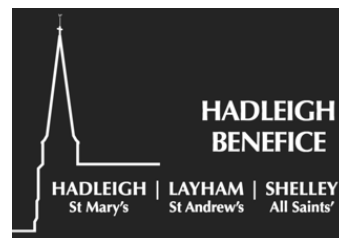


# Sunday 10 December 2017

## Advent 2



**Welcome to our service, especially if you are visiting today. We welcome the family and friends of Ethan and Melissa Isooba as they are baptised at St Mary's today. Please do join us for refreshments after the services at St Mary's and All Saints'.**

<b>THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>Morning prayer is said at St Mary's, Tuesday-Friday at 8.30am</b>			
<b>Sunday 10 December</b>	4pm – CTiH Advent Service at Elmsett Methodist Church		
<b>Monday 11 December</b>	6.30pm St Joseph's College Carol Service (setting up all day)		
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	11am The Row Chapel – Mattins (BCP) 1.30-2.45pm Tadpoles, for babies, toddlers and their carers 2.30pm Canterbury House – Eucharist 4.30pm Silent Prayer, at the Salvation Army Hall - all welcome 6-8pm Porch Project		
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	8.30am St Mary's - Morning Prayer and Eucharist 6-7.15pm St Mary's - FROGs Christmas Party		
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	5-7pm Christmas Tree Festival setting up		
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	9am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival setting up 9.30am St Mary's – Prayer Meeting 9.30am–12noon St Mary's – Café Church 10.15am Café Church Communion 5.15pm St Mary's – Advent Stations 7-8.30pm Informal Social Evening at St Mary's to open the Christmas Tree Festival		
<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	10am CTiH Carol Singing in the Co-op with Salvation Army Band and at 2pm at Morrisons 7pm Layham Carols		
<b>Sunday 17 December Advent 3</b>	8am 9.30am 10.45am 4pm 6pm	Said Eucharist (BCP) Café Church Sung Eucharist Carol Service Service of Lessons and Carols	St Mary's St Andrew's St Mary's All Saints' St Mary's

## NOTICES

**WELCOME** TO THE BENEFICE OF ST MARY'S HADLEIGH, ST ANDREW'S LAYHAM AND ALL SAINTS' SHELLEY. We hope you enjoy being with us, and look forward to welcoming you again in the future. Communicant members of all churches are welcome to receive communion – or come up for a blessing if you prefer.

If you require a **gluten free** communion wafer, please speak to one of the welcome team – preferably before the start of the service.



**Children** at St Mary's are welcome to use the area at the back of church, where there are toys, books and other things to do.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to **gift aid** your collection donation at St Mary's, please put it in the white envelope inside the hymn book and complete the details on the front. Please ask a welcomer if you do not have an envelope. Thank you.

**If you would like someone to pray with or for you after any service, please ask a member of the Ministry Team and they will direct you to someone who will be happy to do this.**

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## St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 15 Dec 2017 – Tuesday 2 Jan 2018

**There's still time to sign up**, so if you know of a business, club, group or school that would like to take part, please take a flyer. For an application form or for more information please contact the church office: [office@stmaryshadleigh.co.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadleigh.co.uk) 01473 527499

All profits to Hadleigh Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and St Mary's Church. As part of this festival there will also be a display of some 120 Nativity scenes, many of which have not been seen in St Mary's before. Donations will be invited for the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter

**Also, there will be an Informal Social Evening** to open the festival – Friday 15 December, 7-8.30pm at St Mary's. Tickets £5, to include light refreshments, available from the office.



## NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

**The Big Christmas Card:** Save money and donate it to a worthy cause by putting your greetings to fellow church members on the big card (at the back of the church). Proceeds to the Children's Society. Many thanks.

**FIND:** There is a shopping trolley at the back of St Mary's for donations for FIND (Families in Need) over the Christmas season. All donations should be non-perishable, with long sell-by dates.

**FROGs Christmas Party:** we will be having an end of term Christmas party for FROGs (for all primary school aged children) on Wednesday 13 December in St Mary's Church from 6-7.15pm. As well as games and food, we will be making decorations for the Frogs and Tadpoles Christmas tree which will be part of the Christmas Tree Festival in church from Friday 15 December. Contact Trish 07810 004121 or [trish17@sky.com](mailto:trish17@sky.com)

**CTiH Carol Singing at the Co-op:** Please join us for our annual Carol Singing at the Co-op along with the Salvation Army band on Saturday 16 December at 10am; if you don't like singing you could help by giving out leaflets about the Christmas services. For those who cannot make this there is another opportunity at 2pm at Morrisons. Please come and support us and stand up for the real meaning of Christmas!



**Layham Carol Concert:** We are holding our annual Carol Concert on Saturday 16 December at 7pm. As usual, there will be a nice variety of music and readings, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please make a date to join us, and if there is anyone who might be able to contribute a musical item or perhaps a humorous reading, you would be very welcome. (Contact Brian at [b.hempstead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:b.hempstead@hotmail.co.uk) or 01473 810171).

**St Mary's Carol Service** – Sunday 17 December at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Donations of mince pies (bought or home-made), especially small ones, would be very welcome!



**Christmas Day Lunch:** If you, or others known to you, would like to come to the Christmas lunch in the Ansell Centre on Christmas Day, please contact Janice or Barbara on 808835. People on their own or with others are very welcome. Transport is available. See you there!

**Christmas services:** there are flyers and postcards at the back of St Mary's with detail of all Christmas services across the benefice. Please do take one, and consider taking one for a friend or neighbour who might be interested. Please also note that there will be no service at The Row on Tuesday 26 December, and no Café Church on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY PRAYERS

*For health and wellbeing:* Jess Fyfield, Bob Stanley, Maureen Bell, Caroline Taylor, Amanda Brodie, Jenny Spencely, Mollie Burrage, Amanda and her family, Jean Gibbons, Lucinda Salway, Sandra Smithson, Kenny Scarff

*Long term sick:* list available

*Recent deaths,* Annette Romer-Lee, Sophie Stuart-Mills, John Kersey

*Praying the roads in Hadleigh:* Shearman Road + Lister Road

*Other prayers:*

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold, especially in this bitter weather.

Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*Wedding Anniversary:* Our prayers are also asked for Eric and Gloria Headleand, who were married at St Mary's on 14 December 1957, and so celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week.

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**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

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