



STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH
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Service times at St Mary's

**Sunday: 10:30am Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer**

Normally the first and third Sunday is Holy Communion
with Morning on the second and fourth.

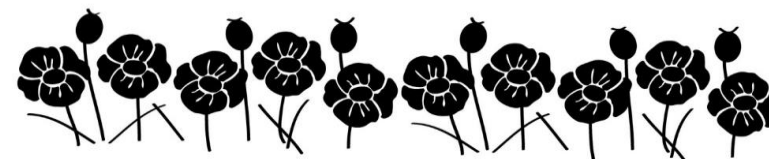
**Tuesday: 10.00am Holy Communion
12.15pm Lunchtime Service**

Wedding, Baptism, Funeral and other services by arrangement.

St Mary's and the Nave Café is open – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday &
Saturday from 9.00am – 3.00pm

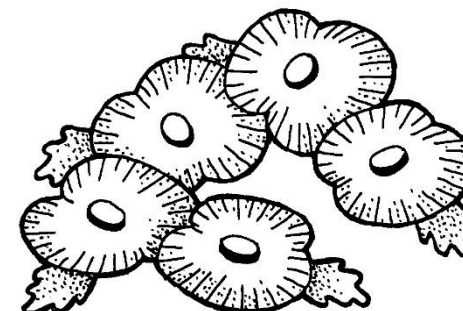


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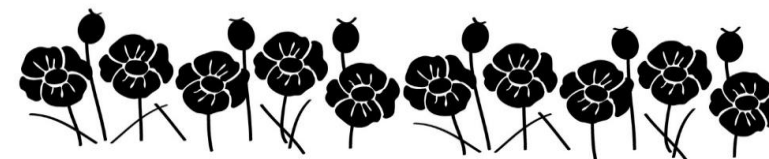
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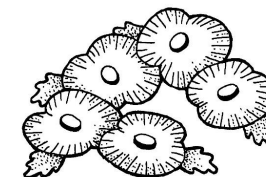


NOVEMBER 2016

date	event	time
Tuesday, 1st	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Saturday, 5th	Bonfire Theme Afternoon Tea at the Nave Cafe	3.00pm
Sunday, 6 TH	Holy Communion Sunday Lunch at the Nave Cafe	10.30am 1.00pm
Tuesday, 8th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 13th	Service of Remembrance, Commitment and Hope	10.30am
Tuesday, 15th	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 20th	Holy Communion Bl essing of Shoe Box Gifts	10.30am
Tuesday, 22nd	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 27th	First Sunday in Advent service of Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 29th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm

Thank You
Donations to the
Children's Society £203.00 & The Leprosy Mission £66.00

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Service of Remembrance Commitment & Hope

Sunday, 13th November 2016
10.30am

With Rev Canon John Briggs



Christmas is approaching fast and I am once again asking for new members to join existing members for our carol service on 20th December. You don't need to be an opera singer, just the desire to join in the proceedings and make friends with our current choir members. Rehearsals will take place after the Tuesday service at approx 1.15pm

for 30 minutes, starting in November, actual date to be confirmed, so come and join us.

Looking forward to meeting you.
Eileen Lockett

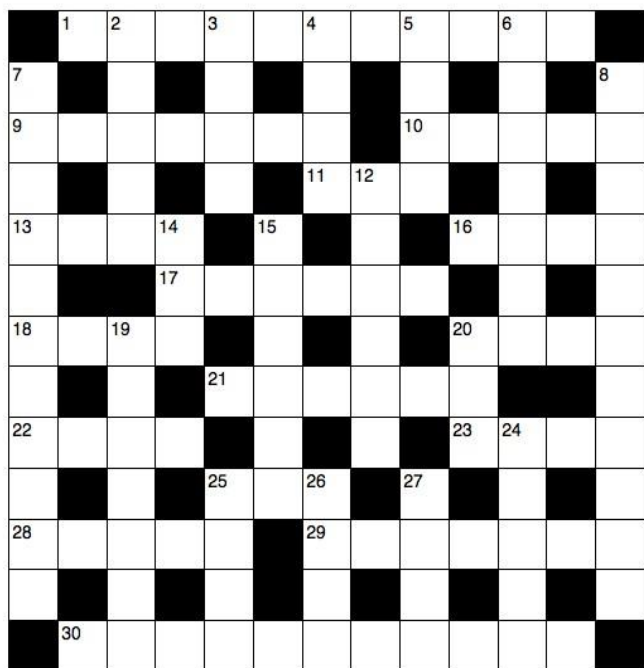


Celebrating Christmas at St Mary's 2016

The information given on this leaflet was correct at the time of printing but may be subject to amendment. For updated information please refer to our web site.

Sunday, 27 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion with Advent Carols	10.30am
Monday, 28 th Nov		Closed
Tuesday, 29 th Nov	Holy Communion Lunch-time Advent Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Wednesday, 30 th Nov		Closed
Thursday, 1 st Dec		Open
Friday, 2 nd Dec	Stockport Music Service Christmas Concert	6.30pm
Saturday, 3 rd Dec	St Mary's Christmas Fayre with Christmas treats at the Nave Café	10.00am- 4.00pm
Sunday, 4 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion Ex-Services Association Carol Service	10.30am 3.00pm
Monday, 5 th Dec		Closed
Tuesday, 6 th Dec	Holy Communion Lunch-time Advent Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Wednesday, 7 th Dec		Closed
Thursday, 8 th Dec		Open
Friday, 9 th Dec	AGE UK Stockport Carol Service with Warren Wood Primary School and Step Out Stockport Singing Group	1.30pm
Saturday, 10 th Dec		Open
Sunday, 11 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent – Advent Morning Prayer & Toy Service	10.30am
Monday, 12 th Dec	Beechwood Cancer Care Christmas Carol and Dedication Service with Affinity and Beechwood Choirs	7.00pm
Tuesday, 13 th Dec	Holy Communion Wellspring Carol Service	10.30am 1.00pm

Wednesday, 14 th Dec	The Mayor's Carol Service with Romiley Primary School Band	12.30pm
Thursday, 15 th Dec		Open
Friday, 16 th Dec	Shopmobility Stockport's Christmas Celebration Stockport Youth Orchestra - Nine Lessons & Carols	1.00pm 7.30pm
Saturday, 17 th Dec		Open
Sunday, 18 th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Holy Communion (Remembering a Loved One at Christmas)	10.30am
Monday, 19 th Dec		Closed
Tuesday, 20 th Dec	Holy Communion Lunch-time Carol Service with the Tuesday Congregation Banks Lane Junior School Carol Service	10.00am 12.15pm 7.00pm
Wednesday, 21 st Dec		Closed
Thursday, 22 nd Dec	Vernon Park Primary School Carol Concert	2.00pm
Friday, 23 rd Dec		Open
Saturday, 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve [please note that there are no services at 12.00noon & 6pm] Holy Communion with Carols	Open 11.30pm
Sunday, 25 th Dec	Christmas Day - Christmas Service of Holy Communion	10.30am
Monday, 26 th December – Saturday 31 st December St Mary's will remain closed [please note no watch night service]		
2017		
Sunday, 1 st January	Sunday after Christmas – Holy Communion	10.30am
Monday, 2 nd January to Saturday 7 th St Mary's will remain closed		
Sunday, 8 th January	The Baptism of Christ 1 st after Epiphany Morning Prayer	10.30am
Monday, 9 th January		Closed
Tuesday, 10 th January	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm



CROSSWORD

Across

1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)

9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)

10 City on the

banks of the River Nile (5)

11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)

13 Taverns (4)

16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)

17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)

18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)

20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)

21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)

22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)

23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)

25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)

St Andrew's Community Hall

Full steam ahead..... Now that notice has been given for everyone to move their belongings (or at least pack them up in order for us to put them into storage along with our own items) we now start the enormous task of clearing the premises before the main refurbishment work(s) start at the end of the month.

It was never going to be an easy task, but the mountain has to be climbed and everything (absolutely everything) removed and stored away, or removed and thrown-away (re-cycled)!

Some of the preparation work (being undertaken by ourselves and our contractor "Propertyfix") has already taken place and remains ongoing. We will continue, as funding allows, with the many jobs that need to be completed.

A definite requirement will be to replace the stacking tables to something modern and light-weight and for us to check carefully the chairs – on checking these (when completing the inventory) many were found to be suffering metal-fatigue, or found to be damaged in some other way, and will need to be taken out of action. Window blinds are also on the "agenda".

When the work is done (and we are confident it will be) then comes the task of maintenance (inside and out), regular ordinary cleaning (at least weekly), deep cleaning (at least monthly) and keeping St Andrews neat and tidy. Volunteers welcome to assist with these tasks on a regular basis. In an ideal world the premises need to be checked after each let, ready for the next. Paper towels and loo paper, liquid soap and washing up liquid all put out and the "bins" emptied. Fixtures and fittings checked.

We need St Andrews to look the part, we need to then re-launch and look for new day-time users (on a relatively regular basis) suitable to the premises and our resources. Find additional evening users (when not fully occupied) and to guarantee continued excellent facilities to our existing hirers.



How to pack your shoebox

- 1 Get an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in decorative paper.
- 2 Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and the age category and attach the appropriate label on the outside of the lid.
- 3 Fill your shoebox with a variety of new gifts that a child will love. Why not add a personal note and photo, and you may also like to pray for the child who will receive your box?
- 4 Include a £3 shipping donation for each shoebox you fill. *If you make this payment online, you can print out a barcode and place it inside your shoebox on top of the contents.* This will enable Samaritan's Purse to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.
- 5 Secure your shoebox with an elastic band and bring it to St Mary's between 1–18 November.

Our shoe box gifts will be blessed at the service on Sunday, 20th November before being taken to the warehouse for distribution.

Please fill your box with a selection from the following or similar items.

All items should be new. **TOYS:** Include a toy that a child can love like a doll or a cuddly toy (with CE label), toy truck, skipping rope, yoyo, ball, small puzzle, musical instruments etc. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener & eraser, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, colouring & picture books, solar calculators etc. **HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, flannel, comb & brush etc. **OTHER ITEMS:** Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses (with UV rating), hair accessories, wind- up torch, jewellery set, wrapped sweets (with best before date of at least March the following year). You could also include a **PERSONAL NOTE AND PHOTO** of you and your family/group. **DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; clothing other than that listed above; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food items; lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4 suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

ACROSS: 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysopraxe. **DOWN:** 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.

**"Bonfire Theme" Saturday Afternoon Tea
at the Nave Café 3.00pm
5th November 2016**

**Advance booking required
£7.50 per head**

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE NAVE CAFÉ

6th November 2016

1.00pm

"Bonfire" Soup with garlic bread

Beef & Onion Cottage Pie - with seasonal vegetables

Toffee Apple Crumble or Yorkshire Parkin & Blackberry Trifle

Ticket price includes a glass of "something" and Tea/Coffee at the end of the meal

**Advance booking required
£15.00 per head**

**PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE
MINISTRY AND MISSION OF ST MARY'S IN THE MARKETPLACE**



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Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 3rd December 2016

10.00am – 4.00pm

*the Nave Café will also be serving
festive treats during the day*

Entry Free

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Canon David Winter looks forward to Advent...

Good old Advent!

On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!

I yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-pooper. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, but the beginning.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. 'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'.

'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect. Good old Advent!

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers just who our enemies might be...

During this month we remember those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls us all to a radical heroism: 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies:

Our 'enemies' are not always life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or spiteful neighbour, our attitude toward them must be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone we don't get on with, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

In this season of Remembrance when we recognise that we all need heroes, what is the call to radical heroism in our own life?

Nigel Beeton writes: November is the month for Remembrance, and this November is special, for the 18th November marks the centenary of the end of one of the most protracted, most bloody, and least successful military battles of all time. I pity those who have to tend the fields where so very many died.

A November Field

The tractor ploughs a lonely field
Seen through November mist;
Which, to the rising sun doth yield
The earth is gently kissed.

The earth is gently kissed,
And melts remaining frost
But yet a chill does still persist
For thousands here were lost.

For thousands here were lost.
They fought for this same soil
These thousands paid the awful cost
In blood, and pain, and toil.

In blood, and pain, and toil,
'Gainst shell, and gun, and bomb
They fought, these men, courageous, loyal
The Battle of the Somme.

Nigel Beeton

Bishop Peter's twentieth anniversary as Bishop of Chester.

13th November

To mark the occasion the Diocese have put together a book of congratulation and have invited all parishes in the diocese to contribute.

St Mary's has been delighted to submit a note of congratulations to Bishop Peter, from the Churchwardens, Parochial Church Council and Congregation of St Mary's in the Marketplace, incorporating a few photographs.



Advanced Notice: 2017

Visitation Service

Mottram/Chadkirk / Stockport Deanery
7.30pm Thursday, 18th May – St Thomas, Stockport

Stockport Deanery Confirmation

6.30pm Sunday, 18th June – Norbury St Thomas