



Sunday 29th January 2012 - Candlemas / Christingle

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:15am Parish Eucharist (St Nicholas)

Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

10:45am Parish Eucharist for Candlemas (St Mary's)

Hymns: HON 82 107 76 95 521
Anthem: O Nata Lux - Tallis
Junior Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus - arr Martin How
1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-5; Eileen ten Hove
Psalm: 24.1-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18; Gaye Rowlands
Gospel: Luke 2.22-40
Intercessions: Bernard Allen
Churchwarden: Catherine Perks
Coffee: Beth & David Richards
Offertory: Joan & Martin Vickerstaffe

No Sunday School today!

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Monday 30th

8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Tuesday 31st

8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Wednesday 1st

9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)
2:30pm Funeral - Mary Clennett (Sheppard) (St Mary's)
8:00pm-9:30pm Parish Council meeting (PCR)

Thursday 2nd

8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
8:00pm Bellringing Practice (St Mary's)

Friday 3rd

8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
8:00pm-9:15pm Choir Practice (St Mary's)



The Children's Society

Collection boxes / envelopes for the Children's society are available at the back of church for people to bring back to church for this afternoon's

Christingle Service at 4:00pm.



Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ... And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ... The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. ' Luke 2.22-40

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 5th: 3rd Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion-BCP (St Mary's)
10:15am Family Service (St Nicholas)
10:45am Service of the Word (St Mary's)
6:30pm Choral Eucharist (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

David Whalley, Betty Watters, Isobel Thompsett, Les Davidge, Margaret Winter, Kevin Williams, Tim Walton, Kevin Peachment, Jill Taffs, Catherine Dunlop, Jean Brown

And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

Mary Clennett (Sheppard) & Iris

Please contact the office if you would like someone prayed for.

Please pray for our MISSION ACTION PLAN



Mary Clennett (Sheppard's) funeral is on Wednesday 1st February at 2.30pm at St.Mary's Church. All Welcome!

The Service of the Word on Sunday 4th February

will be a little different! We will be asking you, the congregation, to help us think about the future of the service: What might it be called? What time should it start? Who can come? There will be some great singing to listen to and join in with ... and possibly cake ... or chocolate ... or healthy fruity stuff. We look forward to seeing you and your opinions!

Ashwell At Home - Sunday, May 13th, 2012

Open Gardens

We are starting to put together this year's programme for Ashwell at Home and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would be willing to open their garden or contribute in any other way to the event. The programme deadline is 15th March, so please let us know before then.

Have you ever met the Queen?

We are hoping to put on an exhibition in St Mary's called "When I met the Queen..." for the Diamond Jubilee. If you have stories, memorabilia, photographs or even the clothes you wore from such an occasion and would be willing to put them on display in St. Mary's Church, please contact us.

We also need 3 or 4 volunteers to help put on the exhibition:

Typing up people's recollections,
Scanning and enlarging photographs,
Moving the pews and setting up tables in the church,
And finally, laying out the exhibits.

Finally, do you have pictures of events at the old rectory?

The Museum is planning to put up a photographic display of events held at the old rectory to mark the end of its role as a clergy residence. If you have pictures you could contribute, please let us know.

Susan Greenbank 742 309
Cliff Jenkinson 742 592
Peter Greener 742 956

In this month's **Ashwell News** on page 13 there is a questionnaire form (or there are extra forms at the back of church) which we need YOU to fill in (anonymously if you prefer) so that we know what you would like from St Mary's. Please encourage your friends to fill it in too whether they come to church or not as we need feedback about events.

There is a box at the back of church to leave the form or give it to Chris, Andrew or Catherine.

Please take this sheet home with you, and use it in your prayers during the week.