

**NOTICES:**

**MARY & JOSEPH** Would you like to host Mary & Joseph this Advent?  
Please sign the list in Church.

**NCG ADVENT SERVICE TODAY** - 4-5pm at St Mary Magdelene, Whipsnade.  
All welcome.

**SICK LIST** Today is the second of two Sundays when you can put names onto this month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the Prayer Board. Please note, names are not carried forward automatically.

**TOTS** this week at 1.30pm and includes storytime, singing, crafty things & refreshments.

**ADVENT HOUSE-GROUP** – *This Tuesday* afternoon at Ashridge Cottage. This month we are looking at 'Praying for simplicity this Advent'. We start with tea at 1.30pm and finish at 3pm. Newcomers are very welcome to join us or just come along for this one session on Advent. For further details, please see Eileen Bennett.

**HOLY COMMUNION** –10am *Wednesday 5th December*.

**CHRISTINGLE** in Church, for Eaton Bray Academy 2pm-3pm, *Wednesday, 5th December*.

**STEWARDSHIP** Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Stewardship Sunday. There were 60 responses resulting in 8 new regular givers. 32 people increased their regular giving and 15 maintained their giving. 39 people completed Gift Aid forms. The total increase in annual giving is £6,732. In addition there were 6 one off donations amounting to £805 – a fabulous result! Thank you all, Joy.

**HERE COMES CHRISTMAS:** Do come and join Peter & Eileen Bennett at their home in Edlesborough **THIS THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7.00PM** for an Evening of Fun before the Christmas rush begins. There will be Carols to sing, nibbles to eat and mulled wine to drink as well as a raffle and auction (for which donations will be gratefully received!) Tickets priced £5 can be had from Chris & Sheila Banks (221556) or Peter & Eileen Bennett (221284).

**WI MEETING** tomorrow, *Monday 3rd December at 7.30pm* at the Methodist Chapel Hall. Please join us for a fun evening and wear your Christmas jumpers!

**COFFEE MORNING AT DAGNALL** *Saturday 8th December 10.30 – 11.30am*.

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**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

**2ND DECEMBER**

**ADVENT 1**

**SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

**HYMNS:**

32, 24, 29, 31

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**taken from New Standard Revised Version**

Baruch 5:1-9 OR Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

*If you usually receive communion in a Christian, Church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. If you are not a communicant, please come to the altar rail for a blessing, carrying the service book with you.*

**COFFEE** is served at the back of the church after the 10.00am service.  
Please stay and meet other members of our parish.

**Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)**

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday. Please do not contact her on that day unless very urgent.

**Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)**

Notices for inclusion in next week's  
Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion  
at mdhmsh@btinternet.com  
or (01525 222478)  
by 6pm on Thursday please.



**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord. ***R: Thanks be to God***

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord. ***R: Thanks be to God***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25–36**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***R: Glory to you, O Lord***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and

the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***R: Praise to you, O Christ***

**FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**In our prayers for the Church** this week we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Elstow.

**At their year's mind,** we remember Nora Stable, Phyllis Vera Brewer, Peter Bradbury, David Dunnett, Peter John Hunt, Gerry Wells, Olga Shaw, Peter Bodsworth and Mary Homan.