



**Welcome to the Parish of St Mary's**  
with St Faith's and St Wilfrid's

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3rd Sunday of Advent 16th December 2018



**Sunday December 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent**

- 8am BCP Eucharist (Celebrant Fr Darcy)
- 10am Sung Mass and children's activities  
(Celebrant Fr Bob)
- 2.30pm Barrells Memorial Service at St Mary's
- 5pm Barrells Memorial Service at St Mary's

**Monday December 17th Advent of the day**

- 7.30 pm Advent Reflection at St Faith's

**Tuesday December 18th Advent of the day**

- 9.30am Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Revd Sue)
- 4pm Carols at Bluewater
- 5pm St Mary's Choristers Tea
- 6 pm Carol singing around the area  
meeting at St Mary's ending at about 7pm

**Wednesday December 19th Advent of the day**

- 10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
- 11am Carols at Brunel Court
- 11.25am Melody Tots Under 1's at St Mary's
- Noon Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)
- 1.30pm Fellowship meets at Arundel Court School
- 4pm CHA Voucher Count at St Mary's
- 6pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings  
and Weddings
- 7.30pm Forever Together Funeral Directors  
Remembrance Service at St Mary's

**Thursday December 20th Advent of the day**

- 9.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Fr Bob)
- Noon Charity Lunch at St Wilfrid's
- 7.30pm Royal Marines Christmas Concert  
at St Mary's

**Friday December 21st Advent of the day**

- 10am Arundel Court Primary School at St Mary's
- 12noon CHA service at St Mary's
- 7pm Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Revd Jenny)

**Saturday December 22nd Advent of the day**

- 9am Church preparation for Christmas  
at St Mary's ending with lunch at Noon

**Sunday December 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent**

- 8am BCP Eucharist (Celebrant Fr Bob)
- 10am Sung Mass and children's activities  
(Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)
- 6pm Parish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
at St Mary's

**Christmas Eve**

- 4pm Children's Rehearsal for Nativity
- 5pm **Nativity Service at St Mary's**
- 6pm Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's
- 11.30 pm Midnight Mass in all three churches**

**Christmas Day**

- 9am BCP Service at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr. Bob)
- 10am Parish Mass and Carols  
at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr. Bob)**

**Wednesday December 26th**

**S Stephen**

- 10am Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr. Bob)

**Thursday December 27th**

**S John**

- 9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Fr. Darcy)

**Friday December 28th**

- 12.30pm Golden Wedding Blessing at St Mary's

**Sunday Dec 30th**

- 10am Parish Mass at St Mary's  
(Celebrant Canon Bruce)

**Wednesday January 2nd**

- Noon Mass at St Mary's
- 6pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings  
and Weddings

**Thursday January 3rd**

- 9.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's

**Friday January 4th**

- 7pm Mass at St Faith's

**Sunday January 6th**

**Feast of the Epiphany**

- Normal morning services at all 3 Churches
- 4.30pm Panto Rehearsal at St Mary's

**Monday January 7th**

- 5pm Choir Chaperone Meeting at St Mary's

**Tuesday January 8th**

- 7.30pm Standing Committee meeting at St Mary's

**Wednesday January 9th**

- 6pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings  
and Weddings

**Thursday January 10th**

- 6pm Deanery Standing Committee meets at St Faith's

**Saturday January 12th**

- 10.30am #Followthestar Messy Epiphany at St Wilfrid's



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**Barrells Memorial Services  
Next Sunday at St Mary's  
At 2.30 pm and 5pm**

Can you help us as we support the bereaved—light lunch available—see list ...

**Advent Reflections : Light in my darkness  
Monday 7.30pm St Faith's**

A chance to pause, reflect and prepare for the coming of the Light of the World—this week we will be using a traditional form of Compline (Night Prayer)

**Carol singing around the area  
starting at St Mary's Tuesday at 6pm**

Please come and join us in helping bring a little bit of joy this Christmastide to our community

**Fellowship**

**Wednesday Arundel Court School 1.30pm**

This week we are invited to a celebration at Arundel Court Primary—lifts available from St Mary's at 1.15pm contact Mthr Charlotte for details

**CHA Voucher Count**

**at St Mary's on Wednesday at 4pm**

If you can help count vouchers then please speak to one of the clergy team or speak to Rosie

**Charity Lunch at St Wilfrid's Church  
Thursday at Noon**

A chance to enjoy a light lunch. The money raised will be used to support a charity. Lunch costs £2.50

**Royal Marines School of Music Christmas  
Concert Thursday at St Mary's at 7.30pm**

Can you help us to welcome our guests?  
Please see Rosie or contact the Office

**Churches Homeless Action Carols  
Friday at St Mary's at 12 Noon**

A celebration of Christmas and distribution of Vouchers collected via local Churches and Groups to agencies who will be supporting the 'homeless' over the Christmas season. A chance for us to share a 'gift' with others  
Can you help us to welcome our guests?

**Deck the Halls ...**

**St Mary's Saturday from 9am**

Can you come and lend a hand to tidy and prepare the Church for our Christmas services ...the session will need with a light lunch—please see list and sign up if you can join us ...

**Christmas Card**

As in previous years (from next week) there will be a large Christmas Card for you to sign and send a message to everyone at the Church. Donate the money you then save on cards, postage etc—this year's card will raise funds for "The Children's Society"

**Christmas Eve**

**Please do come and join us for our Christmas Services**

4pm Children's Rehearsal for Nativity  
5 pm Nativity Service at St Mary's  
6 pm Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass in all three churches

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
Next Sunday at 6pm St Mary's**

A traditional celebration of the Christmas Story using carols and readings—followed by Sherry and Mince Ples

**Churches Homeless Action  
Voucher Scheme Carol Service**

Once more you are invited to support the Churches Homeless Action Voucher scheme.  
**Please can you hand vouchers in by Wednesday**

**Follow the Star ...Messy Epiphany  
Saturday Jan 12th St Wilfrid's 10.30am—1pm**

We will be hosting our first ever 'Messy Church' if you are interested in finding out more please speak to Irene James or Fr Marcus.

**Readings for next week**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Micah 5. 2 – 5a Hebrews 10. 5 – 10  
Luke 1.39 – 45 (46 – 55)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Christopher, our Bishop; for our Deanery and Cluster of parishes; for our keeping of Advent and preparations to welcome the Light of the world.; for all who visit our churches this month for celebrations; for Barrells Funeral Directors, the Co-Op Funeral Directors and Forever Together Funeral Directors and those they support; for the residents and Staff of Bluewater and Brunel Court; for our Choir and musicians; for Arundel Court Primary Academy, Manor Infant School; and SIWSHERS flc; for the work of Churches Homeless action and those it seeks to support*

**Those in need:**

Ron, Jason, Christopher, Roy, Jean, Caroline, Brian, Angela, Janet, Joyce, Lee, John, Sabrina, Elizabeth, Bernie, Colin, Vicky, Pamela Hannah,

**Those receiving Communion at Home:**

Brenda, Ken, Thelma, Mary, Terry, Margaret, Eileen, Jean, Lily, Phyll, Betty, David, Margaret, Wendy-Elizabeth, Eileen

**Those who have died recently:**

Irene Batchelor, Cheryl Ems Sonia Hutfield

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

David Moore, Ron Brewer, George Storey, Doreen Yates, Paul Brushwood, Sharon Pilkington

*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*