

NOTICES

ST MARY'S NURSERY - places available. High quality learning provision in an outstanding school. Spacious and specialised learning areas within a building separate from the main school. 30-hour and 15-hour funded places available. Extended provision (from 7.30am to 6pm) in addition to the normal school day. See notice on the noticeboard for more details.

BIBLE STUDY DURING THE DAY. I have had a request for a daytime Bible Study meeting. If you might like to support such a venture please contact the Rector.

ST MARY'S GOOD GIFTS IS BACK! This year our Good Gifts scheme will be in support of HAB. I hope you will include Good Gifts in your Christmas Giving. Thanks. John Bier 07793060171

THE NIGHT SHELTER If anyone has any old blankets or towels that they no longer need then we would be happy to receive them. Thank you - Lesley MacKinnon/Penny Igoe

A PIANO FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL. Our church halls have 4 pianos. We are reviewing them and find that we need to replace the piano in the main (Leahy) hall. If you have a piano that is in good condition and is not being used, and would like to give it to St Mary's, please contact either Fr Philip or Alison Fisher (07973 350396).

DIARY

DECKING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Today at 11.30, in the Committee Room, there will be a brief meeting of all flower arrangers to discuss plans for Saturday December 23. All helpers, old and new welcome, even if you can't commit to being part of the regular teams. No experience necessary, just a love of flowers and a pair of strong scissors! We are also looking to expand our range of vases, jugs and containers. No glass ones please - preferably, pottery/ earthen wear/ rustic to compliment our ancient and beautiful church.

11.45am today. Baptism of Vivienne Kerstens

PRAYER FOR HEALING: this Sunday at 6pm.

CAROLS! If you'd like to sing in the choir over Christmas, including Our Carols by Candlelight (**Sunday 17th December** at 6pm, rehearsal at 4pm) and the Midnight Mass, Christmas Day, carol singing at Fernbank Nursing Home (**Saturday 16th Dec** at 2pm) and carol singing elsewhere in the area (dates/times tbc) please contact Alison Fisher alison.smart@ntlworld.com or phone 8349 0824. Rehearsals will be every Thursday evening. This is a great chance to try out the choir and enjoy some lovely festive music.

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER at 3pm: Community Carol Service in church followed by tea and entertainments in the hall. This is a relaxed, interactive and informal carol service, lasting around 50 minutes with the St Mary's Choir and the Barnet Mencap Choir, led by Fr Philip. Ideal for those for whom the a formal Carol service may be more difficult. Please support this event and spread the word. Donations of boxed cakes gratefully received

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER at 6pm: Russian Choir of London in concert here at St Mary's, 6pm, performing their Winter Concert of Russian music. Suggested donation £5.

CELEBRATING CHANUKKAH: Friday December 15 at 6.30pm, a wonderful opportunity to join with our friends at Finchley Progressive Synagogue in Hutton Grove, N12 and members of the Finchley Council of Christians and Jews in Hutton Grove to celebrate this lively Jewish festival with music, candles and ancient traditions. A shared supper will follow - non meat dishes or desserts are welcome.

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER at 6pm: Carols by Candlelight: Our traditional carol service with the choirs of St Mary's church and St Mary's Primary School N3. Carols old and new mix with bible readings to tell the Christmas story. Lasts around 55 mins, with congregational carols to raise your spirits. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the South Aisle. Donations of mince pies and other festive cakes welcome!

EPIPHANY DANCE 6 January. Doors open 6pm, first dance at 6.30pm. Adults £10 under-16 £5. Live band. Ticket includes chilli and desert. Bring your own drinks. Tickets need to be bought in advance. Please see Pat Bagster.

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1st Sunday of Advent
3rd December 2017
ST MARY-AT-FINCHLEY
HENDON LANE, N3 1TR



WELCOME - this is an Inclusive Church. If you are new to St Mary's and would like to know more, please fill in a welcome card from the table at the back of Church and hand it to one of the Clergy or Welcomers.

There is an Induction loop for the hard of hearing



A toilet with facilities for the disabled is available next to the Parish Office.



TODAY: 8am Holy Communion Order 2
10am Junior Church Takeover
More details of readings, hymns, music etc
inside this leaflet
6pm Prayer for Healing

FOLLOWING THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Fairtrade coffee and tea are served in the Hall. Please join us.
The Welcomers will be delighted to show you the way.

THIS WEEK

Monday-Thursday	9-00am	Morning Prayer
Monday-Thursday	5-00pm	Evening Prayer (Thursday BCP)
Monday 4th	9-30-11-30am	Acorns St Mary's Playgroup
Wednesday 6th	11-00am	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 7th	7-30am	Eucharist
Friday 8th	8-00-9-30pm	St Mary's Youth Club
Sunday 10th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	8-00am 10-00am 3-00pm	Holy Communion Order 2 Parish Eucharist Community Carol Service

USEFUL INFORMATION

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE are invited to Junior Church, which runs with fun activities during term-time Sunday 10am Services. Nursery and Reception age children are in the Blue Beetle (and are also welcome to use the Children's Corner in the main Church); Primary (Years 1-6) meet in the Church Hall. For 11+ the Discussion Group is in the Church Hall.

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS of all churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually receive Communion you are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing—please bring your service book with you.

GIVING. Visitors We do not pass round the collection plate during the service but a plate is available by the first pillar on the left as you enter church before and after the service. If you are a UK taxpayer please consider using the Blue Envelopes for your offering. You can also now give up to £10 at a time via text message. Type the code SMAF01 with the amount you would like to donate in a text message and send it to the number 70070. e.g. SMAF01 £10.

Regular worshippers please consider joining Planned Giving. Contact our Stewardship Treasurer Patricia Bagster for more details.

Reading Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reading 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10-00am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Philip Davison
Eucharist setting Sanger: The Common Life plus Peruvian Gloria
Organist Drew Sellis
Director of Music Alison Fisher

Processional Hymn 317

Psalm 80 vv1-7 Cantor Luna di Landro

Response: Let your face shine, O God, that we may be saved

Response Rosalie Bonighton



Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. **R** Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. **R**

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You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. **R**

Gospel Mark 13.24-end

²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the door-keeper to be on the watch.³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Preacher Junior Church

Intercessions Junior Church

Offertory Hymn 508

Anthems R Vaughan Williams: The truth sent from above

Post Communion Hymn 284

6pm Prayer for Healing

Prayer Requests

Douglas Hodson, Ivy Brownhill, Graham & Haryati Poston, Michael Stevens, Marilyn, Margaret Whitlock, Barry Cullen, Tony Lewis, Leslie, Patrick, Popi, Lyn Niland, Kate Anderson, Joan Airey, Helena Quintal, Sheila Eagle, Saul Venit, Julia Watt, Geoff Moir, Keven Hall, Kim Stone, Les Zamit, Sarah McMillain, George Palmer, Anne Peet, Caroline Steckel, Roy Aylward, Frank Furness, Richard Weston, Amelia Gardner, George and Gillian Lunn, Edward Dooga, Farah Kazmi, Lynn Radnedge, Jackie Davey, Hannah, Peter Bell
RIP Rosamund Rogers, Margaret Cullen, Canon Louis Thomas

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

International:

West Buganda (Uganda): Henry Katumba-Tamale (Bishop)
Borgå (Porvoo) (Finland): Björn Vikström (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020:

we have been 'enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind'; God, please use this enrichment to make us confident ambassadors of your son Jesus Christ

Diocesan:

Harrow Deanery: Ian Dowsett (Area Dean)
Deanery Synod: John Dolling (Lay Chairman), Robert May (Secretary)
Pray for the work of Harrow Bereavement Care