

THIS WEEK - DIARY DATES 17th – 23rd December

Morning Prayers: Monday to Thursday 9.15am

Monday 18th 10am St. Mary's End of Term Service

Tuesday 19th 10am St. Catherine's End of Term Service

Tuesday 19th 1pm Funeral Dermot Drummy

Thursday 21st 8.30pm Compline

Sunday 24th December 2017

8am Eucharist (said)

10am Eucharist (sung)

Readings 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16. Luke 1:26-38 (RCL Pg 452)

On duty on 24th December 2017 10am

Creche: Jackie T.

Childrens Church:

Welcomers: Gillian B, John B.

Sidesmen:

Readers: Mike F. Graham M.

Servers: Tim C, Pete W, Séan.

Intercessor: Mat W.

Lay Administration: Ian L, Katy L, Dale K, Sue C.

Coffee: Dale K, Séan.

On Duty 24th December 4.00pm Christingle Service.

Welcomers: Derek D, Kath K, Mark K.

Sidesmen: Alan E + 2

On Duty 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass.

Sidesmen: Michael W, Mary M.

Readers: Tony D, Dale K.

Servers: Pete W, Derek D.

Intercessor: Bonnie.

Lay Administration: Mat W, Derek D, Ann S, Kathy P.

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4,
John 1:1-14: (RCL Pg 23).

On Duty Monday 25th December 10am Christmas Day

Creche: Volunteers.

Welcomers: Bonnie, Ann S.

Sidesmen: John B, Gillian B.

Readers: Youth Group, Graham M.

Servers: Tim C, Mike F.

Intercessor: Mike W.

Lay Administration: Bob I, Katy L, Pete W, Mike F.

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20:
(RCL Pg 15)

NOTICES.

Tuesday 19th December Evening Carol Singing in town, St. Mary's Church, singers please! Meet in church hall 6.15pm

Office: The office will be closed Friday 22nd December and Wednesday 27th December. Any notices for Sunday 24th to Lynn by Tuesday 19th December. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Pilgrimage Supper on Advent Sunday, £290 will be divided between Montgomery Heights and the Children's Society.

Children's Society – Kindly return Christingle collecting candles and envelopes at any Christmas Service.

Next Community Lunch is a Christmas Lunch- Monday 18th December 12.30pm-3.00pm. Please sign list at back of church if you have not already done so.

Pantomime 20th January 2pm Hertford Theatre Snow White
Contact Carol Whitbourn 07887 586141 to reserve tickets.

Donations for Christmas Church Flowers, would be gratefully received. Please see Hazel or Margaret.

Christmas Together 25th December Free Christmas Lunch.

For people on their own. Do check with neighbours and others so no one is lonely. Forms in church. Details from Zara 420642.

Saturday 20th January 2018 Interchurch Quiz at St. Catherine's School. – Further details to follow.

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WELCOME

Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. Mary's this morning. If you are visiting or here for the first time we hope you feel at home, and please do make yourself known. Please make use of the creche corner if this is helpful. When we come to share communion please join everyone in coming forward to receive the bread and wine if that is what you usually do, or come for a prayer of blessing. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service.

Today's Services.

8am Eucharist (said)

10am Eucharist (sung)

6.30pm Carol Service.

Readings :

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11;

John 1: 6-8; 19-28: (RCL Pg 448)

For your prayers.

The World Church: Wyoming: John Smylie.

The Diocese: North Mymms (Welwyn Hatfield).

Living God's Love: Going deeper into God: For grace to be thankful in all circumstances.

The Parish: Home Communicants.

The Deanery: Watton at Stone with Bramfield, Stapleford, Waterford & Aston.

All who live in: Greenhills and Greyfriars.

Please remember those on our prayer board and for those that mourn, together with the souls of those whose anniversaries fall at this time, especially: **Alan Hills, Stanley Wright, Stephen Hood.**

All are welcome to add a name to the Prayer Board by the Lady Chapel. To add a name to the Remembrance List of those who have died, please contact the Parish Office.

On duty today – 10am

Creche: Bonnie, Phyllis.

Childrens Church: Celia T.

Welcomers: Sheila B, Bob B.

Sidesmen: Mary B, Ann R.

Readers: Ann R.

Servers: Anne C, Mike F, Malcolm F-J.

Intercessor: Roger H.

Lay Administration: Pat C, Malcolm F-J, Michael W, Margaret M

Coffee: Kathy P, Simon P

On Duty 17th December Carol Service 6.30pm

Sidesmen: Liz F, Bob I.

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