

Prayer for the Vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this place: Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – IMPORTANT



If you are feeling unwell– please let Polly know. We can help with shopping, visits or any other supportive action you may need.

The key points regarding service protocols at St Mary's are:

- **Parishioners are encouraged to continue to wear face masks in church including during hymn singing**
- All pews now back in use, parishioners free to choose their own seating position in church but are asked to be mindful and respectful of others
- We will be leaving the back door open as long as the weather allows – **please come dressed appropriately as it can get chilly.**
- No longer a need to pre-register attendance.
- Communion will continue to be given in one kind until further notice, and the sign of the Peace will be shared without physical contact
- As we have resumed the collection plate parishioners who contribute through Planned Giving are welcome to take a laminated token from the basket near the entrance and pop into the Collection pouch. That way all donations can be included in the blessing and thanksgiving for the offertory plate



If you have any safeguarding worries please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.



St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon

Sunday 12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent



Services during November/December at St Mary's

Dec 12th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Jolyon Trickey
	6pm	Evensong Anthony Metcalfe
Dec 19th	10am	Parish Eucharist Ven Martin Breadmore
	6pm	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Jane Hiley
Dec 24th	5pm	Crib Service Revd Mary Beth Hawrish
	11pm	Midnight Mass Fr Gerard Mee
Dec 25th	10am	Festive Parish Eucharist Revd Rosemary Durward
Dec 26th	10am	Joint Service at St Andrew's, Cobham

Rector: Parish in Vacancy

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Church Wardens : Sue Prentice
Ian Read

New to St Mary's?

If this is the first time you are joining us please introduce yourself to the Church Wardens or sides people. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We like to be able to contact new members and visitors, so please let us have your contact details. Please send us your name, address, telephone and email address to our parish administrator on 01932 866005 or admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk.

Please use the blue Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. We also accept contactless payments at the back of the Church – please ask a Warden. The WC's are located in the Church Hall. We hope you enjoy the service.



If you wish to join us but have no way of getting to St Mary's, please let Polly know and we will endeavour to arrange transport.

Collect for the Day

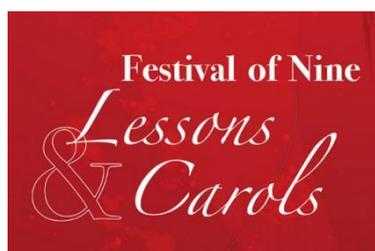
O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Minister :	Revd. Jolyon Trickey
Reading :	Phil 4 : 4 - 7
Gospel :	Luke 3 : 7 - 18
Hymns :	165, 38, 27, 563
Mass Setting :	Thorne
Communion Voluntary :	<i>Variations on Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland</i> JG Walther (1684-1748)
Postlude :	<i>Fuge on the Magnificat</i> , BWV 733 JS Bach (1685-1750)



We will be **servicing coffee** after the 10am service today. Please stay behind and chat with friends.

6pm	Evensong
Minister :	Anthony Metcalfe
Reading :	Zepheniah 3 : 14 - end
Gospel :	Luke 1 : 37 - end
Psalm :	50 vv 1-6 Chant 120
MAgnificat :	26
Nunc Dimittis	32
Hymns :	534 om 4-5; 2; 591



Please join us next Sunday 19th December at 6pm for our annual **Festival of 9 Lessons and**

Carols. After careful consideration, and being mindful of Covid at this busy time, we have decided that it would not be sensible to serve wine and mince pies after the service.

Crib Service – 5pm Christmas Eve



We are planning that our much loved Crib Service will take place as usual. We know in the past this has been a very popular service, so to ensure everyone's safety, in addition to our current Covid protocols, we are setting the following guidelines.

- **Numbers will be limited so please pre-register for the service with Polly on 01932 866005 or admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk**
- Masks must be worn by everyone over the age of 12; we would encourage everyone to take a lateral flow test before attending.
- If children wish to dress up we would request that they come in their own costume unless they are playing a role in the service.



The Advent Bible study will continue next Wednesday at 10am for 10.30am start at St Mary's. If you missed last week please don't worry – come along and join us next time.



The **reverse advent calendar** is now over and the goodies have been taken to the Foodbank. In all we collected almost 170kg of food which will be distributed to various clients in the form of a Christmas Hamper Box. Thank you all for your contributions – we have been thrilled with your generosity.

There is a special Christmas update on the Cobham Area Foodbank website. Read it here : [Christmas Update from Cobham Area Foodbank | Cobham Area](#)