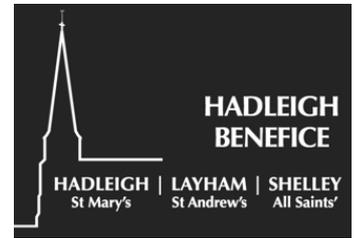




Sunday 23 December 2018

Advent 4



**Welcome to our service, especially if you are visiting today.
Please do join us for refreshments after the service
at St Mary's and All Saints'.**

THIS WEEK:			
Morning prayer is said at St Mary's, Tuesday-Friday at 8.30am			
Sunday 23 December			
Monday 24 December 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		
Tuesday 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		
Wednesday 26 December	St Mary's will remain closed all day today.		
Thursday 27 December			
Friday 28 December	9.30am–12noon St Mary's – Café Church 10am Café Church Communion 6pm Bell ringers ringing a quarter peal;		
Saturday 29 December			
Sunday 30 December Christmas 1	8am <u>10.30am</u>	Said Eucharist (BCP) Deanery Eucharist	St Mary's 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.

Sue and Anthony's last Sunday here will be 30th December, and there will be a chance to say 'goodbye and thank you' to them on that day.

NOTICES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Congratulations to David, who today celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. The main 10.45am Eucharist at St Mary's will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch with seasonal libations! All welcome.

Big Christmas Card: This year we are again 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.

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 please bring greenery if you can.

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

The Deanery Office will be closed now until Wednesday 2 January. Claire 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.) It would be good to offer cakes to our visitors after the service, so please do make and bring cakes if you are able.

The January Benefice Magazine will be slightly later than usual due to the Christmas break; it will be available on Friday 4 January.

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

Recently baptised: Finley Finch

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, Terry Powell, Daphne Tucker, Maureen Revell, Sue Dodson, Alasdair Messenger, Sarah Nicholson (Scarff), Nicola Hempstead, Julia Hanford, Baby Harrison, Marie Boulton

Long term sick: list available

Recent deaths, Kathleen Harvey, Yvonne Ingram, Synthia Mowles, Doug Taylor

Other prayers:

Christ is born, give glory.

Christ comes from heaven, meet him.

Christ is on earth, be exalted, O all the earth sing unto the Lord, and sing praises in gladness all you people for He has been glorified.

Wisdom and word and power, Christ our God is the son and the brightness of the Father. Unknown to the powers both above and upon the earth, he was made man, and so has won us back again; for he has been glorified.

Eastern Orthodox

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