

St Mary's Henlow Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 18th December 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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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.

Luke 1. 26 – 28

The Annunciation story, endlessly and famously painted, is an amazing picture of the wonder of God's way of proceeding – all unexpected, calling on the 'small' of the world as the route to triumph. And Mary, humbly, accepts her role.

* *Are we happy that God's way is not 'airy-fairy' but rooted in life and events, time and place?*

* *We should feel wonder at God's gracious condescension to Mary -- and to each of us in our place.*

* *The proper Christian response is grateful co-operation in what is required of us.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

....Anglican Methodist Covenant Relationships in the Diocese

....John Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, USA

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Jean Mattock; Angie Rigney (Reader); 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. Ann French

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 19th – 9.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 20th - 7.00pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 21st – 9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Friday 23rd - No Morning Prayer
9.30am Church decorating and
Christingle making
Saturday 24th - 4.00pm Christingle Service
11.15pm Midnight Mass

NEXT SUNDAY – 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Family Communion

NOTICES

*You are warmly invited to a **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for congregation and choir** this evening at 6.00pm 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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