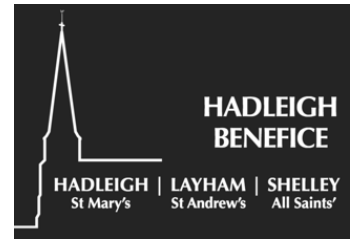


Sunday 24 December 2017
Advent 4
Christmas Eve



Welcome to our service, especially if you are visiting today.
At St Mary's this morning we extend a warm welcome to the family and friends of Samson, Seth and Sian Njuguna as they are baptised
Please do join us for refreshments after the service.

THIS WEEK:			
Morning prayer is said at St Mary's, Tuesday-Friday at 8.30am			
Sunday 24 December Advent 4 Christmas Eve	4pm St Mary's Crib Service 4pm St Andrew's Christingle and Crib Service 11pm St Mary's Midnight Mass 11pm The Row Midnight Mass		
Monday 25 December Christmas Day	8am St Mary's Said Eucharist (BCP) 9.15am All Saints' Family Eucharist 9.15am St Andrew's Family Communion 10.45am St Mary's Family Communion		
Tuesday 26 December	St Mary's will remain closed all day today. No service at The Row Chapel today 4.30pm Silent Prayer, at the Salvation Army Hall - all welcome		
Wednesday 27 December	8.30am St Mary's - Morning Prayer and Eucharist		
Thursday 28 December			
Friday 29 December	No Café Church at St Mary's today		
Saturday 30 December			
Sunday 31 December Christmas 1	8am <u>10.30am</u>	Said Eucharist (BCP) Deanery Eucharist	St Mary's Stratford St Mary

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.

HLF grant: We have received news from HLF about the application we made for funding the first phase of the re-ordering, and sadly they have turned us down on this occasion. We will know more about their reasons when we receive the formal letter, but they have already said it was an excellent application and are happy to work with us to ensure a more successful outcome next time. We already have a meeting with them arranged for January to take things forward. So, we are certainly not giving up; many successful projects have had to apply more than once.

Appointment of new incumbent: The Hadleigh Benefice will have a new priest-in-charge sometime in 2018. Listening to the views of worshippers, as well as the wider community, is an important part of the appointment process.

You are invited to an informal meeting about the appointment at St Mary's Hadleigh on Friday January 19th at 11am. There will also be an opportunity to discuss this on Sunday January 21st after the 10.45 service at St Mary's Hadleigh.

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.

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!

St Mary's will be locked from 12noon on Christmas Day, and will remain locked on Boxing Day.

ON ALL OTHER DAYS FROM NOW UNTIL 4 JANUARY, ST MARY'S WILL BE LOCKED AT 1PM DAILY.

The Deanery Office is now closed, and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January. Someone will call in to pick up any urgent messages between Christmas and New Year, but the office will not be open.

Please also note that there will be no service at The Row on Tuesday 26 December, and no Café Church on Friday 29th.

Sunday 31 December 10.30am - Deanery Eucharist at Stratford St Mary. Please note that there is no 10.45am service at St Mary's on that day; the 8am BCP Said Eucharist will take place as normal.

The January Benefice Magazine will be slightly later than usual due to the Christmas break; it will be available on Friday 5 January.



FAMILY PRAYERS

Recently baptised: Ethan and Melissa Isooba

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, Christine Hempstead, Joan Rampling, John Parry-Williams, Mike Sands, Ann Spokes

Long term sick: list available

Recent deaths, Sophie Stuart-Mills, John Kersey, (Alicia) Jean Woollard, Eileen Nicholson

Other prayers:

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas. Amen

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The Deanery Office at St Mary's is open from **10.00am-12 noon** every
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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