

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  
 251

**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  
 inside notice sheet

**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 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Pop-up Nativity

6:30 pm Carols by Candlelight

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

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Holy Communion Common worship

11:00 pm Midnight Communion

#### Services Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>

led by **Revd. Frances Baldwin**

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

9:45 am Holy Communion Common worship

#### Services Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

12:30 British Legion Christmas Lunch at The Moorings

3:00 pm Finance Group at the vicarage

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

11:00 am Home Communion

2:30 pm Communion at Hankham Lodge

6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

4:00 pm Christingle

During the Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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10:00 am Family Christmas Service

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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...*