

# Storrington Parish Church

St. Mary's,  
Church Street



 **Faith, Hope and Love  
in the heart of Storrington**

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## NEWS SHEET



10 December 2023

Advent 2

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*the Rector*  
*(the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow)*

**10.00 am Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher: the Rector*  
Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

**4.00 pm Evensong**  
*the Revd John and Revd Jacquie Peal*  
Ps 40; 1 Kings 22: 1-28; Matthew 11: 2-11  
*Readers: Jennie Abbott / Nicky Armstrong*

*The Rector (the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow) will take Friday as her day off.*

**Rectory Office open this week on:**  
**Tues and Thurs – 10am - 1pm**  
**Tel: 01903 742888**

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

#### Monday, 11 December

7.00pm Storrington Slimmers

#### Tuesday, 12 December

9.30am Family Support Work drop-in centre at Village Hall (*ends 11.15am*)  
2.00pm Bellringing practice (*ends approx. 6pm*)

#### Wednesday, 13 December

*Lucy, 304; Samuel Johnson, 1784*

10.00am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Cafe in the Church –  
Christmas Special ...

*see Notices*

#### Thursday, 14 December

*John of the Cross, 1591*

#### Friday, 15 December

6.40pm Choir Practice in Church  
7.30pm Carols at the Crown  
7.45pm Bellringing practice

#### Saturday, 16 December

5.00pm Scouts Carol Service



#### HELP NEEDED WITH COFFEE ROTA...

We need a few more volunteers to help serve coffee after the 10am Sunday service. If you would like to help us please contact Barbara Buchanan (741916).

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

The Church is open every day for private prayer.

Regular Sunday Services in Church are at 8am and 10am.

The 10am Service is streamed live from the Church on Zoom -

(Contact Val Rice on valrice77@gmail.com for details)

**Evensong is on the first and second Sundays of the month ...**  
**6pm April to October**  
**4pm November to March**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

*For those who are in need in body, mind or spirit:*

**Rachel Martin; Paul Muller; Sue Taylor; Mike Patch; Georgina Toovey; Mavis Watts; Mary Taylor; Andy Johnson; Kate; Ray Hunt; Monica Walter; Jean Minter; Dai and Ann Somerville-Jones; Beryl Cook; Jeremy Keun; Jeremy and Susanne Carter; Edna Streeter; Allan and Annette Smith; Alun Jenkins; Maddy Parkin.**

*For all those who have died recently ...*

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



### Cafe in the Church in December



#### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

*with Sing-along Carols, mince pies and other Christmas goodies, Children from Storrington Primary School will be singing*

**13 December**

**10am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10.30am Café in the Church**

*All welcome to either or both - please come and join us for a friendly cuppa with the clergy.*

**NOTE: No Café on 27 December**

**MINCE PIES NEEDED** for the social gathering after the Carol Service on **Sunday, 16 December** – please put your name on the list at the back of Church if you can help.

#### PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is the Rector – the Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow (742888). Please contact Kathryn (or Viv at the Rectory Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings) if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

#### THOUGHT for the WEEK

*from Revd Jacquie Peal*

A copy is with this Notice Sheet, it is on the Church Noticeboard and Church website.

## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



#### CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

The annual inter-Church open-air Carol Service, arranged in conjunction with Chanctonbury Lions, will take place on **Tuesday, 19 December, at 6.30 pm** in the Square opposite White Horse Inn.

#### CAROLS AT THE CROWN INN

**Fri, 15 December, 7.30 – 8.30pm**

All are invited to sing Christmas Carols at the Crown at Cootham on Friday, 15 December. We will be raising money for the Crown's nominated charity this year.

**SCOUTS CAROL SERVICE** takes place in Church on **Saturday, 16 December at 5pm.**

#### PARISH CAROL SERVICE

The main parish Carol Service will take place in Church on **Sunday, 17 December at 6pm.** All welcome.

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

(for families) will be on **Christmas Eve (Sunday, 24 December) at 4pm.**

#### CHRISTINGLE ORANGES

We will be preparing the Christingle Oranges in Church on **Saturday, 23 December at 10am.** If you have an hour to spare and would like to help please contact the Rector (742888). Thank you.

**MIDNIGHT MASS** is celebrated at **11.00pm on Christmas Eve.** Part of the service takes place by candlelight. *Please note the new time.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY** The main service will be **Christmas Family Communion with Carols at 10 am.** There will be a Holy Communion service at 8am. No evening service on Christmas Day.

#### THAKEHAM & SULLINGTON CHURCHES CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2023 IN AID OF FSW £2

Quiz sheets are available to download from Thakeham Church website (www.stmarysthakeham.org) where you can make an online donation - hard copies are available from Viv Stuart (745913) or Rectory Office .

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY



17 December 2023

**Advent 3**  
*O Sapientia*

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
*the Revd Charles Hadley*

**10.00 am Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant and Preacher: the Rector*  
Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

**4.00 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**6.00 pm PARISH CAROL SERVICE**  
*the Rector*

**Opening Hymn**

AM 54

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and God. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

John Bradley

**Isaiah 40: 1-11**

**God's People Are Comforted**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**SECOND READING**

Sam Ward

**2 Peter 3: 8-15a**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the

elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

**Final Exhortation and Doxology**

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

**Gradual Hymn**

AM 51

The Lord will come and not be slow

**GOSPEL**

the Rector

**Mark 1: 1-8**

**The Gospel According to Mark**  
**The Proclamation of John the Baptist**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

the Rector

**Offertory Hymn**

AM 815

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

**Music during Communion**

Isaiah the prophet

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn**

HON 295

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news, announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness: our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns,  
our God reigns, our God reigns.*

You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one, shout for your King, your King! See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Zion: our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns,  
our God reigns, our God reigns.*

Wasteplaces of Jerusalem, break forth with joy! We are redeemed, redeemed. The Lord has saved and comforted his people: our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns,  
our God reigns, our God reigns.*

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God! Jesus is Lord, is Lord!

Before the nations, he has bared his holy arm: our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns,  
our God reigns, our God reigns.*

**NOTICES**



**NATIVITY-THEMED CHRISTMAS CARDS**

**5 cards in a pack - £3 per pack**

Available from Val Rice on Sundays at Church or Cafe in the Church. In aid of Church funds.

If you are unable to get to Church please contact Val ([valrice77@gmail.com](mailto:valrice77@gmail.com)).

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month**  
**2pm - 4pm in Church for Winter**

**Come and join our SPACE**

Everyone very welcome (men and women, any age or ability). For more information contact Barbara (741236).

**WE ARE TAKING A BREAK DURING DECEMBER AND WE WILL START AGAIN ON TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2024**

**CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS**

**First Tuesday of each month at 10am - 10.30am at Our Lady of England RC Church. Next meeting on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.**

**NEWCOMERS TO THIS CHURCH**

If this is the first time you are visiting our Church please fill in your name and address on one of the pink cards (they are near the entrance door of the Church) and give it to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens. We try to get to know new people as quickly as possible and make them feel at home among friends.



**FSW**

are based in  
Storrington Village Hall

**Tuesday mornings (9.30 - 11.15am)**  
**(10am - 12 noon in school holidays)**

as a drop-in centre for young families and older members of the community too. Everyone is welcome.

**Please see list on Noticeboard at back of Church for needs of the FSW Foodbank.**