

Please send any notices, news or events for the Pew Sheet by noon on Wednesday, thank you.

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www.facebook.com/StMarysRHDM/

The Parish of St Mary, Richmond with Hudswell

Sunday 15th December 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent



All are welcome at St. Mary's Church

You are welcome to attend services in person, online or by dialling in. The church is open daily for private prayer, 9am–dusk. Please join us for **Morning Prayer** each Tuesday-Friday at 8:30am.

Sunday 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **Parish Communion**

Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14 to end, Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

Hymns: CP31, 24, 'Hark, a herald voice is calling', 594,
'Let us build a house'

Welcome to all our Guests, joining us for the:

11.30am **Official Opening of the new South Entrance**

Monday 16th December

7.00pm **Army Band Christmas Concert (free admission)**

Wednesday 18th December

9.15am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thursday 19th December

9.30-11.00am 'Little Angels' at the Methodist Church

10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Chapel

Friday 20th December

2.00pm **Funeral of Olive Harrison**

Sunday 22nd December (4th Sunday of Advent)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **Parish Communion**

Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a, Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

Hymns: CP26, 362, Beauty for brokenness,
The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend), Longing for Light

6.30pm **The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Our financial viability depends on us! To support the work of our church please make a donation as you enter or leave the church (cash or card), or click here: [Richmond with Hudswell PCC | Stewardship](#) Thank you.

To join our Planned Giving scheme please see the website 'Giving' page.

To find out more about the **Parish Giving Scheme** see:



PRAYER REQUESTS

Within your daily prayers please remember:

those in **special need** of prayer:

Claire, Mavis Dozey, Mark Whyman

those in need of **ongoing prayer**:

Christine, Edna, Frank, Graham, Hilary, Sara, Steve Anwell,
Elizabeth Bassindale, Cliff Bilbrough, Eddie Burrell, Jackie Dyer,
John Earnshaw, Margaret Emmerson, George Metcalfe,
Jean Simmons, Philip Welch, Pamela Wheatley, Anne Whyman

those who mourn as we give thanks for the life of:

Olive Harrison, Bob Woodings

and those we know whose **anniversary** falls during this period.

Book of Remembrance If you would like the name of a loved one to be entered in this book, please contact Colin Hicks.

Weekly Prayer Meeting: Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9:00pm

All are welcome to the Wednesday Prayer Meeting. We start with a short relaxed bible study then move into a time of prayer.

For more details please contact Anna: boycead11@gmail.com

St Mary's Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle is an email-based anonymous group of church members who commit to pray when specific requests are made, usually for named people. These can be relatives, friends, acquaintances who don't have to live in the area, but would appreciate confidential prayer.

To make a prayer request please contact Anna: boycead11@gmail.com

Christmas Cards of the church and views of Richmond

These are for sale at the back of the church. A pack of 5 cards costs only £3. All proceeds go to the Friends of St Marys. Please place money in the "Cards" slot near the South Door. *Andy Lovell*

Junior Church at the Methodist Church

The 3rd Sunday of the month (starting on the 19th January) we will be joining forces with the Methodist Church for Junior Church!

All youngsters are welcome, and any grown up helpers will be very welcomed too!

The December Charity of the Month is Church Mission Society

CMS is an Anglican mission agency connecting with people at the edges: the edges of church, of society, of our comfort zones.



CMS is always looking for others to

join them at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, person-by-person, community-by-community.

CMS connects people with a heart for the edges so they can work together. Often this takes the form of cross-cultural hubs, or pockets of people from Western and non-Western backgrounds teaming up to bring change in a specific edge-based context.

CMS also trains people for ground-breaking, transformational and sustainable mission in the UK and overseas.

CMS also helps to equip churches to look around, see what God is doing among people at the edges within their communities and join in.

For more information, please visit: www.churchmissionsociety.org

Christian Aid Christmas Card Appeal

As in previous years, please would you consider placing one card at the back of church for all your friends at St Mary's and donating to **Christian Aid** the money you would have spent on sending individual cards.

Donations given to Judith Barber, David Frankton, Peter Trewby, Wendy Pritchard, Lorna or Martin will be forwarded to Christian Aid after Christmas.

Christmas Coffee morning, Sat 21st Dec at the Town Hall, from 9am

Jams, Jellies and Jewellery, if you can spare any jars including chutney! Also jewellery for the stall could you please bring to Church or contact Susan Scrafton 824106 or 07530 392935.

Raffle and Tombola prizes also gratefully received at Church.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm

Do join us for our celebration of the season in our service of 9 Lessons and Carols next week. If you would like to sing, there will be a rehearsal from 4.45pm to 6pm before the service. You are welcome to join with the choir, just let Colin know before the day. Most of the music will be well known even to the occasional singer so please join us either as a singer or a member of the congregation.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Christians Together 'Agape Meal'

Please put Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm in your diary! This year, it will be our turn to host, and the Catholic Church have kindly offered us the use of their Hall. All are welcome as the churches of Richmond gather for fellowship and to 'break bread' together.