

NOTICES:

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

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY 10.00am Holy Communion.

COFFEE MORNING We look forward to seeing you *this Saturday, 5th January* between 10.30am and noon enjoying chatting to friends over a cup of coffee/tea/drinking chocolate. Sally would be pleased for donations of a cake or sausage rolls etc to serve with the drinks. Would anybody like to help Sally serve the refreshments? If so, please speak to Marion today or put your name on the list on the notice board at the back of the Church. Sue would be pleased with donations of items to give as raffle prizes. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning!

FOODBANK: Next Sunday we will be collecting for Foodbank and this month's urgent requirements are as follows: Tinned Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings (long life) Mashed Potato Tinned Carrots. Have you thought about making a donation - with Gift Aid if possible? Please see one of the Foodbank team for more information. Thank you for your donations over the past year - they are much appreciated. A Happy New Year from Iain Stubbs & The Foodbank Team.

GORDON'S CHRISTMAS PUZZLE – If you know people who may be interested in the Puzzle please take them a copy. St Mary's receives 20% of its income.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT *Saturday 12th January, 2.00pm* at St Mary's. The timing is designed to ensure you can get home in daylight! Tickets cost **£7.50** and can be purchased by contacting 01525222283. Refreshments will be available. This is one our most popular concerts of the year and features Aylesbury Concert Band, one of the country's top competition bands.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

**30TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS 1**

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

HYMNS:

57, 64, 55, 68

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

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 mdhmhsh@btinternet.com
or (01525 222478)
by 6pm on Thursday please.



COLLECT:

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:41–52

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

R: Glory to you, O Lord

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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 All Church Leaders and in our own diocese, Ecumenical Chaplains.

At their year's mind, we remember Doris Brook, Florence Tearle, Martin Higley, Ernest Richards, Elizabeth Smith and Marie Simmons.