

DIARY DATES

Morning Prayer, Monday – Thursday 9.15am

Tuesday 20th December 2pm

Funeral: Juanita Butt

Wednesday 21st December – 11am Eucharist

Thursday 22nd December 12.30pm

Funeral: Agnes Mary Purcell

Saturday 24th December 4.00pm Christingle Service

Welcomers: Kath K, Mark.

Sidesmen: Alan E + 2

Readers: Michael Waller, Derek.

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass.

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-12;

John 1.1-14:

Sidesmen: Mary M, Michael Waller.

Readers: Geoff V, Bonnie.

Servers: Derek, Tim, Pete W.

Intercessor: Mike W.

Lay Administration: Michael Waller, Ann S, Dale, Derek.

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

10am Eucharist (sung)

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14;

Luke 2.1-20:

On duty on the 25th December 2016

Creche:

Childrens Church:

Welcomers:

Sidesmen: Mike W, Bonnie.

Readers: Ian L, tbc

Servers: Tim, Mike F, Anne C.

Intercessor: Roger.

Lay Administration: Bob I, Ian L, Pat C, Mike F.

Coffee:

NOTICES.

Coffee Morning, Graham Meldrum thanks all who supported this event in aid of the Children's Society, £270 raised.

Donations for Christmas Flowers, would be very welcome, please see Hazel or Margaret Meldrum.

Thank you, to everyone who contributed in so many ways to "Looking Forward to Christmas". £274 was raised, to be divided equally between 'Crisis' and 'Montgomery Heights'.

Community Lunch 19th December 12.30pm.

Please sign list at back of church if you are attending to come.

Office: Lynn is out of the office on Friday 23rd December please forward any notices by Tuesday 20th December.

Stewardship Renewal – Follow Up.

Thank you for all the returned forms, pledges and conversations following the stewardship renewal in October. If you volunteered to do (or find out more about) something we are slowly working through those offers, so if you haven't heard yet, don't worry, you will!. Your responses to the vision questions have been collated and are up on the notice board. Please have a read and add your responses so we can continue to work towards our new MAP and vision for our Church. Financial Stewardship: if you meant to return a pledge form and haven't please do, there is still time!. If you don't have one or have questions please contact David Horner 01920 465714. We realise that the original pledge form did not offer the option of continuing to give by Standing Order. If you want to do that could you add that option to your form and return it please! Just give us the most complete picture. Thank you.

Disaster Emergency Committee – Appeal for Yemen.

There will be an opportunity to donate to this desperate situation in church today or you can donate by going to <http://www.dec.org.uk/>

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ware

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WELCOME

Sunday 18th December 4th 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	Nine Lessons & Carols

Readings at 8am and 10am

Isaiah	7.10-16;
Romans	1.1-7;
Matthew	1.18-25:

For your prayers.

The World Church: Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland) Ferran Glenfield

The Diocese: Panshanger (Welwyn Hatfield)

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

The Deanery: Stanstead Abbots

The Parish: Emergency Services: Fire, Police, Ambulance.

All who live in: Heath Drive and High Mill.

Please remember those on our prayer board and for those that mourn, especially the family and friends of **Juanita Butt and Agnes Purcell**, together with the souls of those who anniversaries fall at this time, particularly, **Alan Hills, Stanley Wright and 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:	Volunteers please.
Childrens Church:	Carol W.
Welcomers:	Bonnie, Celia T.
Sidesmen:	John B, Gillian.
Readers:	Graham M, Paul.
Servers:	Tim, Pete, Sean.
Intercessor:	Julian.
Lay Administration:	Pat C, Kath K, Colin M,
Coffee:	Julian, Kay P.

On Duty 18th December 6.30pm

Welcomers:	Ann S, Judy S.
Sidesmen:	Alan E, Mary M.

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