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Harpenden



# St Mary's Monthly Missive January 2026



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## **Notices**

### **A Little Lunch – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January**

The theme this year is 'One body, One spirit: just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.'

### **Simply Worship – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm**

Our Christingle Service in the season of Epiphany, in aid of The Children's Society.

### **Bring and Share Lunch – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 12 noon**

An opportunity to share lunch together. Bring a simple dish to add to the table, and enjoy conversation over lunch, drinks provided.

### **Tuesday Afternoon Group – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm**

The Rector will be talking about his role as Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. If you would like to help with driving and/or making tea please speak to Sally.

### **Bible Reading Fellowship Notes**

As the New Year starts, it could be a good time to begin some Bible study by taking the New Daylight Bible reading notes. The notes provide a short Bible passage, a brief commentary and a thought to finish with, for every day of the year. There is a new theme every two weeks. The readings are a mix of the familiar and those which you may never have come across. The commentators come from a variety of religious backgrounds. The notes currently cost £15.75 for the whole year (£19.50 for a large print version) or you can receive them by email from Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) for a fee.

You are also welcome to join the group which meets in the church hall once a month on a Friday afternoon, led by Sally Goodson, to discuss what we have been reading; it is always interesting to hear other people's views on the notes. If you want to find out more, please contact Jenny Clark (01582 931357)

### **Food Bank**

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the Food Bank collections during 2025, especially with Christmas goodies. As ever you have all been very generous. Please continue your generosity into 2026, every item is most welcome to those who find themselves in need of the services of the food banks. Our contributions are going to The King's Pantry based at the Salvation Army Citadel in Harpenden.

Anne MacDougall does all the heavy work; I just fuss round the edges! If you have any queries please speak to her or me. Jenny Clark

### **Eco Church Tips: Garden Birdwatch**

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted. We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. Find out more at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

### **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. There you can access the latest pew leaflet, articles, our monthly Missive and so much more.

### **Tuesday Morning Prayer**

Morning prayer at St Mary's 9.00-9.25am

Do join Sally and Jenny and Nick Goulding to pray for church and world concerns.

### **Holy Communion** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10am

A Book of Common Prayer service with coffee afterwards. All welcome.

### **This Month Please Pray For....**

- Those making any kind of new start in this New Year, including those looking for work.
- All who came to our Christmas services, that they will be drawn in by the Good News of Christ's birth.
- The work of our parish and our mission-giving charities who received our Christmas donations.

### **Future Dates 2026**

- **Little Lunch** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- **Simply Worship** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm
- **Tuesday Afternoon Group** - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm

## **St Mary's: Services January 2026**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

9.30am First Sunday Service – Revd Sally Goodson and Nina Featherstone

11am Holy Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Revd Sally Goodson

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany**

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ**

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

4.30pm Simply Worship Christingle – Jenny Goulding and Sally Goodson

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Revd Sally Goodson

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Conversion of Paul**

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson and Hilary Pask

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Candlemas**

9.30am Family Worship – Nina Featherstone and Jenny Goulding

11am Holy Communion – Revd Nick Goulding

Please send submissions for February's Missive to

[missive@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:missive@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org) by 16<sup>th</sup> January or speak to Sally Goodson