

Now to the Lord sing praises,
 All you within this place,
 And with true love and brotherhood
 Each other now embrace;
 This holy tide of Christmas
 Doth bring redeeming grace
 O tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

Traditional English

Carols by Candlelight

Once in Royal David's city Songs of Fellowship 438

Bidding Prayers

Genesis 3:8-14 the Fall

O little town of Bethlehem Songs of Fellowship 420

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 and 7 the Messiah's birth

Choir - Glorious Light

Silent night Songs of Fellowship 498

Isaiah 11:1-9 – the Kingdom of Peace

It came upon the midnight clear Songs of Fellowship
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Luke 1:26-38 the Annunciation

Choir - Gabriel's Message Basque Carol arr: Edgar
 Pettman

Matthew 1:18-23 the birth of Jesus

In the bleak midwinter Songs of Fellowship 243

Choir - Long, long ago R.A Willis, Richard Shephard

Luke 2:8-16 the shepherds

God rest you merry, Gentlemen on the screen and
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Matthew 2:1-11 the magi

The First Noel Songs of Fellowship 529

Choir Now may the fragrance of His peace - Celtic

Christmas Blessing

John 1:1-14 – the Word became flesh

Chris' Favourite Carol

Blessing

Joy to the world Songs of Fellowship 314



Christmas Edition



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 Nativity and Carols by Candlelight services.

Services Sunday December 17th

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Pop-up Nativity

6:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Services Sunday December 24th

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Holy Communion Common worship

11:00 pm Midnight Communion

Services Sunday December 31st

led by **Revd. Frances Baldwin**

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Holy Communion Common worship

Services Sunday January 7th

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Jubilate – a short service for everybody including the very young. This month's theme, 'Leave your nets and follow me'

11:15 am Holy Communion Common Worship with traditional music.

Dedications for Christmas Flowers



In Loving Memory

Denise Court for her husband, **Arthur**;

Angela Long for her husband, **John**;

Diana Milne for her mother, **Margaret Spencer**;

Joyce Huggett for her sister, **Betty**;

Lesley Morley for her mum and dad, **Ethel and John**

Pooley and her husband's mum, **Nancy Morley** and his brother and sister, **Nancy and Bryan**.

During the Week beginning 17th December

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

Monday 18th December

12:30 British Legion Christmas Lunch at The Moorings

3:00 pm Finance Group at the vicarage

Wednesday 20th December

11:00 am Home Communion

2:30 pm Communion at Hankham Lodge

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 23rd December

4:00 pm Christingle

During the Week beginning 24th December

Christmas Day

10:00 am Family Christmas Service

Please pray for ...

...those in our parish for whom Christmas is an especially stressful time this year.

... our government at this time of great change for Great Britain, that they will focus on fairness and justice for all concerned and know peace this Christmas.

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.

...and give thanks for answered prayer.



We had a very special time building our crib with our tiniest children, their parents and grandparents. Eddie, Denise, Hazel and Joy led the children through the story of Christmas as they arranged the dolls together and their carers joined in singing carols.

Please visit our website to see what is going on at St Mary's

<http://stmaryswestham.org.uk/>

Please invite friends and family
to our Christmas Services

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

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Flyers are available at the back of the church.
Please take them and use them as invitations.

God rest you merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
O tidings...

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Beth'lem straightaway
this blessed Babe to find.
O tidings...

But when to Bethlehem they came
where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger
where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling
unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings...