



St Mary's Church, Harefield

Sunday 9 December 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

*WELCOME to our worship today, especially anyone who is new or visiting
Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service*



Today's Services

8am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion with The Launch, Youth Church & Baptisms of Amy, Aaron and Connor Blair
4pm	Evening Prayer (Ken Willis)



Collect for the Day: 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**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-8 - Comfort, comfort my people says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling "in the wilderness prepare the way for the, Lord make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low, the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "cry out." And I said, "what shall I cry? All people are like grass and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 - In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracoinitis and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, a voice of one calling in the wilderness. "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation."

Harefield Hospital 'Carols by Candlelight' - Thursday 13 December 2018, 7pm St Mary's Church, Harefield. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Free entry, donations welcome in aid of the 'Transplant Appeal'.

Christmas Day Lunch - We are again planning to hold a Christmas Day Lunch free of charge at the Church Hall, 1.00pm - 4.00pm for anyone in the community who would like to come. Book your place by phoning 01895 825960 (St Mary's Church), signing the sheet in the church foyer or email: office@stmarys-harefield.org.uk

Wednesday 12	10am	The Week Ahead
	1.00pm	Holy Communion at Hall Chapel
	2pm	Burial of Michael Doran in the churchyard
	7-8pm	Joint Mothers' Union & Women's Fellowship Carols at the Church Hall
Thursday 13	7pm	Deep Linking (Youth) at 28 Countess Close
	10:30am	Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop - Church Hall
	7pm	'Coffee Hour' at 'We Love Coffee' in the village
Friday 14	2:30pm	Harefield Hospital 'Carols by Candlelight' at St Mary's
	8pm	Carol singing at Coppermill Care Home
Saturday 15	10am-noon	Wedding Preparation at 28 Countess Close
		Church open to visitors
Sunday 16		Advent 3
	8am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Nativity Service
	2pm	Baptisms – Arlo Jack Blair & Riley Jack Clifford
	3pm	St Paul's Gaudete Service, St Paul's Catholic Church
	4pm	Compline



The popular '**Christingle & Crib Service**' takes place at St Mary's Church on Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December at 4pm. All welcome. The collection is given to 'The Children's Society'. We have cardboard money boxes to collect your change beforehand for any who would like them. These are now available in church - or please contact the office. Thank you for helping disadvantaged children in this way.

Third Tuesday Lunch - A two course hot lunch provided by Sandra Mitchell takes place on the third Tuesday of each month. This is at 12.30pm at the church hall and costs £6. The next one is Tuesday 18 December. Please phone Sandra to book: 825419

Last week's **Festive Fayre & Feast & Bingo** was a great success. The total raised was £2,150. £50 has been sent to UNICEF and £50 raised from the Bingo raffle has been given to the Salvation Army

A big thank you to Fred Bateson, Gordon Isaacs and all those who organised yesterday's '**Friends' outing to The Victorian Christmas Market Stratford-upon-Avon** which was enjoyed by all.

Harefield Calendar 2019 – available at church. Priced £4.00. From: Church, Parish Office, Post Offices in Northwood Road & South H'field, Tackle shop, Library & The Kings Arms. Also on sale outside Harefield Pharmacy on Saturdays 10.00am- 12.00 noon

Thank you for your gifts and donation to St. Mary's Church. Cheques are payable to 'Harefield Parochial Church Council'. Please use the gift aid envelopes in the pews as this greatly increases the value of your gift. Or you can give online: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/stmaryschurchharefield>. Charity number 1131313

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If anyone would like this Notice Sheet sent electronically, please let the office know, or use this link: <http://www.stmarys-harefield.org.uk/servicesheet.html>

10.30am Holy Communion
with *The Launch* (Youth Church) and St Mary's Band
Crèche available

HYMN – Hills of the north rejoice	see sheet
Lighting of the Advent and Human Rights Day candles	
SONG – Jesus bids us shine	see sheet
Children/young people leave for Launch/Creche	
Introduction & Confession	
Collect for the Day	
First Reading – Isaiah 40:1-8	David Scroggie
GRADUAL HYMN 393 – Joy to the world	
Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6	Rowena Scott
Sermon	
SONG – You have called us by our name	See sheet
Baptisms of Amy, Aaron and Connor Blair	
Prayers of Intercession	Mark Dalton
Sharing of the Peace	
OFFERTORY HYMN 493 – O come, O come, Emmanuel	
Eucharistic Prayer	p4-5
with Sanctus SUNG (Israeli Mass)	
Lord's Prayer & Breaking the Bread	p5
During the administration of Communion the following will be sung:	
Israeli Mass Agnus Dei; 31 – Amazing grace; 224 – He who would valiant be	
Post-Communion Prayer	p6
Notices, Launch Feedback & Birthdays/Anniversaries	
HYMN 445 – Lord, the light of your love is shining	
Blessing	

6.30pm Evening Prayer (led by Ken Willis)
(Common Worship page 38)

Opening Prayer	p38,39
HYMN 204 - Hail to the Lord's anointed	
The Benedictus	p34
First Reading – Isaiah 40:1-8	Mary Pearce
HYMN 210 - Hark, the glad sound!	
The Magnificat	p42
Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6	Chris Johnson
Sermon	
HYMN 102 - Come, thou long-expected Jesus	
The Creed	p43
Prayers	
Collect for today and The Lord's Prayer	p44
Notices	
OFFERTORY HYMN 189 - God is working His purpose out	
The Grace	
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ, Amen	



Christmas dates for your diary:

- Sunday 16 December – 10:30am Nativity service
- Monday 17 December – 6pm Carol singing around the village
- Saturday 22 December – 4pm Christmas 'Extravaganza' concert at the church hall
- Sunday 23 December – 6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
- Monday 24 December – 4pm Christingle & 11:30pm Midnight Communion
- Tuesday 25 December – 10:30am Christmas Day service
- Tuesday 25 December – 1pm Christmas Day meal at the church hall
- Wednesday 26 December – 11:00am meet at the Green for the Boxing Day walk
- Sunday 30 December – 10.30am 'Christmas Past' service



GIFT DAY FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH - Many thanks for those who have contributed, £2,265 has been given so far, which will greatly help towards the rebuilding of the churchyard wall (probably costing a further £10,000)
 Thanks so much for your support.



You can put a card on the "Memory Tree" in the entrance to St Mary's Church Hall (in the High Street) or in St Mary's Church (foyer) as a way of remembering loved ones who have died [from 2 Dec until 24 Dec]



There is no charge

Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop

Wednesday 12 December
 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall
 Cost £20 includes all materials, mulled wine, mince pie, tea & coffee
 Limited spaces. contact Sandra 01895 825419



Sunday 16 December
Welcome Christmas at St Paul's RC Church
 'Gaudete Service' - seasonal entertainment from 3pm
 refreshments to follow



HELPING THE FOODBANK AT CHRISTMAS - If you would like to bring packets/tins of food to church in the run-up to Christmas we will take them to the Hillingdon Foodbank to help families in the borough who are in need at the festive season. Thank you for helping

Prayer Points for the week ahead

- for **Amnesty International** as '**Human Rights Day**' is remembered tomorrow
- for the healing work of **Harefield Hospital** and for its Chaplain Revd. Cameron Barker
- for **Amy, Aaron and Connor Blair** as they are baptised today
- for **healing** for all who are ill at this time including Mark Gill, Astrid, Jasmine, Angela, Graham & Jean (**names of those who are sick need to be given with consent from the person involved – please let the office know**)
- for **those who grieve** for Michael Doran, Fred Wade, John Willis and Keith Bristow (**names will remain for a month; please inform office for further inclusion after this**)