

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday

ST. MARY

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.

This Week

Date	In church unless otherwise specified
Monday 4 th Dec	7pm Solent Singers Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 th Dec	9am Morning Prayer 10am Asquith Nursery Nativity 10am Coffee Pot (Hall Lounge) 1.30pm Family Worship Team meeting (Hall Lounge)
Thursday 7 th Dec	11am Holy Communion 1.30pm Stay & Play (Church Hall)
Friday 8 th Dec	2pm Christmas Market Volunteer Meeting (Hall Lounge) 6pm MP's Civic Carol Service, hosted by Suella Fernandez
Saturday 9 th Dec	11am Christmas Market
Sunday 10 th Dec	8am Holy Communion 10am Sung Communion 6:30pm Evensong

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Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-end

Minister: Revd Roger Moseley

10.00am Family Worship - Christingle

A family friendly and fun service,
led by **Revd Mike Terry**
alongside the **Family Worship Team**.

Based upon **1 Peter 2: 9-10**

Songs: WT454 We'll Walk the Land
WT280 Lord the Light of Your Love
Can you see what we have made
Show me the way to shine

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall

6.30pm Celtic Communion

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-end

Hymns: At Your Feet, O Lord
AM28 Lo, He Comes with Clouds
Keep Me, Lord
Wisdom's Table
Let Us Break Bread Together
To Be In Your Presence
AM470 Hills of the North Rejoice

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

Forgotten your collection?

Don't worry, text it!
Text **Mary41 £5 to 70070**
to give £5.

Important Information

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

For a **large print** copy of the service and hymn books please ask the sidespeople.

There are **toilet & baby changing facilities** at the back of the church and a **toilet for the disabled** is in the Church Hall.

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

Charity of the Month December - Rowan's Hospice Today is **Charity Sunday**, and all loose change in collections will go to the charity. You can also donate at any time of the month using a **brown envelope** from the back of church, place it in the collection plate during our services. At our Midnight Communion Service on Christmas Eve we will be supporting **Shelter**. Charity details at the back of church & in the prayer diary.

Communal Christmas Card

The **Communal Church Christmas Card** will soon be at the back of the church. Please feel free to use this to wish everyone a Happy Christmas in lieu of individual cards - you could also make a donation to a charity of your choice instead of buying cards.

Civic Carol Service Our local MP, **Suella Fernandes**, is hosting a Carol Service in our church at **6pm on Friday 8th Dec**. It is wonderful she has chosen **St Mary's** for the first of these events, Invitations are being sent through the constituency and she would welcome any of our own congregants to attend too. Please do come and join in, and stay for a mince pie and mulled wine in the Hall afterwards.

St. Mary's Bethlehem Christmas Market Our **Christmas Market** will take place **Saturday, 9th December**, from **11am to 4pm** in the **Church**, which will be beautifully decorated to reflect the time of Jesus' birth. There will be a host of **different stalls** and we will also have a **café, carols** and a **raffle**. Please do come along to support the church and soak up the atmosphere and peace at the start of the Christmas Season.

Anyone for cake? If you are able to make either a standard cake or some cupcakes (in batches of 6 or 12) for our **2 cake stalls**, please **call Teresa on 07784 645637**, who will also be coordinating anyone who wants to **volunteer to help decorate cupcakes on Friday, 8th December**, so if you are interested in helping with that please call her!

Who doesn't love a raffle? This is always a great draw, but it does need prizes. **If you have anything you can donate we would love it!**

Seeking Smellies The Mothers Union would be grateful for items to go on the **'Toiletries and Gifts Stall'**. If you have anything to donate, please call Jean Buckles on 578687 or Hazel Burcher on 02380 452188.

St Mary's Christmas Cards Our beautiful Christmas cards are now on sale in the Church and Office. Each pack contains 10 cards (six colour and four black & white) and are £3 each or two packs for £5.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mike Cory on Monday 27th November. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be on Friday 15th December in church at 1.00pm.

Helping Others for Christmas Mothers Union members are doing a "reverse advent calendar" for the **Fareham & Gosport Basics Bank**. Instead of removing a treat, items of **non-perishable food or toiletries** are **placed into to a box**, either daily, weekly, or as you can. There is a **list of the items most needed** at the back of the church with the boxes, so please do have a look at that. Please bring items or boxes of goods put together at home to the back of church, between **26th November and 15th December**.

Messy Church Our next Messy Church will be on **Thursday 14th December**, and there will be a festive feel to proceedings! Do join us at **3.30pm** in the **Hall!**

Burns Night 2018 Our annual Burns Night supper will take place **Saturday 27th January**, in the **Church Hall**. **Tickets are £17**, from **Anne Ford**, 01489 331076, or aandmford@sky.com; We are looking for volunteers to take on various tasks, please sign-up at back of church to help out.

God With Us: Your Christmas Journey The Church of England have launched an initiative to **celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God with us**, during this Christmas season. Their aim is to help us all **remember that whatever situation** we may find ourselves in this Christmas, **God is with us**. We have **booklets** at the **back of the church** as part of the campaign, please take one and join the country praising Jesus. **#GodWithUs**

BBC Radio 4, Gardeners Question Time, Warsash Two episodes of Gardener's Question Time have been recorded in Warsash. The **first show** is available as a **podcast** on the BBC website. The **second show** airs **15th & 17th December**.

Confirmation There will be a **Deanery Service of Confirmation** at **St. John's, Fareham, 7pm on 28th February 2018**. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please talk to one of our vicars!

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: Parish of St. Mary's, Porchester

Parish Prayers: Pray for our Christmas services, as between school and church services, we are expecting around 3,000 people to attend; another Alpha course has come to a successful conclusion, pray regarding future discipleship courses; guidance for 2018 especially the possibility of starting an alternative Sunday service; new Steps to Recovery group possibly opening in Fareham and resourced by us; the possibility of starting a new group to support people with mental health issues.