



St Mary's Monthly Missive January 2026



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Notices

A Little Lunch – Monday 12th 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: 18th - 25th 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 18th January 4.30pm

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

Bring and Share Lunch – Sunday 25th 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 27th 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 – 1st and 3rd 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 9th February
- **Simply Worship** – Sunday 15th February 4.30pm
- **Tuesday Afternoon Group** - Tuesday 24th February 2.30pm

St Mary's: Services January 2026

Sunday 4th January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

9.30am First Sunday Service – Revd Sally Goodson and Nina Featherstone
11am Holy Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

Tuesday 6th January 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Sally Goodson

Sunday 11th January – Epiphany

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

Sunday 18th January – Baptism of Christ

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson
4.30pm Simply Worship Christingle – Jenny Goulding and Sally Goodson

Tuesday 20th January 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Sally Goodson

Sunday 25th January – Conversion of Paul

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson and Hilary Pask

Sunday 1st 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.parishofharpden.org by 16th January or speak to Sally Goodson