



ST MARY'S WITH ST PETER'S BURY ST EDMUNDS

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seeking to **worship** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit; to **teach** the Bible in a way relevant to everyday life; to **grow** people in faith, understanding and love; to **equip** people to serve others; to **offer** people opportunities to meet Jesus and discover forgiveness and new life.

2 December 2018 Advent

Welcome to our churches. If you would like to find out more about the life of our churches, please do make yourself known to one of the staff, or, complete a welcome form available at the back of church.

St Peter's Church

10.45am Café Church

Leader: Nick Alexander

Preacher: Caroline Vallance



Next Sunday – Advent 2

St Peter's

10.45am Holy Communion

St Mary's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Light Up a Life Service

6.30pm Evening Prayer

St Mary's Church

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader/Preacher: David Crofts

9.30am First Sunday

All Age Christingle

Leader/Preacher: George Howard

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16 p916 (blue)

11.00am Holy Communion (no choir)

Leader: Geoff Brown

Preacher: Tim Savege

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

p1188 (red)

Luke 21:25-36 p1057 (red)

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Leader/Preacher: Nick Alexander

Farewell to Adrian & Ruth Marple.

Many of you will be aware that Adrian has resigned his post as Director of Music and his last day in post will be 31 Dec 2018. We will be collecting over the next few weeks for a farewell gift. If you would like to contribute, please place your gift in an envelope marked 'Gift for Adrian Marple' and place in the collection plate at either church. We will be holding a farewell service for Adrian & Ruth on Sun 20 Jan at 10:30am in St Mary's (in place of our usual 9:30 & 11am services). There will be drinks and finger food following the service. Please do join us

Gifts needed. Last year at Westgate Christmas Fete, we provided small gifts for the children to buy and wrap up for their parents for Christmas. We are collecting small new gifts suitable for this and are asking again this year for people to donate if they can. Please place your gift in the box by the pigeon holes in either church by Wednesday 5 December. Thank you.

Water for Africa. We would like to thank all who gave items for our stall at the Christmas Fayre. £580 was raised. Many thanks. The Barnabas Group.

Ann & Catherine would like to thank everyone who donated to their stall for the **Flower Fund**. The grand sum of £220 was raised.

This week

Today

Sometimes on Sunday Christmas Event, 3:30 – 5pm, Hyndman Centre.

Tuesday

Selwyn College Carol Concert, 1:10pm, St Mary's.

Tea & Chat Christmas Celebration with surprise guests, 2 – 4pm, St Peter's.

Wednesday

Little Fishes Babes & Toddler Group, 9:30 – 11:30am, Hyndman Centre.

Holy Communion, 10am, St Mary's.

Funeral of David Ridgeon, 12:30pm, St Mary's.

Prayer for the new incumbent, 7 – 7:30pm, Hyndman Centre.

Men's Carpet Bowls, 7:30pm, St Peter's.

Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 - 9:30am, Lady Chapel.

Pastoral Hour, 10 – 11am, St Mary's.

Time Together, 2pm in St Mary's for Christmas communion followed by tea and seasonal treats. We would love to see you there!

The Den, 6:30 – 8pm, Hyndman Centre. For school years 4 – 7.

Saturday

Parish Men's Breakfast, 8am, Pilgrim's Kitchen.

Royal Anglian Regiment Carol Service, 11am, St Mary's.

SSAFA Carol Concert, 7pm, St Mary's.

In December at St Peter's, **we are having an emergency appeal for Yemen (via Tearfund)**. If you would like to make a donation, please use a giving envelope at the back of church, marking the name of the charity on the envelope.

Small groups meet during the week. If you would like to join a group, please speak to Nick Alexander (767042) for St Peter's, or at St Mary's – Edward Coningsby

parish notice board

Carols with Kirbye Voices, a free concert on Saturday 22 December at 7:30pm in St Mary's. All proceeds to be split between the church and Kirbye. To include Vaughan Williams 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols' and choruses from Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols', as well as carols for the audience to sing.

Christmas Services in the Parish

Sun 2 Dec, 6:30pm, Advent Carol Service at St Mary's.

Sat 8 Dec, 11am, Royal Anglian Regiment Carol Service at St Mary's.

Sun 9 Dec, 4pm, Light Up a Life Service at St Mary's.

Sun 23 Dec, 6:30pm, Traditional Carol Service at St Mary's.

Christmas Eve, 3pm, Crib Service at St Peter's.

4.30pm, Crib Service at St Mary's.

6.30pm, Carols by Candlelight at St Peter's.

11pm, Midnight Communion at St Mary's.

Christmas Day, 8am, Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's.

10am, Christmas Morning Holy Communion (all ages), St Peter's.

10.30am, Christmas Morning Worship at St Mary's.

Installation & Induction of Reverend Simon Harvey as vicar of this parish, Monday 4 February at 7:30pm in St Mary's.

Graham Kendrick will be performing at the Apex on Sat 27 April at 7:30pm in support of Chaplain in the Workplace. Tickets £17 from the Apex Box Office.

St Mary's

We regret to advise the church family of the **death of David Ridgeon**. His funeral will take place in St Mary's Church this Wednesday 5 December at 12:30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Christmas leaflet distribution. Christmas leaflets are now available for collection from the table by the font. The leaflets need to be delivered by Sat 15 December. Most of the bundles have been allocated to the people who kindly delivered them last year. However, there are some roads unallocated. If you are able to help, please take the relevant bundle and advise Robin Goodchild.

St Peter's

St Peter's Christmas Tree will be erected and decorated after Holy Communion on Sunday 9 December. All are welcome to help. Bread and soup will be available. If you anticipate being there could you please advise the wardens so that we have an indication of numbers.

Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Eve at 6:30pm in St Peter's. If you would like to join the choir for this, please speak to John Dixon or Jackie Post (in the Parish Office). Rehearsals have already begun; the remaining rehearsals will take place on Sundays 9, 16 & 23 December at 2:30pm in St Peter's.

daily bible reading

Sunday

Psalm 44
Isaiah 51:4-11
Romans 13:11-end

Monday

Psalm 50
Isaiah 42:18-end
Revelation 19

Tuesday

Psalm 80
Isaiah 43:1-13
Revelation 20

Wednesday

Psalm 7
Isaiah 43:14-end
Revelation 21:1-8

Thursday

Psalm 42
Isaiah 44:1-8
Revelation 21:9-21

Friday

Psalm 25
Isaiah 44:9-23
Revelation 21:22-22:5

Saturday

Psalm 9
Isaiah 44:24-45:13
Revelation 22:6-end

Sunday

Psalm 80
Isaiah 64:1-7
Matthew 11:2-11

collect



Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

we pray for

- Those in need: Joy Banham, Eric & Joan Russell.
- The family and friends of Jenny Troll, David Ridgeon, George 'Bob' Stoddart and Edith MacTavish as they grieve their death.
- Simon Harvey following his appointment as vicar of this parish and his wife Jo as they prepare for the move to Suffolk. Pray also for St Mary's, Islington, as they prepare for a period of vacancy.
- Laurence, Hannah & Nathanael Smith in these early weeks of Nathanael's life. Pray also for Laurence in his new role as vicar of St James, Woodley.
- Tearfund's partners in Yemen as they work to reach those suffering from conflict, distributing food & hygiene kits to reduce the risk of deadly disease, and plan to help supply medicines and water.
- The Fifield family in Addis Ababa.
- BCY (Bury Christian Youth) as they work with schools in our town to bring the Gospel message to young people.
- The schools which will be using our churches during the Advent period. Pray that the message of Advent will reach children in our town.
- All who work or are engaged in the performing arts at our local theatre, that they may always have high ideals and aspirations, and hold out a vision for making the world a better place. Pray also for David Crofts, who is chaplain to the theatre.

For all enquiries please contact: St Mary's and St Peter's Parish Office, St Mary's Church, Honey Hill, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1RT Tel. 01284 754680 office@wearechurch.net

Parish Vicar: in vacancy

Associate Vicar: Nick Alexander

Parish wardens: Suzi Metcalfe, Phil Hymers

District wardens: Graham Woolhouse, David Ayrton