

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:

- **It is requested that masks must be worn throughout the service 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.**
- 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

24th and 25th December 2021
Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.
Amen



December & January 2022 Services at St Mary's

Dec 24th	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
Jan 2nd	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Rosemary Mason
Jan 9th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Roland Olliff
	6pm	Evensong Anthony Metcalfe LLM
Jan 16th	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Mary Beth Hawrish
Jan 23rd	10am	Parish Eucharist Revd Roland Olliff
	6pm	Evensong Phillip Herbert LLM
Jan 30th	10am	Parish Eucharist Fr Gerard Mee

Rector: Parish in Vacancy

Parish Administrator : Polly Zabari
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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.

Collect for Christmas Eve

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

11pm Midnight Mass

Minister : Fr Gerard Mee

Reading : Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7

Gospel : Luke 2 : 1 - 14

Hymns : 56 om 4, 67, 76, 62 om starred verses

Mass Setting Communion Service in C and F – Stanford (1852 – 1924)

Motets : O Magnum mysterium – Victoria (c.1548-1611)

Omnis mundus jocundetur – Michael Praetorius (1571 – 1621)

Translations :

O Magnum Mysterium

How great a mystery and wonderful a sacrament that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.

Omnis mundus jocundetur

Let all the world rejoice at the birth of the Saviour. Whose pure mother conceived him at Gabriel's word: Let us be glad and celebrate today with sonorous voices, and with sincere hearts. Christ is born of the Virgin Mary : be happy; let us therefore be glad and rejoice.

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10am Festive Eucharist for Christmas Day

Minister : Revd Rosemary Durward

Reading : Hebrews 1 : 1 - 12

Gospel : John 1 : 1 - 14

Hymns : 48, 73, 63, 53



Please note – the Parish Office will be closed 24 Dec – 4 Jan 2022. Emails and phone calls will continue to be monitored

2021 Christmas Appeal

This year our [Christmas Appeal](#) is in aid of St Mary's and Oasis, a Cobham Charity which supports vulnerable children and their families. If you would like to make an online donation, then please use our bank details

Payee : Parochial Church Council of Stoke D'Abernon

Account Number : 34311211

Sort Code : 600603

Please use the reference "Christmas Appeal" so that we can identify the donation.

Alternatively if you would like to donate by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Parochial Church Council of Stoke D'Abernon and leave with Polly in the office or hall postbox. Similarly any cash donations should be given to Polly as well.

If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid, then please email the Treasurer Claire Saxton (claz15585@hotmail.com) confirming this.



Sadly we had to postpone our Christmas Lunch until the New Year, however we have made a donation to Crisis for Christmas of £250 as we would have done.

We can't believe that it is nearly three months since we said farewell to our friends in Stoke D'Abernon. We hope that you will have a Happy and Blessed Christmas with your families and friends. With greetings from Southsea. Godfrey and Helen

