



Sunday 4 December
2nd Sunday of Advent

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

New Parish Web Site www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk

Services

St Mary's

Sun 04 Dec	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30am	Family Mass - preparing for Christmas
	4.00pm	Christingle Service
Wed 06 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 11 Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist

St Paul's

Sun 04 Dec	11.15am	Christingle Service
Sun 11 Dec	11.15am	Sung Eucharist

St Mary's Readers and Intercessor

	Readers	Intercessor
Today	Lynne Sygrave	Richard Leslie
Next Week 11 Dec	Rosamund Russell Jeff Wallis	Emmeline Lambert

Use of INCENSE in our churches. From time-to-time in our churches as part of the ongoing traditional services that we offer the burning of incense takes place. Also, to dispel the damp and musty smell that sometimes lingers in old buildings incense might be burnt. The Ordinate congregation that uses St Paul's also, as part of their tradition, regularly burn incense. Incense has been burnt for centuries as part of Jewish and Christian worship, is often referenced in the Bible, and is used to venerate, bless and sanctify and as a sign of our prayers ascending to God. For some people a large amount of incense may cause discomfort and in such cases we seek to reduce the amount of incense, ventilate the building and help people to be seated near a door or source of clean air.

St Paul's Services on YouTube

To find this, visit our website or search for "St Mary and St Paul Hemel Hempstead" in YouTube and subscribe to the channel. Alternatively you can find the channel by using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7U_Q1B-URNJ06ToEZePyPg
(care with exact capitalisation).

In the email version of this bulletin and on the website this link is clickable.

Our churches stream services to YouTube

By sitting in one of the marked front pews you may appear in the live stream. If you do not want your image streamed please sit further back.

The Old Town Market today is the big Christmas one and there will be lots of stalls in St Mary's. This is a chance to make the Old Town community and visitors welcome and to promote our Christmas services.

A big THANK YOU to Sheila and Grant for helping with catering last Tuesday. Sheila prepared a wonderful breakfast at St Mary's to say farewell to Chris Hopkinson and a lovely time was had by the dozen people who attended. Chris was presented with a book and icon by Canon John and a letter of thanks from PCC Fabric Committee Chairman, Roger Sygrave. Later that afternoon Grant made a varied selection of fresh sandwiches and prepared a lovely afternoon tea for the PCC members who hosted a visit from the Diocesan Advisory Council in St Mary's. We are so lucky to have willing volunteers to support events like this.

Warm Hubs Initiative

Following PCC approval, the Warm Hub in St Mary's Hall will start on Wednesday 7th December and be each Wednesday from 10.00 am. Before Christmas we will end at 1.00pm and after Christmas we will go on to 4.00pm.

Do come along and enjoy both warmth and fellowship if only for a mid morning cup of coffee. Also spread the word where appropriate.

Christmas School Visits.

Our pre Covid busy schedule of school visits to St Mary's in December has returned. If you can help steward and welcome, or work the sound system then seek out the sign-up sheet that - at some stage - will appear at the back of St Mary's and sign up. Your local school carol service needs you...and so do we!

A festive poster for a Christmas concert. The background is a dark blue night scene with a snow-covered Christmas tree in the foreground, illuminated by colorful bokeh lights in red, green, yellow, and white. The text is white and bold. In the top left corner is a logo for Berkhamsted Choral Society, consisting of a grid of dots forming a tree shape above the text 'BERKHAMSTED CHORAL SOCIETY'. The main title 'Christmas and all that Jazz...' is at the top, with a musical note symbol integrated into the word 'Jazz'. Below it, the text reads 'An evening of joyful and jazzy Christmas Music with Berkhamsted Choral Society'. The date and time are 'SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th 2022 7.30pm'. The venue is 'ST PETER'S CHURCH, BERKHAMSTED HP4 2AX'. At the bottom, there is a line of small text: 'Tickets £17 in advance from TicketPass <https://tktp.as/EMRMWF> or £18 on the door' and another line: 'Berkhamsted Choral Society: Reg Charity No 274462 0'.

PILGRIMAGE in 2023 Part of our Mission Action Plan is to offer a pilgrimage opportunity to the parish during 2023. In line with this we have joined with the parish of Boxmoor to go to Walsingham in Norfolk from Friday 24th - Sunday 26th March 2023. This weekend based at the famous shrine and with ensuite accommodation, will include a program of worship, optional visits to Wells Next-the-Sea or Sheringham, nice food and great company. Cost to be advised. There are limited places for this event so if you are interested book now with Canon John and pay your £10 deposit to secure your place. More details to follow.

Churches Together Community Carol Singing



Community Carol Singing at
Bank Court
(outside Liberty Tea Rooms)
1.30pm-2.30pm
Saturday 17th December

Liberty Tea Rooms
will be open 9.30am - 4pm
for delightful drinks,
fabulous food,
and cakes to fill your cravings
after your carolling!



Bring your voices along to...



Friday 16th December - 1.30pm to 2.30pm
near the Christmas Tree



Services and Events Week Commencing 04 December 2022

Sun 04 Dec	8.00am	Holy Eucharist Traditional language	StM
	9.30am	Family Mass – Preparing for Christmas	StM
	11.15am	Christingle Service	StP
	11.30-3pm	Old Town Market	StM
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	StM
First Sunday of Advent			
Mon 05 Dec			
Tue 06 Dec			
<i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326</i>			
Wed 07 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion	StM
	5.30pm	1st Hemel Beavers visit to church	StM
	8.00pm	CAMRA Festival mtg	StM
<i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397</i>			
Thur 08 Dec	1.30pm	Yew Tree Christmas Carol Service	StM
	8.00pm	Bellringing Practice	StM
<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Fri 09 Dec			
Sat 10 Dec			
Sun 11 Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	StM
	11.15am	Sung Eucharist	StP
	12 noon	Holy Baptism - Leah Rose Long	StM
	3.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	StM
Third Sunday of Advent			

St Mary's Church is open for visitors every day from 10am - 5pm
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Payments:

Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC"

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