

St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

8th December 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Services Sunday 8th December - Advent 2

Hymns : 40, 46, 54, 646

Readings: Isa 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-13, Matt 3:1-12

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Michael Gentry

9.30am Family Eucharist Revd Michael Gentry

3.00pm Carols amid the Christmas Trees

Sunday 8th December—8th December

Monday 9th December

1.45pm—3.45pm Tots and Toddlers

Sunday 15th December—Advent 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Lynette Leithead

9.30am Family Service Revd Lynette Leithead

Readings Isa 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matt 11:2-11

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTAKE OF COFFEE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER THIS SERVICE

The altar is the "Lord's table" not ours, so all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

However you may wish to receive a Blessing in which case please bring a service booklet with you. Either way all are welcome

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Shirley Noss, Diane Lang, Linda Mc Keeman, Martyn Berry, Peter Jenner, Helen Hambly, Sarah Seuwing, Tim Callaway, Alf Dellow, Michael Way, James Way, Audrey Baker, Andrew Vincent

If anyone would like a name added or no longer needs a name to be on this list, please let Margaret Nicholas know (457324)

IN MEMORIAM

Rosa Stradling
Jonathan Witchell

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 21st December from 9am - 11.30am. Lots of help will be needed please plus donations of greenery, berries and suitable flowers. There is a chart of the church on the Notice Board please sign your name against an area you would like to do or just bring donations along. Very many thanks.

CAROL SINGING

Together with Faithworks we are going to sing carols at Ryewood on 17 December from 7.30pm.

It would be lovely if we could have a good turnout so please take this as an invitation to join in and encourage others too.

Following the carols we shall sojourn to the Duke's Head to defrost and meet our Dunton Green neighbours

PRAYER EVENINGS

in support of the proposed Team Ministry

The evenings start at 7.15 and run for about 30 to 40 mins. Each church takes a turn to host so:

Tuesday 10th Dec

St Mary's Kippington

Tuesday 17th Dec

St Mary's Riverhead

CHURCH CALENDAR

Church calendar featuring flowers in various places in our beautiful church are now for sale at the back of the church costing £7.50 each. They make lovely presents.

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P.T.O.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Childrens' Nativity 15th December 9.30am

Nine Lessons and Carols 22nd December 7.00pm

New Year Party in the hall 18th January 5.30pm

PRAYER DURING INTERREGNUM

GOD Our Father

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place;
Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities;
And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose new Incumbents for our parishes, that those whom we receive may be wise and gentle shepherds of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

LOAVES AND FISHES

Please do not forget Loaves and Fishes. There is still a very real need for your contributions. It is hard to believe that in Sevenoaks there would be a necessity but the churches are now supporting in the region of 50 families in the district.

For foodstuffs, please ensure that items have a minimum shelf-life of three months, i.e. tinned meat/pasta/veg/fruit/rice/custard/tomato/brown sauce, mayonnaise/ salad cream/savoury/sweet biscuits. Milk and fruit juice should be UHT, washing powders and cleaning materials.

For the time being tinned pulses such as kidney beans and tinned pies are not required

ESTONIAN CLERGY VISIT

Bishop Simon has issued an invitation for some 4-6 young Estonian clergy to visit the diocese to see how we do ministry and mission and things generally. The provisional dates are Feb 25- March 4 2020. The Bishop has asked if those parishes with links with Estonia would be prepared to host a visitor, perhaps splitting the time - Barry and Janet are happy to host someone for 3-4 days- would someone else be prepared to host for a similar period? It would probably involve transporting said visitor to various activities

YELLOW ENVELOPES

If you are not a regular giver or a member of the Stewardship Scheme and wish to give please use the yellow envelopes and fill in the Gift Aid form. If you do not wish to fill in the form or are not a taxpayer, please just place your offering straight into the bag

EASY FUNDRAISING

A reminder that you can raise funds for St Mary's without actually lifting a finger. If you are a regular on-line patron of dozens of famous names such as Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, M&S etc . Even if you usually get your groceries on line from Tesco, Sainsburys or other large supermarkets. These stores will give a small percentage (generally 1%)donation and these small amounts can add to quite a reasonable sum if enough people participate. There is a poster on the notice board but if you are taking this notice home with you this is the address to use.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryschurchrwdg

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRIES FOR THE MINIMAG SHOULD REACH ME BY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME