



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

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**2nd Advent Sunday 9th December 2018**



**Sunday December 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8am BCP Eucharist (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
10am Sung Mass and children's activities  
(Celebrant Mthr Charlotte)  
3pm The News Christingle service at St Mary's  
4.30pm Panto Rehearsal at St Mary's

**Monday December 10th Advent Week 2**

1.30 pm Wimborne Christmas Celebration at St Mary's  
7.30 pm Advent Reflection at St Faith's—Julian Group

**Tuesday December 11th Advent Week 2**

9.30am Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Revd Sue)  
Noon Little Learners Nativity at St Mary's  
7.30pm Bellringers at St Mary's

**Wednesday December 12th Advent Week 2**

10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's  
11.25am Melody Tots for Under 1's at St Mary's  
Noon Mass at St Mary's (Celebrant Fr Bob)  
2pm Carols at Hale Court  
2.30pm Light in our Darkness at St Mary's—  
S Benedict

3 pm Carol Singing at Harry Sotnick House  
6 pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings  
and Weddings at St Mary's

**Thursday December 13th S Lucy**

9.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's (Celebrant Fr Darcy)  
6.30pm Portsmouth Academy Carols at St Mary's

**Friday December 14th S John of the Cross**

2.15pm Neil Simpson's Funeral at St Mary's  
7pm Mass at St Faith's (Celebrant Revd Sue)  
7.30pm Christingle Drive at St Faith's  
for Children's Society

**Saturday December 15th Advent Week 2**

9am Advent Prayer Breakfast at St Wilfrid's  
1pm Zimbabwean Anglicans celebration  
at St Mary's

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

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

**Sunday December 16th**

2.30 pm Barrells Memorial Service at St Mary's  
5 pm Barrells Memorial Service at St Mary's

**Monday December 17th**

7.30 pm Advent Reflection at St Faith's

**Tuesday December 18th**

9.30 am Mass at St Faith's  
5 pm St Mary's Choristers Tea  
6 pm Carol singing around the area starting at St Mary's  
7.30 pm St Mary's Choir Social event

**Wednesday December 19th**

10.15 am Melody Tots at St Mary's  
11.25 am Melody Tots Under 1's at St Mary's  
Noon Mass at St Mary's  
2.30 pm Fellowship meets at Arundel Court Primary  
Academy  
4 pm CHA Voucher Count at St Mary's  
6 pm Parish Office for arranging Christenings  
and Weddings  
6.30 pm Forever Together Funeral Directors Service  
at St Mary's

**Thursday December 20th**

9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's  
Noon Charity Lunch at St Wilfrid's  
7.30 pm Royal Marines Christmas Concert at St Mary's

**Friday December 21st**

10 am Arundel Court Primary School at St Mary's  
12 noon CHA voucher distribution service at St Mary's

**Saturday December 22nd**

Church preparation for Christmas at St Mary's

**Sunday December 23rd**

6 pm Parish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
at St Mary's

**Christmas Eve**

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

**Christmas Day**

9 am BCP Service at St Mary's  
10 am Parish Mass at St Mary's

**Wednesday December 26th**

10am Mass at St Mary's

**Thursday December 27th**

9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's

**Sunday Dec 30th**

10am Parish Mass at St Mary's

**Wednesday January 2nd**

Noon Mass at St Mary's  
6 pm 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



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**The Annual "News" Carol Service at St Mary's  
Today at 3pm**

Join local school children and their families in celebrating the Christmas Story at a Christingle service held with the support of 'The News'  
Can you help to welcome our guests? See list..

**Bingo +**

**Monday 1.30pm St Wilfrid's**

An afternoon of fun and games for all ...

**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 the style of prayer used by the Julian Prayer Group

**Light in our Darkness**

**Wednesday St Mary's 2.30pm**

Our Advent meetings will think about those who brought light to the world. This week St Benedict

**"Christingle" Drive**

**Friday at St Faith's at 7.30pm**

A beetle drive with a seasonal difference to raise funds for the Children's Society Christmas Appeal – tickets are £2.50

**Advent Prayer Breakfast**

**Saturday at St Wilfrid's at 9am**

An opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast and reflect on what brings "light into our darkness" and to hear from others about what "brings light to their life"

**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 ...

**Carol singing around the area starting**

**at St Mary's Tuesday 18th December at 6pm**

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

**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"

**Deck the Halls ...**

**St Mary's Saturday Dec 22nd 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 ...

**Churches Homeless Action  
Voucher Scheme**

Once more you are invited to support the Churches Homeless Action Voucher scheme.  
Please hand in a **Christmas Card (unsealed)** with a personal greeting to recognise those who receive it as a fellow human  
And a **Gift Voucher/Gift Card from £5** from any store to enable those who receive it to enjoy the Gift of choice.

**Follow the Star ....Messy Epiphany**

**Saturday Jan 12th St Wilfrid's 10.30am—1pm**

We will be hosting our first ever 'Messy Church'  
Would you like to help us in starting this exciting new venture? We are looking for people to help with craft activities or simply to welcome people—if you are interested in finding out more please speak to Irene James or Fr Marcus.

**Are you getting ready?**

Over the coming weeks the pressure will mount to get ready for Christmas—we will be encouraged to get presents, cards, food, decorate our homes ...etc  
But will you be ready to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Saviour? To prepare yourself please see the details of 'Light in the darkness' in the Parish

**Readings for next week**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Zephaniah 3. 14-20      Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3. 7 – 18

**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 the News and its staff; for our local schools—especially for Wimborne Junior, Little Learners; the Portsmouth Academy; for the deepening of our spiritual lives and the Advent Reflection and the Prayer Breakfast; for the staff and residents of Hale Court and Harry Sotnick; for the Christingle Drive and the work of the Children's Society*

**Those in need:**

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

**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:**

Neil Simpson; Irene Batchelor

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

Doris Cavilla

*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*