

## Rota aide-memoire

	This Week	Next Week
8 am Readers	Rob Kay, Ann Kay	Michael Illing, Hilary Stevenson
10am Readers	Keith Champion, Dorothy Champion	Beverley Clement, John Poppleton
Intercessor	Michael Baker	John Shaw

### Diary dates

This afternoon	3.30pm	Churches Together Service at St Mary's
Sat 9 Feb	10.00am	Safeguarding Training
Sat 9 Feb	7.00pm	Deanery Quiz Evening

A few people have asked for some space to make sermon notes - so here it is...



**St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth**  
The Church of England and The Methodist Church in Partnership  
*Serving the whole community*

## Welcome to St Mary's!

*We are delighted you are here to worship with us today*



### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Church Giving Sunday

#### 8.00am Said Holy Communion

*Collect:* Second Sunday after The Epiphany, BCP Pg 71

*First Reading:* Isaiah 62:1-5, page 703 - Old Testament

*Second Reading:* 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, page 170- New Testament

*Gospel Reading:* John 2:1-11 page 89 - New Testament

#### 10.00am Sung Holy Communion

*Readings:* as above



Gluten free  
communion  
bread is  
available

*Collect:* Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Gospel Acclamation:* Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

*Post-Communion Prayer:* Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 6.00pm Said Evening Prayer

**Who will you say hello to today?** We always have visitors at St Mary's - joining us for worship, dropping in for prayer or to have some quiet, lighting a candle or taking time for reflection. If you encounter someone you are not sure you know, please do say hello. Just the simple act of saying hello can make the world of difference to those unfamiliar with church, those with us for the first time, or those making their way back into church life.



### St Mary's 'Little Angels' Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby & Toddler Group - Cloisters Hall on Thursdays: 9.30-11.30am during Term-time. Craft, play and Music Time, £1.50 'family group' per session.

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**If you are new and you'd like to get to know us better...** Feel free to pick up a Welcome Pack. To help us get to know you, please fill in a **Welcome Card**, and hand it to one of the Sidespeople (who gave you a book as you arrived). Do stay to join us for refreshments after the morning Services if you have time. If you've been worshipping with us for more than 6 months, please join our **Electoral Roll**.

**If you have children with you... We welcome children of all ages!** Please sit near the front of church so that your children can see what is going on. If they get wriggly or restless, feel free to use the toys under the Tower. We all begin the Services together and then **Children's Church** meets in the Church Centre during term-time: Sunbeams: 3-5 yrs, Shooting Stars: 6-11 yrs.



## For Your Prayers

*We pray for:* Reconciliation to God and to each other  
*The work of:* The McCabe Educational Trust, a charity we support  
*Our School, St Mary's:* For the Governing Body and Parent Teachers Association  
*In the Deanery:* Mill End, West Hyde and Heronsgate  
*In the Circuit:* Kings Langley  
*Ecumenical friends:* Baptist Church, High Street, Rickmansworth  
*In Rickmansworth:* Frogmore Lane, Frogmore Court  
*At St Mary's:* For our own church as an LEP: For Deborah, Richard and Scott  
*Amongst those unwell:* Guil Boshoff, Margaret Collins, Janet Foster, Edith Frow, Trevor Wallace, Mary Wallis, Jaleh Yeaman, Frankie, Mary, Tim  
*Year's Mind* Margaret Owen (15th)

*We are always ready to add names of those who need our prayers. Please note, permission must be given by the individual concerned, or their Next-of-Kin. If you wish to add someone's name to the list, please contact the Church Office or speak to Deborah or Scott.*

## This week's diary

Mon 21	2.00pm	Threads for Change, Sewing Group, 23 Copthorne Road
	3.15pm	J Club, St Mary's School
Tues 22	9.30am	Said Holy Communion
	12noon	10-bell ringing practice
	7.45pm	START course begins, The Vicarage
Wed 23	1.10pm	Collective worship at St Mary's school
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice - <i>New ringers (and learners!) welcome</i>
Thurs 24	9.30am	Little Angels Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall
	7.45pm	Choir Practice - <i>New members welcome</i>

**Readings for Tuesday Holy Communion:** Hebrews 6:10-end; Mark 2:23-end

## Readings for next Sunday: Homeless Sunday

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

## Next Sunday's Services and Activities: Homeless Sunday

8.00am	Said Holy Communion	6.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
10.00am	Sung Holy Communion	7.00pm	X Team meets

## Let's get **STARTED!**

*An opportunity to discover more about the Christian faith in a low-key, non-threatening way (hopefully!) We'll explore together what it means to be a Christian... and how to get **STARTED** (or even, re-**STARTED**) on the journey of faith – with no strings attached. Six Tuesday evening Sessions, beginning at 7.45pm this Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at The Vicarage. Please do spread the word and invite people along. We already have a couple of people booked in, and a few more would be great! New to faith, wanting to refresh your faith – all are welcome to come along.*

**Oberammergau 2020:** Deposits are invited by the end of February to secure our places at the Passion Plays in Oberammergau in the Summer of 2020. Performed every ten years by members of the town of Oberammergau, seeing the plays is a most moving and faith-enhancing experience. Brochures are at the back of church, and I'd be happy to chat with you if you'd like to know more. *Deborah*

## Notices

**Churches Together Service:** We have been asked to host a Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this will take place this afternoon at 3.30pm. Please do come to support this event - and if you are able to assist with light refreshments following the service, please can you let me know asap! During the days following, members of all the churches across the area are warmly encouraged to attend worship and prayer gathering in churches of other denominations. *Deborah*

**Homeless Sunday - 27 January:** You are invited to bring items for those who find themselves in need of shelter next Sunday (or before, if you are unable to attend on this date). All items donated will be passed on to Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership, the Catholic Workers Farm in West Hyde and Together100. Items that will be very welcome: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, ladies' sanitary products, nappies (sizes 4 & 5), baby wipes, shaving soap, washing up liquid, laundry detergent, kitchen and bathroom cleaner, bleach, floor cleaner, window cleaner. No clothes this year, thank you. The goods will be sorted on Monday morning from 10am, ready for collection that afternoon; if you are available, please come along - many hands make light work!  
*Deborah*

**Safeguarding Training:** If you'd like to be more aware of some of the signs to look out for to ensure care of more vulnerable members of the community - of all ages - you are warmly invited to attend the Training being offered at St Mary's on Saturday 9 February, 10am-1pm. It is open to all, but places must be booked. Please speak to Helen Swain or Mary Weatherill if you would like to know more.

**Deanery Quiz Evening:** 7pm, Saturday 9 February (yes, definitely 9!) If you are interested in making up a Team for this event, please speak to me asap. Tickets are £8, to include a fish and chip supper. The Quiz will take place at St Oswald's, Croxley Green. *Deborah*

**Christian Aid:** A musical evening in aid of Christian Aid will be presented by the musical group *Omnia* on Saturday 23 February at All Saints' Church in Croxley Green. The evening will be a mix of both classical and light music (further details can be found in the January edition of LINK); tickets are available **now** from our Christian Aid representatives Gill and Martyn Gowing.

**Children's Society boxes:** Suzanne Powell has asked that any Boxes that have contents for counting be returned to the Church Office. Replacements are available now from the Church Office. If you do not have a collecting box but would like one, please contact the Church Office. *Deborah*

**Working at Height:** If you have a 'head for heights', would you consider undertaking *Working at Height* Training in order to be able to assist with the changing of light bulbs in church and the Church Centre, hanging curtains, wielding a paintbrush or duster etc.? If you would, please speak to me. *Deborah*

**Confirmation Preparation:** Being Confirmed is the way in which, as adults, we renew our commitment to God, and become members of a particular denomination. If you are aged over 13 and would like to be Confirmed, please speak to Deborah. We shall hold Preparation Sessions in the New Year - for a Confirmation Service in the late Spring. Confirmation is for anyone of any age (aged over 13!) - it's never too late!

**Church Office:** The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday 21 January.