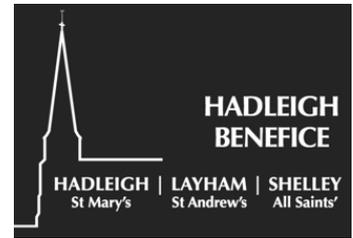


Sunday 16 December 2018

Advent 3



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 Finley Finch as he is baptised.
Please do join us for refreshments after the service
at St Mary's.

THIS WEEK:			
Morning prayer is said at St Mary's, Tuesday-Friday at 8.30am			
Sunday 16 December	4pm All Saints' Shelley Carol Service 6pm St Mary's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols		
Monday 17 December	2pm Hadleigh Hall Nursing Home Christmas Service		
Tuesday 18 December	11am Row Chapel – Carol Service 2pm St Mary's: Hadleigh Community Primary School Carol Service No Tadpoles today 3pm Waterfield House – informal service 4.30pm Silent Prayer, at the Salvation Army Hall - all welcome		
Wednesday 19 December	8.30am St Mary's – Morning Prayer and Eucharist 2pm St Mary's – Mothers' Union 3pm Canterbury House Carol Service		
Thursday 20 December	2pm St Mary's School Carol Service		
Friday 21 December	9.30am–12noon St Mary's – Café Church 10am Café Church Communion 7.30pm St Andrew's Layham Carol Service		
Saturday 22 December			
Sunday 23 December Advent 4	8am 9.15am 10.45am	Said Eucharist (BCP) Sung Eucharist, Layham with Shelley Sung Eucharist followed by bring and share lunch	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.



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

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 (available from the back of the church) and complete the details on the front. Please ask a welcomer if you cannot find 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.

Statement read across the Benefice on Sunday 2 December: Sue and Simon are coming to the end of their curacies at Hadleigh, Layham and Shelley. Bishop Martin has met with both of them, along with the other curates who are due to finish this coming June.

Simon will return to serving his home base of Assington and Bures, and will stay at Hadleigh until a time later in 2019 to be agreed between him and Fr Jo.

Bishop Martin has asked Sue to move in mid-January for the six months remaining of her curacy to serve as Interim Parish Priest at St Andrew's Rushmere, giving her incumbency experience as she discerns her next call, and supporting a parish after their incumbent has left.

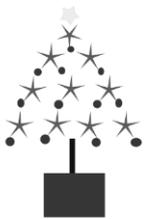
Both Simon and Sue would like to thank you all for your care and, all the support you have offered them during their curacies. And, of course, we thank them for their ministry among us.

NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Thanks to all who joined in and helped in any way with the shared lunch last week!

Big Christmas Card: This year we shall again be putting out a big Christmas card where you can pass on your greetings to the rest of the congregation, which also enables you to donate the money you save from not sending individual cards. As before, such donations will go to the Children's Society. Many thanks in anticipation.

Details of Christmas services are in the magazine and on flyers and postcards available from St Mary's. Do please pick one up, and take one for a friend or neighbour.



Christmas Tree Festival – in St Mary's until the new year; do come and admire the trees supplied by a range of local groups and businesses - and bring friends to enjoy them too. The church is open from 9am-4pm every day, except Boxing Day and New Year's Day, when it will remain locked.

Sunday 23 December is David's 50th Anniversary of Ordination. If you are able please come and join him at a Eucharist of Thanksgiving that day at St Mary's at 10.45am – followed by a Bring and Share lunch with seasonal libations!

Decorating windows at St Mary's: if you are able to come and help with this, just turn up at about 10am on Christmas Eve - and bring greenery if you can please.

The Deanery Office will be closed from 12noon on Friday 21 December, and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January. Someone will call in to pick up any urgent messages during that time, but the office will not be open.

Sunday 30 December 10.30am - Deanery Eucharist at St Mary's. Please note the time; the 8am BCP Said Eucharist will take place as normal. (No services at Layham or Shelley that day.)

Mothers' Union: If anyone wishes to come to the lunch at Stoke by Nayland golf club on January 12th 2019 and they haven't given their names to Sandra Smithson please contact her as soon as possible. She will be at Cafe Church on Friday collecting names and money; the cost of the meal is £19.50. Reminder for all MU members: don't forget to bring a present for the sack at the next meeting, to cost no more than £5. Thank you, Sandra Smithson.

Weekly Giving Envelopes: envelopes for 2019 for St Mary's are now available. If you use this system of coloured envelopes for your giving, please collect your new box from the back of church.

FAMILY PRAYERS

For health and wellbeing: Bob Stanley, Amanda Brodie, Kenny Scarff, Monica Lenox, Andy Morton, Bob Smith, Sheila Ogden, Gary Watts, Elaine Wilson, Marley Youngs, Vivienne Winner, Doug Taylor, Terry Powell, Daphne Tucker, Maureen Revell, Sue Dodson, Alasdair Messenger, Sarah Nicholson (Scarff), Nicola Hempstead, Julia Hanford

Long term sick: list available

Recent deaths, Kathleen Harvey, Yvonne Ingram

Praying the roads in Hadleigh: Station Road + Station Yard

Other prayers:

Almighty God, who at the baptism of thy blessed son Jesus Christ in the River Jordan didst manifest his glorious Godhead. Grant, we beseech thee, that the brightness of his presence may shine in our hearts, and his glory set forth in our lives, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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