

## Decorate the Christmas Tree



Lesley and Elizabeth are planning to decorate the Christmas tree on Thursday this week at 10 am, ready for the Noah's Ark Christmas Party and the School Christmas Service. They would appreciate help with this.

If you are able to join them, please see Lesley.

## Legacies

We have just received a small legacy from Ruth Clark formerly of Church Lane Pevensey. This is rather less than she had hoped as she had rather less capital at her death than she expected. However, legacies can be very important. The current work on the tower and belfry is being largely funded by a legacy left by Marjorie Lambert. Please do consider whether you would be willing to leave something to the church in your will.

**Christmas**  
at St Mary's, Westham

**Carols by Candlelight**  
Sunday December 16th at 6:30 pm

**Crib Service for under 5s**  
Tuesday December 18th at 2 pm

**Nativity Service**  
Sunday 23rd December at 9:45 am

**Christingle**  
Christmas Eve at 3:00 pm

**Midnight Communion**  
Christmas Eve at 11:00 pm

**Christmas Day Family Service**  
at 10:00 am followed  
by Holy Communion

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## December 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday Welcome to St. Mary's

*If you are new to St Mary's, please make yourself known to us and fill in a welcome card.*

*Please join us for refreshments after the 9:45 service.*

## Readings this week

**1 Thessalonians 3.9-13** page 960

**Psalms 25.1-9** page 436

**Luke 21.25-36** page 856

## Readings next week

**Philippians 1.3-11** page 953

**Benedictus**

**Luke 3.1-6** page 834

## 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.**

## Post Communion

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## In Loving Memory



The flower arrangement at the door is given by Trudy in memory of her husband  
**Thomas Black Drummond**

## Services this week Advent Sunday

- 8:00 am **Holy Communion** BCP  
9:45 am **Jubilate – Jesus, Hope of the nations**  
11:15 am **Holy Communion** Common Worship.  
3:30 pm Mothers' Union lead a service of carols  
at **Hankham Lodge**

## Services next week –

- 8:00 am **Holy Communion** BCP  
9:45 am **Holy Communion** Common Worship  
4:00 pm **Evensong for Advent** BCP

## During the week

**Every weekday at 9am – Morning Prayer in the Meeting Room – you will be very welcome to join us.**

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- 12:30 pm **British Legion Christmas Lunch**  
3:00 pm **Home Communion**

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 am **Site Meeting**  
10:30 am **School SENCO update meeting**  
1 – 3pm **Noah's Ark**

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:50 am **School Collective Worship** with Chris  
5:30 pm **Handbells**  
6:30 pm **Choir**

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 am **Activate Bible Study**  
11:00 am **Decorate Christmas Tree**

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 am **Langney Carol-singing**  
7 - 9 pm **Connected Youth Group Bake-off**

## Dates for your Diary

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- 11:00 pm **Funeral of Neville Henty**  
2:00 pm **Noah's Ark Christmas Party**  
7:30 pm **Home Groups Social**

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- 12:00 **Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch**  
1:45 pm **School Carol Service**

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- 7:30 pm **Handbells Concert**

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- 6:00 pm **Carols at The Heron- please tell Chris whether you are able to join in.**

## Christmas Flowers

**Donations, dedications, 'in memories' for flowers at Christmas** can be given to Val Wood.

## St Mary's Westham Mothers Union

present

Michael Johnson in Concert at the  
Tyros Orchestral Keyboard  
Celebrating 30 years of fund raising in Westham & Pevensey

featuring

Susan Davies David Nunn Leslie Morrison

Alan Wildman Singers

7pm December 8<sup>th</sup>  
at

Westham Village Hall

Featuring a programme of music from the Musicals  
& Christmas fun

We will also be thanking and dedicating our support  
to the Consultants and staff of the Pevensey Unit at

Eastbourne District Hospital

Interval Refreshments will be available

Tickets £5.00 available on the door

## Please pray for...

**The Carol Singing at Langney** on Saturday morning. Pray that we will find a way around parking problems so that we will have a good number in the choir. Pray too for the cards that will be given out with details of Christmas services in all the local churches.

**Members of Parliament** as they have to make momentous decisions over the next two weeks.

The Prayer that is said daily at the beginning of each sitting says,

**"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen."**

Perhaps this is a good week to be praying this with them.

## Please continue to pray for...

**Sue Stone, Shirley Tourle, Jenny Murton, Holly Aitkenhead, Mary Jo Fanaroff, Daphne Chesson, Muriel Leaver, Michael and Kay, Graham Doidge, Three-year-old Lily, Eddie Clay, her sister and brother-in-law, Rachael Plumley and Doreen Wilson.**