



St Mary's News



Christmas Flowers – in memory of a loved one

If you'd like a flower in memory of a loved one, please write details on the list in church. Flowers are £2 each and will be used in our Christmas displays. Your loved one's name will be displayed nearby. Please speak with Norma for more information. Thank you.

Advent calendars and Advent cards - look for bargains and half price items on the card table near the front of the church.

Bible Study / Home Group - Thursday 14th December, 7.30pm at the home of Di and Geoffrey, 15 The Green, Woughton on the Green. This will be our final meeting of 2017. Tonight we will discuss the film The Shack which we watched last week. Dates for the New Year will be published soon. New members welcome.

Events Group Meeting - Sunday 17th December at 11am after the 9.45am service. We will debrief on the Christmas Bazaar and discuss any forthcoming events and ideas that people may have. All are welcome to stay for this brief meeting.

Christmas Services in the Partnership

Christingle at St Mary's – Sunday 17th December at 9.45am

Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday 17th December at 6pm

Christmas Eve – Usual services at 8.30 and 9.45 am and Midnight Communion at 11.30pm

Christmas Day – Family Communion Service at 9.45am

New Year's Joy - Friday 5th January at 6.00pm

Fun Food and Family. Meal provided with soft drinks, bring your own wine. Please let Angy know if you are coming for catering purposes - 01908 371824 or angynorris@aol.com

Your prayers this week:

Please pray for Shirley & John, Stefanie and Barbara Timmins.



St Mary's Church Team

Rev Paul Norris - (01908 371824) : Authorised Minister - Tony Stanyer

Welcome St. Mary's, Woughton

Part of the Woughton Ecumenical Partnership
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Sunday 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Services: 8.30am Holy Communion - led by Paul
Readers: Deborah and Di : **Hymn no:** 759

9.45am Family Communion – led by Paul
Readers: John and Angy : **Meet & Greet:** Elsie

Today's Readings: 2 Peter 3 : vs 8 – 15a Bible Page 1224
Mark 1 : vs 1 – 8 BiblePage 1002

Collect for Today: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offerings - A collection is taken during the offertory hymn within the service. If you give via your bank, please take a donation card as you enter church. This can be placed in the collection bag so that your gift is acknowledged. Thank you, we are very grateful for your generosity.

Refreshments - You are invited to stay for refreshments of Coffee, Tea, Soft drinks & Biscuits which will be served following 9.45am Family Service.

Services next Week – Sunday 17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent – John the Baptist points to Jesus

8.30am Holy Communion - Led by Heather
Readings: Isaiah 61 vs 1 – 4 , 8 – 11 : John 1 vs 6 – 8, 19 – 28
Readers: Norma & Sue : **Hymn No:** 204 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

9.45am Family Worship - Led by Paul / Judy Rapp
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5 vs 16 – 24, 8 – 11 : John 1 vs 6 – 8, 19 – 28
Readers: Rosemary and Annie : **Meet & Greet:** Rosemary & Tony

This week in



10th - 17th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 12th

ABC at St Mary's 10.00am – 11:30am at St Mary's, Woughton-on-the-Green, welcoming children from 0-5 years of age.

3.00pm -4.00pm **Open Church at Woolstone.**

A time for quiet reflection; light a candle; say a prayer or have a chat and a drink. All are welcome.

(Fortnightly).

7.30 – 9.00pm MK Prospects meet at Christ the Vine.

Wednesday 13th

6.30pm **Soup Run** team meets at Christ the Vine.

Thursday 14th

ABC at Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall. Welcoming accompanied children from 0-5 years of age
7.30pm – 9.00pm **Bell Ringing Practice** at St Mary's – by arrangement, phone 01908 670579 for information.

Friday 15th

10am – 12 noon **Cafe Vine** will be open at Christ the Vine: The place where church & Community meet.

7.00pm **Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army:** Bring & Share Buffet. Collection for the Restricted Building Fund. St. Thomas' Simpson.

6.30pm **Soup Run** team meets at Christ the Vine.

Saturday 16th

10:00am – 12 noon **St Mary's Open For You** - an opportunity to welcome visitors into the Church.

News & Forthcoming Events

Leading for a Change: The course adopts a community organising model developed by Citizens:MK within a Christian framework by which Christian beliefs, values and purposes are expressed and become drivers for change. Evenings, February – November 2018

Other MK Compass courses:

Getting to Grips with Paul – Tuesday evenings at Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall – Steve Chilcraft “Jesus I get, but Paul's a puzzle.” Start to make sense of Christian faith's key missionary and thinker with this biblical course. **A Go(o)d Argument - Science and faith in dialogue – Thursday evenings at St Michael's Priory, Willen – Ref Prof Keith Straughan!** A course for absolute beginners in both science and theology.

www.missionpartnership.org.uk/compass/compass-tutors/

Connect: Ladies are invited to the home of Chrissie Baldwin, 9 Medland, Woughton Park where we will enjoy food (contributions welcome) and some seasonal party games. For catering purposes, please contact Angy Norris, angynorris@aol.com if you would like to come.

Youth Worker vacancy: Union Baptist Church, High Wycombe. See poster at the back of church or contact office@woughton.org for more details.

From Your Prayer Diary

Please pray for The Homeless

- Homeless people in Milton Keynes
- Soup Run
- Other charities supporting the homeless, including Winter Night Shelter

Woughton Staff Team

Rev. Ian Herbert, Rev. Paul Norris & Rev. Heather Pollard

To contact a member of the team, please telephone 01908 392583

Email office@woughton.org or visit www.woughton.org

Your Partnership Office

The Partnership office will **be open** on 14th December 11.00am -4.00pm Please send details of events you would like including in the centre section of the notice sheet to: office@woughton.org