

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

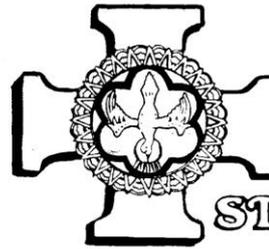
This Week

Date	In church unless otherwise specified
Monday 22 nd Dec	10.45am Funeral for John Hurst
Tuesday 23 rd Dec	9am Morning Prayer Decoration of the church for Christmas
Wednesday 24 th Dec	4.30pm & 6pm Blessing of the Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Thursday 25 th Dec	8am Holy Communion 10am Christmas Family Communion
Sunday 28 th Dec	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 11.45am Baptism 6:30pm Christmas Praise & Poetry

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Welcome, if this is your first visit to St. Mary's Church or if you are an occasional visitor. If you would like us to keep in contact with you please ask the sidespeople for a Welcome card, or find one at the back of the Church. Completed cards can be given to a sidesperson or left in the office pigeonhole.



21st December 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Hook with Warsash

Welcome to St Mary's church. Seeking to grow in faith through worship, prayer and learning together; sharing our faith and God's love through service and mission.

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Romans 16: 25-end
Luke 1: 26-38

Officiant: Rev Bill Day

10.00am Family Nativity Service

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

Hymns: 28 Once In Royal David's City
54 Come and Join The Celebration
26 O Little Town of Bethlehem
30 Silent Night
15 Hark the Herald
4 Away In A Manger
24 O Come All Ye Faithful (omit verse 4)

Officiant: Rev Nicky-Sue Terry

Nativity: Sunday School

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall.

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

A Service of Christmas Music, Poetry and Readings.

Officiant: Rev Nicky-Sue Terry

Sermon: Rev Mike Terry

To request our Prayer Link team to pray confidentially for yourself or another person, please call Rita Collins on 01489 576867.

Important Information

Gluten free wafers are available. Please speak to the sidespeople if you would like one.

If you need a **large print** copy of the service and hymn books please ask the sidespeople.

There is a **toilet** at the back of the church and a **disabled toilet** is in the Church Hall.

Please send any input you have for the pewsheets by 5pm Wednesday to: pewsheets@stmarywarsash.org.uk

St. Mary's Communal Christmas

Card If you have not come across this before, the idea is to have a large card for all to sign and offer their good wishes to others in the Church, and make a donation to a charity of their choice, instead of individual cards. This is both good for the environment, and allows money to be raised for good causes. There is a large card at the back of the Church for all to sign to wish each other festive greetings. If you would prefer individual cards, you could do both!

Christmas Cards for Sale Church Christmas Cards are now available for sale from the Church Office during the week. Two different designs in packs of ten cards for £2.50.

Crib Services There will be two Crib Services **Christmas Eve, 4.30pm and 6pm**. Please come along to enjoy one of the services. They are a really joyful event, and if anybody wishes to dress up for the occasion, please do so.

Charity Collection The charity we are supporting at the Christmas Eve Midnight Service is CRISIS. All the loose change in the collection will go towards this charity. Details are at the back of the Church and in the Prayer Diary.

Church Office Christmas Hours The Church Office will be closed on the 25th and 26th December and the 1st and 2nd January. Emails and messages on the answerphone will be checked during this period.



Church Flowers The flowers in the pedestal by the Church door are in memory of Peggy Young, the dear mother of Sandy Gravestock. The Christmas flowers have been provided by donations from Janet Hillman, Margaret Weston and Charles Rayner. Charles, whose donation was in memory of his late wife Shirley, sadly passed away himself last week.



Burns Night 2015 Bookings are being taken for Burns Night on **Saturday 24th Jan**. Tickets are **£15 per head**. Please contact Anne Ford on 01489 574501 or aandmford@sky.com to book. If any teenagers would be interested in waiting on tables please let Anne know.

Online Shopping So far we have raised £538 for St. Mary's from www.easyfundraising.org.uk If you shop online, please first check out **easyfundraising** in favour of the church; or the link on our church homepage www.stmarywarsash.org.uk

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's Sarisbury

Leadership: Sandy Matheson & Philippa Mills; Leadership Team: Tony Moore, Phil Rutt, Paul Moseley, Rosemary Harrison; Church Administrator: Janet Dulledge.

The parish gives thanks for: The possibilities that have emerged for collaborative working in the pending appointment of our Children's and Families' Worker; those who have given sacrificially in the past to open mission possibilities in the present; the privilege of being able to host Christmas Services for local schools.

The parish seeks prayer for: For the Good News to be proclaimed through our two Carol Services; Christ to be revealed to the 1,200 or so people who will come through our church doors for services leading up to Christmas; a good response to the advert for our full-time Children's and Families' Worker post which will be advertised shortly.