

# Welcome to the Church of St Mary's

with St Faith's and St Wilfrid's

Week commencing 12th December 2010 - The third Sunday in Advent

## This Week in the Parish

**Sunday**  
8.00 am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr Terry)  
10.00 am Sung Mass and Activities for Children (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
11.30am Meeting for Servers at St Mary's  
4.00 pm Barrell's Funeral Directors Memorial Service at St Mary's  
**NO** panto rehearsal

**Monday**  
7.30 pm **S Lucy**  
Informal Mass at the home of Vi Burgess (Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)

**Tuesday**  
9.30 am **S John of the Cross**  
Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Revd Sue)  
10.30 am Mass and Bible Study at St Mary's (Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)  
1.30 pm Manor Infant Carol Service at St Mary's  
4.00 pm Mass at St Wilfrid (Celebrant Canon Richard Eckersley)

**Wednesday**  
9.30 am Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Father Terry)  
10.00 am Arundel Court Schools Carol Service at St Mary's  
12 noon Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
2.30 pm Fellowship "End of Term party"  
4pm CHA Voucher sorting at St Mary's

**Thursday**  
9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
4.30pm Junior Choir Trip from St Mary's  
7.30 pm Royal Marines Concert at St Mary's

**Friday**  
Noon CHA Voucher Scheme Service at St Mary's  
3pm Little Learners Nativity at St Mary's  
7.00 pm Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)

**Sunday**  
8.00 am **Advent 4**  
BCP Eucharist at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
10.00 am Sung Mass, Baptism of Benjamin Morgan and activities for Children at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
3.15 pm Mass at Nicholson Gardens (Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)  
3.30pm Panto Rehearsal at St Mary's  
6.30 pm Parish Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's and farewell to Deacon Emma



## PARISH DIARY

**Monday Dec 20th**  
10.30am Masses at Brunel Court and Hale Court

**Tuesday Dec 21st**  
10.30 am Mass & Bible Study at St Mary's  
2pm Church clean and preparation at St Wilfrid's  
6pm Carol Singing around the area meet at St Mary's ends at Hale Court at 7.30pm

**Wednesday Dec 22nd**  
9am onwards St Mary's Church Clean and Lunch  
9.30 am Mass at St Faith's followed by Church clean and preparation, then lunch

**Thursday Dec 23rd**  
9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's followed by Christingle Making

**Friday Dec 24th**  
5pm Nativity Service at St Mary's  
6pm Christingle at St Wilfrid's  
11.30pm Midnight Mass at all 3 Churches

**Christmas Day Saturday**  
9am BCP Communion at St Mary's  
10am Christmas Morning Mass at St Mary's & St Faith's

**Sunday Dec 26th**  
10am Parish Mass at St Mary's (no services at St Wilfrid's or St Faith's)

**Monday Dec 27th**  
Syrian Orthodox Church in Europe Service at St Mary's

**Tuesday Dec 28th**  
9.30am Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Fr Bob):

**Wednesday Dec 29th**  
12 noon Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Revd Frances) **NO** Parish Office

**Thursday December 30th**  
9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Revd Frances)

**Sunday January 2nd**  
Normal Sunday services at all 3 Churches

**Monday January 3rd**  
10.30 am Mass at Hale Court

**Tuesday January 4th**  
10.30 am Mass and Bible Study at St Mary's

**Wednesday January 5th**  
Noon Mass and Charity Lunch at St Mary's  
2.30 pm Fellowship meets at St Mary's  
7.00pm Parish Mother's Union 20th Anniversary

**Thursday January 6th**  
7.30 pm Parish Mass at St Wilfrid's

**Saturday January 8th**  
9.30 am Requiem for Memorial Trees at St Mary's  
Orthodox at St Faith's  
Panto trip to Mayflower

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### **Advent**

As we enter the last 2 weeks of Advent ....  
What are you doing to mark Advent?  
How are you preparing to welcome Christ?  
Will you commit to spend some time with Him  
in worship, reflection and celebrating with  
fellow members of his Body?

### **Monday Informal Mass and Prayers Monday evening at 7.30 pm**

come and join us for informal Mass and prayers  
at the home of Vi Burgess  
—please see a member of the ministry team  
for further details.

### **Can you help welcome our guests? This afternoon**

We need help today at the 4pm service  
—if you can help please arrive at 3pm  
—or let Fr Bob know you will be there

### **Homeless Voucher Scheme Weds 4pm St Mary's**

Can you come and help us sort and count the vouchers  
ready for distribution on  
**Friday at Noon**  
Join us for this very special event at which the vouchers  
will be given to the agencies we support/

### **Help also needed**

#### **Thursday Royal Marine Concert**

Can you help set the Church up on Thursday morning?  
Can you help serve refreshments on Thursday evening?  
Can you help tidy up on Friday morning?  
Please see either Fr Bob or Jean Godfrey

### **Ecumenical Christmas Lunch for the elderly who are on their own - can you help please?**

The organisers of this meal at St John's Cathedral on  
Christmas Day are short of drivers—to pick up guests  
between 2.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. and collect them again  
at 5.30 p.m. to take them home.  
If you are able to volunteer to do either run (or both  
runs) please contact Paula Medd on 023 92 369183 -  
or speak to the ministry team. The only requirement is  
that you have a clean driving licence.

### **'Give Something Unexpected this Christmas!'**

Please support the Parish Social Justice Group's  
initiative - the Christmas Card Scheme - and sign a  
Christmas card for everyone at Church and give a  
donation to Christian Aid. In return you will receive a  
Christmas prayer card.  
Look out for the card and sign it!

### **Next Sunday**

#### **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm St Mary's**

Come and enjoy the traditional candlelit service of  
Nine Lessons and Carols

There will also be a chance to say farewell and thank  
you to Deacon Emma for her ministry and work in the  
Parish. If you would like to make a donation towards  
a farewell gift then please place it in a clearly marked  
envelope. Please continue to pray for Emma, Jack  
and their family

### **St Mary's Christmas Church Preparation**

Please come and join us on **Wednesday  
22nd December** to prepare and decorate the church  
between **9.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.** including  
a soup lunch..

### **Flowers for St Mary's Church at Christmas**

We would welcome donations towards the cost of the  
Christmas flowers at St Mary's. If you would like to  
make a donation please see Jean Godfrey.

### **Reading for next week — Advent 4**

Isaiah 7.10-16  
Romans 1.1-7  
Matthew 1.18-25

**St Mary's - PLEASE PRAY FOR:** *Christopher, our Bishop; our  
keeping of Advent and all who visit our churches over the coming weeks,  
the informal mass and prayers, the carol services for Manor Infant  
School, Newbridge, Little Learners and Arundel Court School, the Royal  
Marines Concert and all who attend it; all who grieve and mourn and all  
who attend the memorial service today; those who minister as  
chaplains in our city as they meet; our ecumenical partners in the City  
centre; those who are Homeless this Christmas and the agencies and  
charities who support them Ruth, Paul and Benjamin Morgan as they  
prepare for Benjamin's Baptism.*

#### **Those in need:**

Vi and Horace Eldridge, Charlie Watsham, Cicely Rogers, Karen,  
Ged, Derek & Joyce Brimble, Denis Rook, Irene Benson,  
Dot Benfield, Peter Austin, Pat Smith, Janice Bolles, Chris Collins,  
Eddie Daughtrey, Sid Collins, Frances Mollison, Christopher Lid-  
diard, Tina Cobb, William Bicheno, Paul Bell. Steven Bullivant  
Bridget Hollingsworth, Paula Dolton. Joan Faro, Eileen Cornell,  
Daniel Donovan, Nick Reeve, Frank Reeves, Eileen Bradshaw,  
Betty Bolles, Steve Thomas, Mabel Hewitt, Jean Dixon, Sue Gover,  
Tom Donovan, Gordon Lake

#### **Those receiving Communion at Home:**

Blanche Glasspool, Margaret Hughes, Sheila Flint,  
Betty Blake, Gloria Sims, Mary Dewey, Bernie & Marion Grey,  
Doreen Latham,

#### **Those who have died recently**

Shaun Wildman, John Gardner, Irene Baker

#### **Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time**

Doris Cavilla, Reg Perrin

*If you wish us to remember anyone in our prayers -  
Or wish us to remember an anniversary of death -  
Please sign the lists at the back of Church*