

St Mary's Church Arnold

Welcome to St. Mary's.

Please join us for coffee after 9.15am in the Family Centre or 11am at the back of church. If you are new, please make yourself known to one of the service leaders or wardens.

A collection is taken during the services.



December 3rd Advent Sunday

<i>Morning Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37</i>		
9.15am	Morning Communion Hymns: 469, 1, 446, 619, 399	Preacher: Canon Sylvia Griffiths
11.00am	Morning Gathering	Preacher: Canon Sylvia Griffiths
6.00pm	Evening Prayer Hymns: 117, 249, 401, 619 Readings: Isaiah 1:1-20, Matt 21:1-13	Preacher: Anne Elphick

Please note there will be no midweek communion this week

Leprosy Mission

Very many thanks to all who supported the Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning last Saturday; it raised £450 . With Leprosy boxes and donations of various kinds, I have sent £1000 to TLM this week. Excellent. Alan

Mothers' Union

All are welcome to share your favourite Advent reading, poem, hymn. Thurs 1.45pm



Christmas Fair *A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" Proverbs 11:25*

Yet again the friends and families of St Mary's church have shown their generosity in the giving of items and time to the running of a successful Christmas Fair. To each and every person who has helped in any way large or small I thank you from the bottom of my heart and send love and blessings to you all. Lisa Middleton

Christmas Concert

Christine Smith MBE and her Blend of singers would like to announce a Christmas concert on 16th December, starting at 3pm. Tickets cost £5, including refreshments. Children accompanying adults, free admission. All proceeds will go to Rainbows Children's Hospice. Please contact Sue Baxter for tickets 9263134



In our prayers this week we pray for those who live and work in Campbell Gardens, Champion Street, Canonbie Close, Carradale Close and Cartledge Drive.

Please pray, for those who are in long term Care: May Terry, Heather Christian, Susan Bloomfield, Harry Thompson and Mary Whitehurst.

For those recently ill and in recovery: Kathleen Millward, Eddie Smith, John and Jeannie Douglas, Claire, and Julie Ellis.

and the family and friends of those who have died: Gaida Maycock, Pete Berrington, Andrew Nicolson, Terrence Tooms, Patricia Parr, Marjorie Nellie Radnell, Tricia Morris and Alan Jenkins.

Suggested daily Bible Readings for week beg Dec 4th

Mon: Matt 12: 1-21, Tues: Matt 12: 22-37, Wed: Matt 12: 38-end, Thurs: Matt 13:1-23, Fri: Matt 13: 24-43, Sat: Matt 13: 44-end.

Please continue to pray for HOPE 2018. This is a nationwide initiative to reach out to our community with the Good News of Jesus. Please see the St Mary's website for the Friday Focus topic for this week or poster on the board.



The Flower Fund for Christmas is low. Contributions welcomed on plate at back of church. Also, any contributions towards a large fresh Christmas Tree Please see Vicar Margaret.

We are looking for...

Anyone with experience of applying for major funding for the repairs which need to be carried out on the church building. Guidance will be provided by the Diocese. See David Rodgers or Mary Norris

Operation Christmas Child

St Mary's has sent 204 boxes this year, we also checked and sealed 21 from Richard Bonington School. Thank you to those of you who completed a box, donated items or gave money to send them on their way. You have all been very generous. Thank you too for covering boxes, knitting hats and gloves and to those who helped check and seal boxes. A real team effort.

Wine and Wisdom Evening

Thank you to those who came along on the night or who donated money for the Lullabye Trust who support bereaved families and fund research into why babies die suddenly and unexpectedly. Our final total was £1077.00. Thank you so much from Andrea & Ed Sands

Message from Janice - Please use the pigeon holes in the vestry. *The Pew Sheets and 11am Order of Service sheets, along with any other leaflets/flyers will now be in the top red in-tray to be collected before each service.*

Christmas Gift Idea; Church Bell Ringers Calendar 2018 is now on sale £5. Get yours from Sue or John (from the Choir).

The NEW PEW BIBLES *If you pledged to pay for one or more bibles then please make sure you have paid and ticked your name on the list at the back of church. The Bibles are to be blessed during the services on the 2nd Sunday in Advent Dec 10th and then placed in church ready for use.*

Wanted! Sound Desk Volunteers

Could you help? We need 2-3 more folk to run the sound desk at the 11.00 am service. Full training will be given. If we get the full number, you will only need to be on the sound desk about once a month. Please see Ed Sands for more info.

Advanced Notices

- **There will be no Midweek Communion this week.**
- The clergy surgery is on 3rd Wed of the month 6pm-8pm. This is to book weddings, baptisms and for anyone who needs a word with the vicar. Longer appointments can still be made with the vicar in the usual way.
- Sunday December 10th Carol Choice and Agape 6.00pm
Do come along and choose a carol and tell us why it's special to you. Join in with an informal sharing of the bread and wine and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.
- Carols by Candlelight Sun Dec 17th 6.00pm
- Christmas time of Fellowship, seasonal refreshments and a relaxed evening together making Christingles! 7.00pm on Thurs Dec 21st in Church



Growing Disciples Prayer

Lord, take us from where we are, to where you want us to be; make us not merely guardians of a heritage, but living signs of your coming Kingdom. Fill us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel; and through the power of the Holy Spirit make us one. That the world may believe, that your name may be enthroned in our nation, that your church may more effectively, be your witnesses. We commit ourselves to mission, love and service, in your name and for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.

For Your Thoughts & Prayers

We are thinking of running a pilot Breakfast Club in the February half-term holiday as a means of meeting local needs and outreach. Pray that this is successful and also for volunteers, funding, opportunities and those leading this programme.

WHAT'S ON WEEK Beginning 4th December

Monday	9.00am 8.00pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Men@St Mary's Robin Hood & Little John</i>
Tuesday	2.00pm 3.30pm	<i>St Mary's Tots</i> <i>Energize</i>
Wednesday	9.00am 2-4pm	<i>Morning Prayer (no Communion this month)</i> <i>Open Church</i>
Thursday	9.00am 1.45pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Mothers' Union - Advent Anthology</i>
Friday		
Saturday	8.30am 10.00am 2.30pm	<i>Time for Prayer in Church</i> <i>Who Let the Dads Out?</i> <i>Seniors' Tea</i>
Sunday	6.30pm 8.00pm	<i>Rock Solid Youth Club</i> <i>R2 Youth Club</i>

Next Sunday - December 10th Second Sunday of Advent

Morning Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Pet 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8		
8.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Preacher: Alan Langton
9.15am	Morning Service	Preacher: Rev Margaret Caunt
11.00am	All Age Gathering	Preacher: Colleen Barnes
6.00pm	Carol Choice and Agape	Led by Sarah Lewis

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