

**NOTICES CONTINUED:**

**CONCERT TONIGHT, at 6pm** The Linsdale Singers and orchestra conducted by Dennis Pim will perform Handel's Messiah (Part 1) and Rutter's Magnificat with soloists: Min-Min Peaker: Soprano, Clare Watson: Alto, Howard Dalzeil: Tenor, Richard Ball: Bass. Tickets £12.50 from 01525 222283. Just a few tickets left!

**HELP NEEDED TODAY.** Help, today, after the 10am service to arrange furniture for tonight's performance of Messiah would be very much appreciated. Similarly, help from 9.30am on Monday morning to restore the furniture to its usual location would be welcome.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP FOR ADVENT** meets this week, 3rd December at 1.30pm at Ashridge Cottage. We welcome newcomers, please see Eileen Bennett for details.

**HOLY COMMUNION** 10.00am *Wednesday 4th December.*

**EATON BRAY ACADEMY CHRISTINGLE** in St Mary's this Wednesday, 4th December at 2pm.

**COFFEE MORNING** here next *Saturday, 6th December, 10.30am-12noon.* Cathie and Wendy look forward to welcoming you. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea with a delicious but naughty piece of cake and a good natter! Donations of a cake or raffle prize would be appreciated, very much!

**ST MARY'S LADIES' GUILD'S MEETING, next Wednesday, 11th December has been cancelled.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE SERVICES** - If you can help at either the 4.15 or 6pm Candle Services on Christmas Eve then please let Gordon know.

**NCG** Totternhoe 7th December Christmas Fayre, Church Hall, 11am-2pm  
25th December Christmas Lunch, Church Hall.

Whipsnade 12th December, Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm

**POSADA:** the knitted figures of Mary and Joseph will be travelling around the villages during Advent. If you would like to host them please sign the list in church or contact Joy.

**HUSTING'S MEETING** There is a Hustings Meeting for the South West Bedfordshire constituency taking place on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm. Venue - Cedars Upper School, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard. Bishop Richard is to chair the meeting and there will be four election candidates present. This is a chance to hear what your local candidates have to say about key local issues and to ask questions. For more information contact Kathy Keeley on 01525 381397.

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**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

**1ST DECEMBER 2019**  
**ADVENT 1**

**SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

**HYMNS**

26, 334, 32, 35

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**taken from New Standard Revised Version**

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

*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.

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

**Angela Dunford (01525 221944)**

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: Isaiah 2:1–5**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

### **SECOND READING: Romans 13:11–14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36–44**

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

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of

Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 and Peter Bodsworth.

**Among those who have died recently**, we pray especially for Mel Grundy, his family and friends. There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Mel in Church at 4pm on 11th December, preceded by a private cremation.

From Vivienne, "Please don't wear black but tuck a flower in your button hole."

### **NOTICES:**

**SICK LIST** Today is the second of two Sundays when you can put names on this month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the prayer board. Please note – names are not carried forward automatically, unless Marion has been asked to do so.