

Posters and flyers for Christmas Services are available at the back of the church. Please use them to invite friends and families.

CHRISTMAS
at St Mary's Parish Church, Westham



Worship Christ the newborn King

Tuesday 12th December
2:00 pm Crib Service

Sunday 17th December
9:45 am Nativity
6:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 23rd December
4:00 pm Christingle

Sunday 24th December
11:00 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
10:00 am Family Christmas Service




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Pop-up Nativity

**Sunday December 17th
at 9:45am**

Come dressed as Mary, Joseph,
angels, shepherds, sheep,
camels, farm animals, kings
**and help us to tell
the Christmas story**

If you don't have a costume,
Some children will be happy to help you.

Come and help us to tell




The Christmas Story

On Tuesday December 12th
from 2pm to 2:30pm

Songs and stories about
the first Christmas

For under 5s
their families
and friends



St Mary's
Westham
at the Church of St Mary, Westham
www.stmaryswestham.org.uk



December 3rd **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 Jubilate service.

Readings this week

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 page 926

Psalms 80.1-8,17-19 page 470

Mark 13.24-37 page 826

Readings next week – Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 and 9:45

Isaiah 40.1-11 page 581

Psalms 85.1-2,8-13 page 473

Mark 1.1-8 page 812

Evensong

1 Kings 22 1-28 page 287

Matthew 11.2-11 page 792

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 Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to **sponsor one of our Christmas flower arrangements** as a dedication, remembrance, celebration, please see **Val Wood.**

Please take time to look at our website and tell us what you think

www.stmaryswestham.org.uk/

Services this Sunday – Advent Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
9:45 am **Jubilate – “Time to Wake Up”**
with the baptism of Emmalee Sutton
11:15 am Holy Communion Common Worship
with traditional music
4:30 pm Eastside Churches Advent Service
at The Well

Services next Sunday – Second Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP
9:45 am Holy Communion Common Worship
with activities for children
4:00 pm Evensong for Advent with the choirs of St
Nicolas’ Pevensey and St Mary’s here at St Mary’s

During the Week

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

Monday 4th December

- 9:30 am Holy Dusters
3:30 pm School Governors’ Meeting

Tuesday 5th December

- 1:00 to 3:00 pm Noah’s Ark

Wednesday 6th December

- 10:20 am School Collective Worship with Martin
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 7th December

- 10:00 am Activate Bible Study in church

Saturday 9th December

- 10:30 am Carol singing at Langney Shopping Centre
7:00 to 9:00 pm Connected Youth Group

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th December

- 10:00 am Rehearsal for Crib Service in church

Tuesday 12th December

2:00 PM CRIB SERVICE

- 7:30 pm Home Groups Social Evening
at Castle View Gardens

Wednesday 13th December

- 12:00 Mothers’ Union Christmas Lunch
at the Hydro Hotel
2:00 pm School Carol Service in church

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(in addition to the usual Sunday services)

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Please pray for ...

Emmalee and her family as they make this commitment together, and for us as a church, that we might support her in our prayers.

Please continue to pray for...

Bob Costen, Jenny Murton, Dan Woolford, Angela Long, Sarah Doidge, Gary Barrett and the family, Holly Aitkenhead, Mary Jo Fanaroff, Daphne Chesson, Muriel, Michael and Kay.

Reverse Advent Calendar



December has arrived and in homes across the country, cardboard doors will be opened in the traditional countdown to Christmas.

But just as some look to luxury, others are choosing to reverse things this advent - with a calendar which gives back.

The idea is simple; instead of opening the door to a chocolate or picture, you do the giving.

People put aside a donation each day of advent, so they have a collection of goods ready to drop off after Christmas.

If you would like to join in, please bring your donations to our next Jubilate service, and we will take them to FSW to be given to families in Sussex who will appreciate this boost to their supplies when things are tight after Christmas.

YOUR CHRISTMAS JOURNEY * Advent Week 1

Listening

*Where this week can you
find a moment of silence?*

*As you pray this week, pray with
open ears, to listen to God's whisper.*

#GOD with US

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND