

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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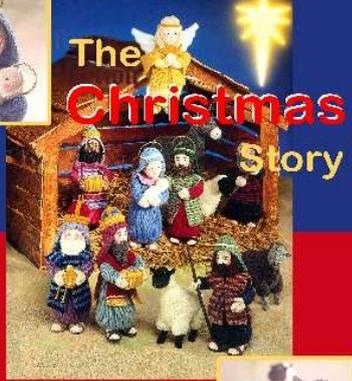
**Pop-up Nativity**

**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



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  
**Psalm 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  
**Psalm 85.1-2,8-13** page 473  
**Mark 1.1-8** page 812

**Evensong**

**I 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/](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

- 1:00 to 3:00 pm Noah’s Ark

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

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

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- 10:00 am Activate Bible Study in church

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Dates for your Diary

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

- 10:00 am Rehearsal for Crib Service in church

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

#### 2:00 PM CRIB SERVICE

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

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

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

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

(in addition to the usual Sunday services)

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6:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

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- 4:00 pm Christingle

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

- 11:00 Midnight Communion

## Christmas Day

- 10:00 am Family Christmas Service

## 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

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OF ENGLAND