

# St Mary's Henlow Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 11.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

An audio loop is installed for those with hearing aids: please switch to the 'T' position.

**WELCOME** to all who join us for our service today. Please stay for coffee or squash after the Eucharist - the time to meet and greet.

#### John 1. 6 – 8, 19 – 28

The opening of John's Gospel is chiefly about Christ's person and significance, but the writer rather surprisingly inserts passages about John the Baptist, emphasizing his secondary yet important role. Perhaps there were followers of the Baptist who gave him a higher place and needed correcting?

\* *We need ideals in order to know where to place our efforts and our hopes.*

\* *Ordinary duties are not exciting but are basic to the rhythm of our lives.*

\* *Jesus stands as our best and heaven-sent guide to God's character and purpose.*

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR....

....Interfaith Groups in the Diocese

....Granville Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina, USA

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Jean Mattock; Angie Rigney (Reader); Ann French; Tom and Eileen Vincent; the Rev'd Jim Broadbridge; Julia Noikovitch; Derek Belcher; Charlie Bingham; Val Heaps; John Seal;

Sue Denwood; Pam Marsh; Mary Jennings; Janet Bradford; Peter Pringle  
....those in care homes: Florence Emery; Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.  
....R.I.P. Nancy Chessum; Geoffrey Kell

#### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer  
7.30pm Henlow Singers Concert in church

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm Choir Practice  
8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - 2.00pm Henlow Middle School  
Carols

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Raynsford Lower School Christmas  
Service (Coffee beforehand for parents)  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 12 noon Church Open

#### NEXT SUNDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.00am Parish Eucharist  
6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

#### NOTICES

*You are warmly invited to a **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for congregation and choir** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm at St Mary's*

The Henlow Singers' Christmas Concert will take place on Monday 12th at 7.30 pm at St Mary's

**Christmas Flowers** The church will be being decorated

for Christmas on Friday morning 23rd from 9.30 am and help with this would be warmly welcomed and also any financial contributions

towards the cost of the flowers would be gratefully received and should be given to Hilary Nicolls or one of the churchwardens. At the same time we will be making the Christingles so help for that would be very much appreciated as well.

**Christmas Cake** - Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Cake draw to be made at The Carols on Sunday 18th!

*As in previous years, Jackie and Alan Painter will not be sending many Christmas cards this year. Instead a donation will be made to the church. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. Thank you all for your love and support.*



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