



Sunday 19 December 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

New Parish Web Site [www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk](http://www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk)

### Services

#### St Mary's

Sun 19 Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Parish Carol Service
Tue 20 Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion
Wed 21 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion
Fri 24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Sat 25 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 26 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### St Paul's

Sun 19 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fri 24 Dec	3.00pm	Crib Service
	8.00pm	'Early Bird' Midnight
Sat 25 Dec	9.30am	Carols for Christmas
Sun 26 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### St Mary's Readers and Intercessor

	Readers	Intercessor
Today	Clare Darby Norma Podmore	Clergy

Next Week 26 Dec	Emmeline Lambert Jenny Leslie	Emmeline Lambert
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#### Sunday Worship on Zoom



Topic: Sunday 9.30am Zoom Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting for every Sunday at 9.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84623201144?pwd=cEY3dEl3QnpNenpTNGlIUm1HUmhKZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 2320 1144 Passcode: 274263

Today our **Parish Carol Service** takes place at St Mary's at 3pm (complete with mince pies and mulled wine, to be served to people seated in the pews). Thanks to Brian Doran for organising this and Andrew Darby for playing.

**Christmas Services** Do take away and distribute the Christmas services flyer to encourage people to attend. This year we are sharing services around the two churches with St Mary's hosting the Christingle and Carol Service and St Paul's a Crib Service and Christmas Day carols.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Service time changes and cancellations. There are no 8am services at St Mary's on Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day (secular Boxing Day, next Sunday). There will also not be any Old Town market in January and our Family Drop-ins will also not be taking place at St Mary's and St Paul's. The Tuesday 8am Eucharist on December 28th will also not take place either.

**Covid update** Following announcements by government last week regarding the introduction of 'Plan B' restrictions, there is no change to the advice issued for churches, however the legal position in regard to facemasks has now changed, see below:

### **What can we legally do now?**

The legal limits on the numbers of people allowed to meet indoors and outdoors have been removed, including all capacity limits in churches and other venues, as well as removal of the 1 meter+ social distancing rules.

### **Face coverings**

Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and in a range of indoor venues including places of worship. While there are exemptions, this is a legal requirement. 3 Coronavirus (COVID-19) can spread predominantly by droplets and perhaps aerosols (which can linger in the air) from coughs, sneezes and speaking. The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering can reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets and aerosols in certain circumstances, helping to protect others. Because face coverings are mainly intended to protect others, not the wearer, from coronavirus (COVID-19) they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

### **Old Town Nativity Trail**

There are resources to support this initiative - that we are sharing with Carey Baptist Church and the Quaker Meeting House - available in St Mary's and from participating outlets in the Old Town. The idea is to encourage children to collect stickers at Old Town businesses and colour in a nativity scene, submitting it as part of a competition with prizes awarded at a special service at 4pm on Thursday January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, at Carey Baptist Church. Please encourage young people to collect a sheet and get collecting. Also distribute the new A5 flyer to any children you know.

### **Thanks to all of you from all of us**

Our thanks to all those who helped run the café in church during the Old Town Market recently. There were lots of favourable comments and after costs £188 was raised for parish funds with some donations in addition. Thanks also to last week's Christingle makers who came along on Saturday and ensured a happy event on the Sunday.

Thanks also to Brian Doran for upgrading our contactless payment machine at St Mary's, have you seen it yet...why not try it out? (I know, a bit cheeky!)

Talking of new things have you seen the wonderful banners outside St Paul's designed by Jeff and sorted out by Rosina, they are really great!

...and also - talking of successful things - another bumper issue of award winning STOMP magazine was out last week, make sure you get yours, in church or online!

### **Warning**

As you may know, we have had one or two security scares in our churches over the last few months, so your vigilance and ensuring all doors are locked as necessary is greatly appreciated. In one incident people at St Mary's felt threatened by a visitor. If you are in church and feel uncomfortable or threatened in any way then leave immediately and seek further help, do not stay or risk your own safety as people are more important than property. Fortunately, these events are few and far between but we do need to remain vigilant especially if in the church alone and when entering or leaving, especially when it is dark.

### **Advance Notice**

From April 30th - May 2nd 2022 we will - Covid allowing - be holding an 'Extravaganza' in and around St Mary's Church. Craft demonstrations, model railways, trains, planes and automobiles. We will need your help with set up and take down, marshalling and welcoming, security, catering and much more. Further info to follow soon.

## Services and Events Week Commencing 19 December 2021

Sun 19 Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
	9.30am	Holy Communion	StM
	9.30am	Holy Communion	StP
	3.00pm	Parish Carols by Candlelight	StM
Fourth Sunday of Advent			
Mon 20 Dec			
Tue 21 Dec	8.00am	Communion Service	StM
Wed 22 Dec	10.30am	Communion Service	StM
Thur 23 Dec	10.00am	Funeral: Pamela Lindley RIP	StM
Fri 24 Dec	3.00pm	Parish Crib Service	StP
	8.00pm	'Early Bird' Midnight Mass	StP
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	StM
Sat 25 Dec	9.30am	Carols for Christmas	StP
	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	
Sun 26 Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion	StP
	9.30am	Holy Communion	StM
St Stephen's Day			

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

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### Bulletin deadline:

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### Payments:

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