

## DIARY

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

10am-12noon The Coffee Shop is open  
in the Church Room (see news)

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

1.00pm Funeral for Margaret Hedges  
in church

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

2.00pm Wedding rehearsal in church

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

2.15pm Funeral for John MacKinnon  
at Guildford Crematorium

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

2.30pm Wedding of Nicola Mumford  
and Keith Russell

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Holy Communion CW

**6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols**

See inside for details of Christmas services.

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

#### First Sunday of Christmas

*No 8am service*

10.30am Holy Communion CW

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### Second Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Holy Communion CW

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

#### Third Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Holy Communion CW

**SUNDAY CLUB** welcomes all children aged 3 to 12 in the Church Rooms on two Sunday mornings each month during term time. For more information visit our website, email Sally Harrison at [sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk) or phone 01483 223725.



## FUNDRAISING

<b>Pennies</b> (November)	£17.00
<b>Greetings Cards</b>	£13.00
<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	£1359.77
<b>November Coffee Shop</b>	£168.15
(for L'Arche London)	

## NEWSLETTER

Any items for the newsletter to Christine, please – telephone 768420 (before 9pm) or email to [news@sendparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:news@sendparishchurch.co.uk)

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# NEWS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Second Sunday of Advent



## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion CW  
10.30am Nativity Service  
- performed by Sunday Club

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray,  
your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are grievously hindered in running  
the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## NEWS

### COFFEE SHOP

The Coffee Shop is open again tomorrow **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** when the stall will be *Christmas Gifts*, and the proceeds will go to St Mary's Church. There will also be a chocolate and wine raffle. If you would like to contribute to either the raffle or the stall, please give your donation to Ann Court, Pat Randles or Christine Lavender – or bring it along tomorrow! Many thanks.

### WOMEN'S REFUGE

We are once again collecting gifts for the ladies and children in the refuge and also putting together a Christmas hamper with Christmas goodies in e.g. sweets, crackers, mince pies and thing to make their Christmas happy. I have a list of ages of the children who will be in the refuge for Christmas if anyone would like a copy. Many thanks, Beth

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Christmas Eve**

*No 8am service*

10.30am	Holy Communion CW
3.00pm	Crib Service 1
5.30pm	Crib Service 2
8.00pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion BCP
11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Holy Communion

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Day**

9.30am	Christmas Morning Holy Communion
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### CHRISTMAS GREENERY

If you have any winter greenery, holly etc, we would be grateful if you could bring it to church on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** before 11am to enable us to start decorating the church for Christmas. Many thanks.



### USED STAMPS

Please keep the stamps off your Christmas cards and bring them in to church in January, when there will be a box ready to receive them.

### NEWSLETTER

Please note there will be no newsletter on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** or **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**. Publication will resume on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks for the positive feedback I have received regarding the newsletter. Don't forget – if you'd like anything put in the newsletter, just give Christine a call (768420 before 9pm, please!) or email to [chris@lavenderfamily.com](mailto:chris@lavenderfamily.com) – ideally by lunch-time on the Friday before. Many thanks.

### MOTHERS UNION

The next Mothers Union meeting will be the AGM which will follow the 10.30am service on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**. Positions up for nomination are Branch Leader, Secretary, Treasurer or Committee Member. If you would like to consider any of these roles, please call or email Beth on 222193 or [shutters@tesco.net](mailto:shutters@tesco.net)

### CRAFT & CHAT

Please note the Craft & Chat group do not meet in December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.



### GRATITUDE.....

*A group of geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:*

*Egypt's Great Pyramids  
Taj Mahal  
Grand Canyon  
Panama Canal  
Empire State Building  
St Peter's Basilica  
China's Great Wall*

*While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."*

*The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:*

*to touch  
to taste  
to see  
to hear*

*She hesitated a little, and then added:*

*to run  
to laugh  
and to love*

*It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all God has done, regarding it as merely "ordinary". May we be reminded today of those things which are truly wondrous.*

*J. John & Mark Stibbe*