

## Collect: 22nd January

### Longer

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Shorter

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

## Prayer Focus

Praise God for His goodness and mercy, and thank Him that when we pray He hears us.

Thank God for sending His son Jesus to die for us and to give us a hope and a future. Ask the Lord to fill you more with His Spirit and ask Him to pour out more of His Spirit on St Mary's that we might be a church that keeps in step with Him.

Pray that the Lord might have His hand on the selection of our new Bishop & ask Him to make it clear who it should be.

Ask the Lord to comfort all those who are lonely in our village and ask Him to be particularly close to those in difficult relationships.

Pray for the village and all who live and work here, especially this week for those who live in

**Daux Avenue and Dauxwood Close**

## Church diary

*Please pray this week for:*

### Monday 23 January

2:00 pm Table Tennis in SMR  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday 24 January

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
9:30 am Ladies Drop In in SMR  
5:00 pm J Team in St Mary's Room  
7:30 pm Safeguarding Children  
Training in SMR

### Wednesday 25 January

8:45 am Morning Prayer

### Thursday 26 January

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
11:00 am Holy Communion  
12:15 pm Toddlers in Church  
8:00 pm Worship Band Practice

### Friday 27 January

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
6:30 pm Y Club in SMR  
8:30 pm Y Club Plus in SMR

### Saturday 28 January

9:00 am Prayers  
10:00 am Coffee in St Mary's Room  
2:30 pm Women of Hope in SMR

### Sunday 29 January

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Readings: Malachi 3:1-5  
Luke 2:22-40  
9:30 am Parish Communion  
Readings: Malachi 3:1-5  
Luke 2:22-40  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
6:30 pm Evening Prayer  
Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-20  
1 Corinthians 14:12-20  
Psalms: 34:1-10

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## 22nd January 2012 Third Sunday of Epiphany

### Welcome to St Mary's

A very warm welcome to our services today, especially if you are new or visiting. Fill in a welcome card to get involved, so you can grow in your faith and make friends. We encourage all members to join a Small Group, serve, give and pray.

### Services Today

#### 8:00 am

#### Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Jonah 3  
Mark 1:14-20

#### 9:30 am

#### Parish Communion

Readings: Jonah 3  
Mark 1:14-20  
Hymns: 76 40 473 279 227 532  
Enlarged: 97 47 636 361 304 716

#### 11:00 am

#### Morning Worship

Readings: Mark 1:14-20

#### 3:30 pm Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Trinity United Reformed Church

### REFRESHMENTS

are served in St Mary's Room after Parish Communion, and at the back of church after Morning Worship.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

Sunday Gang (3-10) meets in St Mary's Room, and Y Scripture (11-14) meets in the Log Cabin, after family worship and prayers during the 11:00 am service every Sunday in term time apart from Family Worship Sundays.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Philippians 4:6: *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.* At communion services, you can raise your hand before receiving, and we will be happy to pray with you.

### FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

the church has an inductive loop system. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a churchwarden.

### GIVING

If you are a taxpayer, please consider letting the church reclaim tax on your offering. This will increase its value by 25%. Use the envelopes in the pews, making sure to fill in your name and address. Thank you.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU  
LARGE PRINT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE**

**MORNING PRAYER** in church this week on Wednesday and Friday at 8:45 am, on Thursday at 8:00 am, and on Saturday at 9:00am. Do come and pray with others for our church, our community, our nation and our world.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** There is a service today at 3:30 pm at the URC to which all are invited. On Tuesday 24th January at 7:30 am the Family Church will be leading prayers for Christian Unity at the URC. There will therefore be no Morning Prayer at St Mary's on Tuesday.

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN TRAINING EVENING** A reminder to all involved with or hoping to be involved in our children's and young people's groups in future—there will be a child protection training evening on Tuesday 24th January at 7:30pm in St Mary's Room. All involved in Sunday groups, Y Club or J Team, or helping at holiday clubs are expected to attend this or to be willing to attend a similar training elsewhere in the diocese.

**WOMEN OF HOPE** The next meeting is on Saturday 28th January 2.30 pm in St Mary's Room. The guest speaker this month is Romy McCabe, her talk is entitled "I Married the Vicar". Meetings are for ladies of all ages. Come and join us and enjoy a cream tea after the talk. For more information phone Joan on 783809.

**FRIENDLY LUNCHES** are held once a month from October to March in St Mary's Room (usually on the first Sunday) at 1:00 pm and are for anyone who would normally be eating alone. The cost is £4. The next lunch is on Sunday 5th February and you can book by ringing the church office (782332) by 11:30 am on Thursday 2nd February. Transport can be arranged if necessary, but please mention this when booking if required.

**CHURCH SITTERS** A huge thank you to the church sitters who enable the church building to be open on Mondays and Wednesdays. Would you like to join the team? It is not an onerous duty — a smiling face, a welcoming attitude and an hour or two of your time is all that is needed. Offers please to Val Weobley via the church office.

**NEW WINE WOMEN'S DAY** Saturday 10th March, 9:30 am-4:00 pm, in central London. A day of worship, ministry and teaching with guest speaker Lin Button who has been involved in healing prayer for more than 30 years. Cost: £20 plus travel (we are planning a coach to take us door to door). If you would be interested, please let Liz Jones know by 31st January so that tickets can be booked.

**CONFIRMATION** We will be hosting a Deanery Confirmation service on Wednesday evening, 28th March. If you are not confirmed and want to consider taking this step, please speak to Brian as soon as possible. Confirmation 'classes' will soon be arranged.

**BILLINGSHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking for volunteers to help with the homework club for Key Stage 2 children on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Would you like to help in this way? You will need to complete a CRB check in due course but if you would be interested, please contact the school on 782789.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED** for a mother and her 9 year old son and dog. Lodgings or low rent property required. Please speak to Brian for more information if you might be able to help.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bishop John's farewell lecture tour: Thursday 15th March at 7:30pm at Worth Church. He will give a talk on the prayer of St Richard, followed by Compline.
- Bishop Sandy Millar has been booked for the Petworth Area Churches Together Spring Lecture on Friday 20th April at 7:30pm at St Mary's Petworth. More information to follow.

## Small Groups at St Mary's



### Monday

- 7:30 pm Faith House Group (*alt. weeks, contact Patricia French: 783037*)
- 7:45 pm Alpha House Group (*contact Les Botting: 782790*)
- 8:00 pm Bells Group (Men) (*alternate weeks: contact Alan Harris: 782890*)

### Tuesday

- 9:30 am Day 41 Group (*contact Tina Woodhead, 784233*)
- 10:30 am Oaklands House Group (*contact Vanda Dunford: 784819*)
- 10:30 am The Seekers House Group (*contact Jean Hindmarsh 782006*)

### Wednesday

- 1:30 pm Work in Progress Group (*contact Sharon Ashborn: 783864*)
- 1:00 pm New Explorers Group (*alt. weeks, contact Barbara Chittenden: 782695*)
- 8:00 pm Silver Lane Group (*contact Stephen and Heather Khoo: 782381*)

### Sunday

- 7:30 pm S Club (youth 14+) (*contact Claire Fraher 07931 326543*)

## Children at St Mary's



**Crèche** (for 0-3s) in the Lady Chapel during the 11am service. We are happy to look after your young children and babies while you enjoy the service.

**Toddlers in Church** meets on Thursdays during term time. Meet in church at 12:15pm for a short service followed by lunch in St Mary's Room.

**Sunday Gang** (for 3-10s) meets during Morning Worship except for the first Sunday. Contact Paul Moss for more information (Tel: 782343).

**J Team** (school years 3 to 6) meets on Tuesdays during term time from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. Contact Gill Harding (Tel: 785900).

[www.stmarysbillingshurst.org/children](http://www.stmarysbillingshurst.org/children)

## Youth at St Mary's



**Y Scripture** (school years 7 to 9) meets in term time, during Morning Worship, except the first Sunday in the month. We meet in church for family worship and prayers, then go to the Log Cabin.

**Y Club** (school years 7 to 9) is the social side for the younger youth on Fridays from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

**Y Club Plus** (school years 10 to 11) meets on Fridays from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm in St Mary's Room.

**Other youth events** include S Club (see above) Adore and May Camp.

Further information from the office:  
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*Please ensure all items for the notice sheet reach the church office by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you wish them to appear.*

*You can email your notices ([office@stmarysbillingshurst.org](mailto:office@stmarysbillingshurst.org)) or you can drop them in at the office, next to the Vicarage.*

*Please note: the church notice sheet is predominately for church notices.*