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St Mary's Monthly Missive

November 2026



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Notices

Faith & Light Tea at St John's Church, Southdown – Sunday 1st Nov 4.15pm

Faith and Light is an ecumenical worship group for members: adults with learning disabilities and their families, carers and friends. It is St Mary's turn to provide tea for the group. This is always great fun. We need volunteers to provide food, and/or also to help on the day.
We are catering for about 20 people, and they now have a dishwasher! Please contact Carolyn McNicoll, 01582 763398 or email familymcnicoll@hotmail.com . Thank you.

DCC Meeting - Monday 2nd November 7.30pm

A Little Lunch – Monday 9th November

If you would like to get involved, we are always looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Sallyann Boschetti 07779 387557.

Simply Worship - Sunday 15th November 4.30pm

This service is particularly suitable for families and involves crafts as part of the worship.
The theme this month is The Parable of the Talents

Tuesday Afternoon Group – Tuesday 24th November at 2.30pm

This month Emily Featherstone is talking about her work in the Central African Republic.
New volunteers to help set up, serve refreshments, clear up or drive are always welcome. If you are able to help with any of this please contact the Parish Office.

St. Mary's Christmas Choir

Our service of 9 lessons and carols this year will be at 6 pm on Sunday 20th December
The Christmas Choir practices at church, 8pm on Wednesday evenings.
Dates this year: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 9th,16th December. Would like to join us?
If you don't read music, don't worry, practice tracks will be available.
We learn 4 pieces to sing between the readings and congregational carols
If you enjoy singing this is for you!!
Speak to Jenny Goulding for more information: jennygouldingmt@gmail.com

Services during the vacancy

Sunday morning 9.30am, twice monthly Tuesday morning communions, monthly Homedell communion and monthly Simply Worship services will all run as usual during the vacancy.
Where necessary visiting clergy have been booked up to and including Christmas services.
Bishop Jane will be leading our worship on 17th January 2027

Eco Church Tips for November

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too.
Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence).
Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!

Wanted

Still wanted - a small fan heater for the vestry. The current one has gone to meet its maker! If you have one surplus to requirements we would be very pleased to rehome it.

We Are Online…..

St. Mary's has its own **Facebook** page (simply search for 'St. Mary's Kinsbourne Green'). We use this to publicise both upcoming and past events. To help us reach a wider audience we'd love you to 'like' and 'share' our page.
There is also a **Parish website**. If you haven't visited it, we would encourage you to go and have a look at parishofharpenden.org. There you can access the latest pew leaflet, articles, our monthly Missive and so much more.

Tuesday Morning Prayer

See the pew leaflet for details of when Morning Prayer will begin again.

Holy Communion - 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10am
A short, quiet BCP service with coffee afterwards. **All welcome**

This Month Please Pray For….

- We pray for all people who find the dark days of winter hard to cope with, that they may remain strong in the faith of your light.

- We pray for the boys and staff of Jeel-al Amal boys' home and school in Bethany, in these tense and difficult times: For their safety and wellbeing.

- We pray for Tearfund's Rubbish Project: for global action to reduce the mountains of plastic pollution, and for the communities who live amidst piles of plastic waste.

Future Dates

Little Lunch – Monday 7th December
Simply Worship – Sunday 13th December: Carols round the firepit
Tuesday Afternoon Group – Tuesday 15th December
Carols at Homedell – Wednesday 16th December
Nine Lessons & Carols – Sunday 20th December
Crib Services – Thursday 24th December
Midnight Mass – Thursday 24th December
Family Christmas Communion – Friday 25th December

NB: **Christingle service**: Sunday 17th January at 4.30pm

Services in November 2026

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day
9.30am First Sunday – Revd Nick Goulding and Jenny Goulding

Tuesday 3rd November 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd James Brown, followed by coffee

Sunday 8th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)
9.30am Family Communion – Revd Patrick Moriarty and Geoff Payne

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent
9.30am Family Communion – Revd Nick Goulding
4.30 pm Simply Worship – Jenny Goulding

Tuesday 17th November 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd James Brown, followed by coffee

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King
9.30am Family Communion – The Venerable Dr Jonathan Smith

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday
9.30am Family Communion – Revd Mark Rodel

Tuesday 1st December 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Patrick Moriarty, followed by coffee

Sunday 6th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent
9.30am First Sunday – Nina Featherstone

Next Month
Please send submissions for December's Missive by 20th November to missive@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org or speak to Jenny Clark or Nina Featherstone