

THIS WEEK - DIARY DATES

Morning Prayers: Monday to Thursday 9.15am

Wednesday 22nd November – 11am Eucharist

Sunday 26th November 2017

8am Eucharist (said)

10am Eucharist (sung)

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24: Ephesians 1:15-end;

Matthew 25:31-end: (RCL Pg 435)

On duty on 26th November 2017

Creche: Phyllis B.

Childrens Church: Jackie T.

Welcomers: Margaret M, Graham M.

Sidesmen: Mary M, Ian L.

Readers: Colin M, Marina B.

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

Intercessor: David P.

Lay Administration: Carol T, Michael F, Sue C, Malcolm F-J.

Coffee: Simon P, Kathy P.

NOTICES.

'DON'T DITCH FAIRTRADE' Fairtrade will be collecting signatures outside Hertford Sainsbury's Saturday 25 November at 10.00 to try to persuade Sainsbury's not to ditch Fairtrade. We need your support. Join us! Contact Liz (465045) or Tony (318138)

Welcome to St.Mary's Afternoon Café 26th November 3.30pm

Are you new/newish to St.Mary's? You might have been part of St.Mary's for a few weeks or a few years; if you'd like to find out more about your church community, you are warmly invited to join us. There'll be cakes, conversation, information and a short informal worship. All ages welcome with something for all. Please come along and get to know each other better.

Rota Unavailability Dates January to March 2018

For those who do not receive email, please let Lynn know your unavailability dates for Jan to March 2018 by 29 Nov.

Monday 20th November 12.30pm. Community Lunch.

Please sign list at back of church if you wish to attend.

Friday 24th November Friday Study Group 2.00pm

In the Choir Vestry. "The Bible as a stream of living water". In this session we are exploring how the Bible nourishes us. All welcome, contact Mark or Kath Kirby 01920 465976.

St. Mary's Christening Exhibition in Ware Museum

Is now open from 21st October until 10th January.

"Explore" A short course to explore Christian Faith. On

Tuesday 21st & 28th November 8pm-9.30pm in St. Mary's Hall.

We will think about who Jesus is and what God is like. For all who wants to explore more. To find out more speak to Ysmena.

Saturday 25th November Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night.

Tickets £10 available from Mike West (01920 461541).

Wednesday 29th November 7.30pm Carols at Easneye.

Everyone is welcome to come and join an evening of Carols at All Nations Christian College, Easneye, Ware SG12 8LX.

Thursday 7th December Children's Society Coffee Morning

10am-12 noon in St.Mary's Hall. Offers of cakes would be much appreciated please contact Graham Meldrum 01920 461826.

Saturday 9th December 7.30pm Ware Brass Band Concert

In St. Mary's Church. Tickets £10/£8.

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm Carol Service

In St. Mary's Church

Christmas Together 25th December Free Christmas Lunch.

For people on their own. Do check with neighbours and others so no one is lonely. Forms (dark green) for helpers and guests (pale green) are now in church. Details from Zara 420642.

Paantomime 20th January 2pm Hertford Theatre Snow White

Contact Carol Whitbourn 07887 586141 to reserve tickets.

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WELCOME

Sunday 19th November – 2nd Sunday before 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)

Readings :

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;

Matthew 25:14-30 (RCL Pg 433)

For your prayers.

Today in our intercessions we're focussing on home: our Parish here in Ware. That means the intercessions will feel a little different and there will be some areas of need we won't pray out loud for today. That doesn't mean we are don't think those things are important. You may want to find another opportunity for those prayers; perhaps during communion, or after the service. For example, those prayers might include: world issues, among them perhaps the earthquake on the Iran border; the people of Zimbabwe, places at war; the world church; our Queen and Government; news items from the last week. You could perhaps light a candle after Communion as a sign of your prayers for these wider issues.

Please remember those on our prayer board and for those that mourn, especially the family and friends of **Ann Grierson** together with the souls of those whose anniversaries fall at this time, including: **Rosina Briant and Juanita Butt**

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: Mary M, Liz F.

Childrens Church: Carol W.

Welcomers: Kath L.

Sidesmen: Georgina M, Ann S.

Readers: Shirley J.

Servers: Derek D, Pete W, Séan.

Intercessor: Mark K.

Lay Administration: Mike F, Ian L, Kath K, Pete W.

Coffee: Dale K, Séan

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