

Welcome



15th to 21st December

Welcome to St John's

Thank you for being with us here at St John's.

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time today or have been worshipping for many years, we pray that you will feel the love of God in our midst.

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you wish, all are welcome.

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Sunday service for 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

Organist Ed Jenkins

Hymns (565) Rejoice, the Lord is King

(117) Come, thou long-expected Jesus

(680) Thy kingdom come, O God

Prayer

Please pray for

John Harmsworth

Jenny Kilgour

Mary Nickerson

Christine Tron

Jeanette Tucker

David Mills

Radi, Amy and extended family

Ann Everett

Sheila Kingshott

Rest in peace

David Dufour (funeral at St John's 12 noon on Thursday 9th January)

Rebecca Jenkins (funeral at St John's 11.30 a.m. on Thursday 19th December)

West Buckland Services

This is the usual pattern of services at St Mary's, West Buckland. All are welcome.

1st Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of the month

Join St John's Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

4th Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

The Home Service

The "Home Service" is a weekly programme which brings Christian worship into your front room. It is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00 am. and repeated Sunday at 10.00 am. It is also available via the internet at any time on www.10radio.org

What's on this week

Sunday

Advent Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Monday

Collegium Singers Christmas Concert 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday

Talking Cafe 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic from the village agent.

Camelot Care Home a Carol Service will be taken to the home at 2.00 p.m.

St John's Candlelit Carol Service 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday

Slimming World in the hall 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Thursday

BCP Communion 10.00 a.m. with Reverend Ian Brierley

Funeral of Rebecca Jenkins 11.30 a.m. in the church

St John's CofE School Christmas Service 2.00 p.m. in the church

Friday

Warm Spaces 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the hall.

West Buckland School Carol Service 9.00 a.m. at St Mary's

West Buckland Village Carol Service 6.30 p.m. at St Mary's

St John's Christmas card and flowers

The large Christmas card will be available for signing in church this weekend.

There will also be a basket available to give donations for the Christmas flowers.

Special Christmas Services and Events



Monday 16th December

Collegium Singers Christmas Concert, St John's

7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 17th December

Candlelit Carol Service with Wellington Silver Band, St John's

7.00 p.m.

Thursday 19th December

St John's CofE School Christmas Service, St John's

2.00 p.m.

Friday 20th December

West Buckland School Carol Service, St Mary's

9.00 a.m.

West Buckland Village Carol Service, St Mary's

6.30 p.m.

Monday 23rd December

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Popham Voices 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

St Mary's Christingle Service 3.00 p.m.

St John's Children's Service, 'Come & Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus' 5.00 p.m.

St John's Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day

St John's Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

St Mary's Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.

Boxing Day

St John's Book of Common Prayer Service 10.00 a.m.

A Final Thought

When our PCC met in November they considered our current financial position. A summary of which is below.

Income

Planned Giving £48,800

Service Offerings £ 6,800

Lettings £13,000

Other £31,300

Total Income **£99,900**

Expenditure

Parish Share £85,000

Salaries £16,000

Buildings (inc Gas & Elec) £16,300

Insurance and Licenses £ 6,500

Other expenses £15,200

Total Expenditure **£139,000**

Shortfall from reserves -£40,000

We have been fortunate this year to have had sufficient reserves to cover our shortfall but next year, with only £20,000 remaining in the reserves, we will be unable to do this.

In the New Year we will need to consider how we might bridge the gap and I ask for your prayers in advance of those difficult decisions.