 15% more than last year) and has been sent to the Children's Society. Thanks also to those who donated directly.

PCC Meeting.

Our next PCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th 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.

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.

Flowers.

A big thank you to Janet Manning for the Christmas floral decorations and those throughout the year.

Church Christmas Card.

A big thank you to Beryl for making our communal Christmas card.

ECO tip. –recycling used postage stamps.

We are collecting used postage stamps for St Clare's Hospice. You can leave them in the sweet tin at the back of church, under the notice board behind the font. Hopefully you have now received all your Christmas cards and the used Christmas stamps will be appreciated.

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>



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