

St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 4th January 2015



EPIPHANY

11.00am Family Service

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WE WELCOME all who join us for our service today. Please stay on for coffee or squash after the service – the time to meet and greet.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Eli Garland; Ben Pratt; Michael Jordan; Tom Vincent; David Wilson; Canon Liz Hughes; Wally Clarke; Keith Wetherall; Andrew Gregory
....those in care homes: Jessie Child; Pat Cook; Clemency Clarke; Sarah Scott
....R.I.P: All the Faithful Departed

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 5th – 9.00am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Pilgrim Course at 1 Jordan Close
Tuesday 6th – 7.00pm choir Practice
8.00pm Bellingring Practice
Wednesday 7th - 9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee Morning in church
2.00pm Pilgrim Course at 6 Oak Drive
Friday 9th – 9.00am Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 11th January 2015

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

11.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR, JAMES BURGESS (Tel 01462 700115)

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE – The Reverend Canon Sue Groom M.Phil, The Vicarage, 65 Church Street, Langford – 01462 700248;

ASSISTANT CURATE – The Reverend Patsy Critchley BA

CHURCHWARDENS – Mrs P Tomlinson, 1 Jordan Close - 01462 850233 ~ Mrs S Moore, 80 High Street – 01462 815392

NOTICES

Christmas thank you to all who helped decorate the church and make Christingles, or made contributions to the cost of the flowers, who decorated the Christmas tree (and to the Carlisle family for the tree itself), put up the crib, made the Advent wreath or kept the candles refilled in the church. Thank you to Hilary Woods for the Christmas cake for the raffle which made £63 for the church, it was won by Sue Silver. Thank you to those who made coffee before the Raynsford service, to our Sacristan and his faithful assistant for their preparations for our services and to the churchwardens and sidespeople for their ministry of welcome to the many new faces seen in St Mary's over the festive period. Finally, thank you to our organist, the choir and the young people of Henlow and Raynsford Academies for their Christmas singing which so enhanced our worship and to the children of our own Sunday Club for their hand bell performance.

The next **Coffee Morning** is on Wednesday 7th January at usual time of 10.45am in church.

Pilgrim courses start again this month, on Monday evenings at 1 Jordan Close and Wednesday afternoons at 6 Oak Drive. Please let Canon Sue know if you would like to attend. Week beginning Monday 5 January - The Beatitudes.

There will be a **Church Lunch** on Sunday 8th February at the **Five Bells** – please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Please speak to Audrey Stanniforth for further details.

Bring out your rubbish! We are intending to run a craft session for young people on the first Saturday of every month, and need a range of items to get us started. Please bring in cardboard inner tubes, silver paper, clear cellophane paper (sweet wrappers) and anything else which you think might be useful. There is a bag at the back of the church to put things in.

Canon Sue will be running a course on **Leading the Intercessions** on Sat 7th Feb 2015 at St Andrew's Church, Langford from 9am - 1pm. Whether you have been leading the prayers of intercession for some time, or would like to think about it, this course offers an opportunity to share ideas and resources and to learn more about this ministry. Please speak to Sue if you would like to know more or to sign up to attend.

Canon Sue and Phil would like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards. There is a card from us to all of you at the back of each church. We will be making a donation to WaterAid instead of sending individual cards.

Many congratulations to Jo and Pete Beavan on the birth of their daughter Annabel, born on 28th December 2014. A Quarter Peal was rung at St Mary's to mark the happy event.

