

## NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS TREES:** like last year we hope that, in addition to our beautiful Christmas Tree by the door, we can decorate some of the darker corners of the church with small trees. If you have a spare tree you would be happy to lend to the church please contact the Rector.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Last week, we launched our Stewardship Programme. If you didn't collect an envelope or receive one in the post which explains what all this is about, please collect one as you leave today. If you have brought your pledge form today, please place it in the collection plate at the beginning or end of the service.

**FLAT TO LET?** 45 people have been made homeless in East Finchley as a result of a huge fire. They are looking for housing for several months, whilst the fire damage is rectified. If you have accommodation which could be made available, please talk to Nigel Wildish.

**ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION:** We had a great day on Sunday, 11 November. For all that went on over that day, there are lots of people to thank, including: Philip (especially for the services), Alison (especially for the music), Margaret Poston (for the amazing stories she told of all our war dead), Stefan Roos and the children of St Mary's (for their remarkable display), the flower ladies (for beautiful flowers which lasted well), Julie (for the garden), Lynn for the afternoon entertainment, Daniel and the bell ringers, Amanda Hughes, and Polly and her team for the refreshments. And also to all those unnamed helpers! Nigel (Chair of Mission Committee).

**LEGACY FOR ST MARY'S?** Please take a leaflet and consider talking to Nigel Wildish about your opportunities for leaving money to St Mary's in your will.

**GOOD GIFTS 2018:** the St Mary's Good Gifts scheme is now running for Christmas. The funds raised will support projects at The Engine Room in Tottenham (led by Rev Andrew Williams). Leaflets explaining the scheme and how the money will be used are available in South Aisle. I hope you will once again reserve some of your giving to support St Mary's Good Gifts. Thank you - John Bier

**CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL:** work on the Cartwright Memorial started on 20 August (initially off site). If you would like to help please go to our JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/heritage-of-finchley-at-risk>

## DIARY

**THE ST MARY'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will be meeting at 63 Holdenhurst Avenue at 7.30 on **Wednesday 12th December**. We are now looking at the life of Joseph and if you would like to read the passages before the study you could look at Genesis 37 and 39 and then Genesis 40-41. Every one is welcome. For more details ring Claire on 02083468856.

**TOY SERVICE: today** at 10am we will be collecting toy (new) to be given to children in need in our borough. Help brighten up Christmas for local children!

**THERE WILL BE A SALE** of new and nearly new **CHILDREN'S** books after the 10am service on **2nd December** in aid of the roof appeal. You are welcome to bring along **CHILDREN'S** books which are in **GOOD** condition.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** are singing in the Scratch Youth Messiah on **Advent Sunday** and all singers taking part are encouraged to raise money for WaterAid. You can donate via our online JustGiving page. While online, buy a ticket for the performance at 2pm on **December 2nd** at the Royal Albert Hall to listen to over 1500 young singers perform Handel's Messiah. See you there!

**SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING: today** at 6pm. All welcome.

**READING THE BIBLE:** continuing our reading of Nehemiah. This **Wednesday (5th)** at 3pm at 2 Victoria Ave.

**SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER** at 3pm: Community Carol Service in the 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 the Rector. Ideal for those who may find the formal Carol service more difficult. Please support this event and spread the word. Donations of boxed cakes and help preparing the tea following the service would be gratefully appreciated.

**CALLING ALL CAROL SINGERS:** if you'd like to sing in the Carol service on **Sunday 16th December** please contact Alison Fisher. Rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the vestry.

**SEEKING GOD:** The next meeting of this discussion group will take place on **Monday, 10 December**. We will meet, as usual, at Nigel Wildish's house at Fair City, 25B Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley. The topic will be: Life after Death. The meeting after that will take place on **Monday, 7 January**. All Welcome!

## CONTACT US

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For more information about St Mary's visit our website

[www.stmaryatfinchley.org.uk](http://www.stmaryatfinchley.org.uk)

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**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**2nd December 2018**  
**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 Parish Eucharist**  
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 3rd	9-30-11-30am	Acorns St Mary's Playgroup
Wednesday 5th	11-00am	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 6th	7-30am	Eucharist
Friday 7th	7-00-9-00pm	St Mary's Youth Club
<b>Sunday 9th Dec</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	<b>8-00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Order 2</b>
	<b>10-00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>3-00pm</b>	<b>Community Carols</b>

## 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.

## 8-00am Holy Communion Order 2 page 229

Celebrant The Revd Philip Davison

## 10-00am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Philip Davison  
Mass Sanger: The Common Life  
Organist Drew Sellis  
Director of Music Daniel Griffith

## Processional Hymn 98

### Reading Jeremiah 33.14-16 Ben Doof

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### Psalm 25 vv1-10 Cantor Barbara Crosbie

Response: To you O Lord I lift up my soul.

Response Colin Mawby

v. 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.



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Sunday Psalms

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. **R**  
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. **R**  
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; **R**  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!  
Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way. **R**  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. **R**

### Reading 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end Ben Doof

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## Gradual Hymn 262

### Gospel Luke 21.25-36

<sup>25</sup>'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of

what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## Preacher The Revd Philip Davison

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## Intercessions Deji Makanjuola

## Offertory Hymn 209

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## Anthem Charles Wood: O thou the central orb

## Post Communion Hymn 307

## 6pm Prayer for Healing

### Prayer Requests

Ivy Brownhill, Graham & Haryati Poston, Michael Stevens, Marilyn, Margaret Whitlock, Tony Lewis, Leslie, Lyn Niland, Kate Anderson, Joan Airey, Saul Venit, Julia Watt, Geoff Moir, Keven Hall, Les Zamit, Sarah McMillain, George Palmer, Roy Aylward, Frank Furness, Richard Weston, George and Gillian Lunn, Hannah, Celeste Mascarenhas, Simone, Chris Mohan, Naomi, Harry Prescott, Rebecca, Christopher Browne, Patricia Jordinson, Christopher John Whitford, Caroline Byrne, Mark Harris, The Salinger family, Eileen Doyle, Colin Clark, Sonia Singham, Margaret, Thomas Bevan, Marion Randall, Ronald Dodoo, Valerie Phillips, Susan Bowman, The Jacobs family, Janet Mary Whitford, Jill Russell, Janet Copping  
**RIP** Bob Wishart, Donald Lyen

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

#### International:

Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain: Carlos López-Lontano (Bishop)

Borgå (Porvoo) (Finland): Björn Vikström (Bishop)

#### Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors:

we pray for all those working in the world of marketing and media

#### Diocesan:

Harrow Deanery: Ian Dowsett (Area Dean)

Deanery Synod: John Dolling (Lay Chairman), Robert May (Secretary)

Pray for the work of Harrow Bereavement Care