



Welcome to St Mary's!

Sunday 10th December 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent

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8.00am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Reverend Gary Norman

Preacher: Reverend Scott Talbott

Collect: O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

10.00am: Sung Eucharist (CW Order 1)

President: Reverend Gary Norman

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Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: as 8am

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia**

Post Communion Prayer: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

8.00pm: United with Ukraine: Candles for Peace *Join with others across Rickmansworth as we light candles in our windows for peace.*

Calling all gardeners!

**Come and help care for the Churchyard
and grounds here at St Mary's**

Third Tuesday of the month: 9.30am-11.30pm
Come for as long or short a time as you are able

If you have tools, bring them along - and a drink too. We'll have spare tools if required and, more importantly, cake!



Next session:
19 December

Building Maintenance Team!

**Come and help care for the Church and
Church Centre here at St Mary's**

Saturday mornings (usually) on the weekend of the
3rd Sunday of the month: 10am-12 Noon

Tasks will vary across simple maintenance, washing down walls, deep-cleaning, minor repairs.

Next sessions:
16 December, 20 January, 17 February



Safeguarding: Being alert to matters of Safeguarding (ensuring the care and welfare of children and vulnerable adults) is something to which are all invited to attend. There are information cards at the back of church which you are welcome to pick up which give useful information - including warning signs to look out for, contact numbers and websites for information and support.

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St Mary's lies within the *Deanery of Rickmansworth* and *Diocese of St Albans*.

In our prayers this week

Our School, St Mary's: For pupils and their families

In the Deanery: Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde

Ecumenical friends: Rickmansworth Baptist Church

In Rickmansworth: Russell Road, Townfield, Uxbridge Road

At St Mary's: For our Community and Outreach Committee

Amongst those unwell: Michael Butler, Mary Wallis, Jaleh Yeaman, Christine, Steve

Amongst the departed: Nick Tibbles

Services and Activities for next Sunday: The Third Sunday of Advent (17/12)

8am: Said Holy Communion (BCP) 10am: Sung Eucharist

12.15pm: Said Holy Communion (CW Order 1) 1.00pm: Lunch Club

Readings for Tuesday Morning Prayer (12/12)

Psalm 56; Isaiah 30:19-end; Matthew 14:13-end

Readings for next Sunday: The Third Sunday of Advent (17/12)

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

Hymns for next Sunday (17/12): 401; 227; 98; 172

This week's diary

Mon 11 10.30am Funeral Service for Nick Tibbles

7.30pm Community and Outreach Committee meet

Tues 12 10.00am Morning Prayer *in The Lady Chapel*

Wed 13 8.00pm Bellringing Practice *New Ringers welcome*

Sat 16 10.00am Building Maintenance Team meet - *please sign up on the list at the back of Church*

Notices

Nick Tibbles: It is with great sadness that we have also learned of the recent death of Nick Tibbles; his funeral will take place in church on Monday 11th December at 10:30.

Thank you from Hilary Pearce: Thank you to everyone who attended the charity concert held here on December 2nd - a grand total of £500 was raised for Crisis at Christmas.

Choir: We are keen for the choir to start up again and previous members have been contacted – however we would love more people to join! You only need to be enthusiastic, able to sing and willing to be in Church in choir robes by 9.45 on a Sunday morning. If you'd like to know more, please contact Judith Haigh on 01923 772571 who will be glad to hear from you.

Carol Service: We would like to serve mulled wine and mince pies after the Christmas Carol Service, Sunday 17th December and are looking for 3 or 4 people to help with this on the evening - no special skills needed! If you can help, please let David Carruthers know (07831 387541). Additionally, we will need a large number of mince pies, so if you can provide some, they will be gratefully received!

Years Mind 2024: If you would like someone to be remembered in our Intercessions at the anniversary of their death, please complete a form from the back of Church and return to Karen, or contact the Church Office. Please note that names are not carried over automatically.

Christmas Tree Festival: Our very popular Christmas Tree Festival has now started and will be running through until 3rd January. Refreshments will be served at the weekends: Saturday 10am-12pm and 2pm to 4pm; Sunday 12pm to 4pm. Entry is free with donations going to the Church. There are flyers at the back of Church, so please help yourself and tell your friends too! If you can help with refreshments and/or supply mince pies, please sign up on the relevant sheet at the back of Church - thank you!

Home Communion: Please let us know of anyone unable to come to church who would like communion to be brought to them.

Posters/fliers: Please could any posters or fliers be run past Gary before being put out/displayed on boards - many thanks.

Church Office and Vicar's leave: Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday 11th December; Monday 18th December and from Monday 25th December, to reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Additionally, Gary will be on leave from Tuesday 26th December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024, inclusive.

Supporting St Mary's: There are many ways to support St Mary's, both **practically** and **financially**, and all is greatly received! Ways to contribute practically: Gardening, Cleaning, Mission Action Plan, Toddler Group, Guiding, Maintenance of buildings, First Aid...

Ways to give to financially: Cash or cheques to the church office; electronic payment at the back of church or if you would like to donate regularly, there are packs at the back of church for the Parish Giving Scheme. Donations can also be made using our [on-line facility](#) or this QR code.

