

Welcome to  
**St Mary's**  
**Church**  
Wimbledon

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009**  
**St Mary's News**

**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

If you are a newcomer, please introduce yourself, and join us for coffee in the Garden Hall after the 9:30 service. Small children are always welcome, and we offer a crèche during the 9:30 service in term time.

**PARISH ADVENT COURSE – The Meaning is in the waiting.** Come and explore the Advent themes in this course which will be held on Thursday evenings starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church. You may like to purchase the book as part of your preparation. (*The Meaning is in the Waiting: the spirit of Advent by Paula Gooder*)

**SERVICE OF ADVENT LIGHT TODAY** at 6.30pm. The choir is busy preparing music for this wonderful occasion, full of candle-lit atmosphere and great music. Come and enjoy it with us, and join us for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in Fellowship House.

**SWINE FLU** As there are still cases of swine flu around, the advice from the Archbishops is that we do not share the communion cup. We will therefore continue to administer the wine by the presiding priest dipping the wafer into the wine, so that bread and wine are given together.

**CAROL SINGING** There will be Carol Singing around Wimbledon Village on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. Anyone wishing to take part should meet at Garden Hall from 6.30pm. We shall move off at about **7pm**. At the end of the evening there will be mulled wine and hot dogs

back at Garden Hall. In order to get an idea of numbers, would anyone wishing to join in please let Liz Broad know. Telephone **8946 1626** or email [E.Broad@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:E.Broad@kingston.ac.uk)

**CHRISTMAS CHARITIES** - Each Christmas the collections from certain services at St Mary's are distributed to three or four local charities. The church committee would be grateful for suggestions of suitable charities, to be selected at its next meeting in early December. Please pass any nominations for local charities that you would like us to support to David Drummond, 54 Princes Road, Wimbledon, SW19 8RB; Tel: 07791505426; email: david.drummond@ambest.com or [drummondlyons.family@virgin.net](mailto:drummondlyons.family@virgin.net).

**PARKING IN THE FIELD** Please note that in order to 'rest' the field and carry out essential renovation work, the field is closed for the time being. The potentially dangerous combination of cars, small children and the elderly is a safety issue that we take very seriously indeed. In order to park in the churchyard you must display a St Mary's sticker. If you feel that you are entitled to have one, then please do contact the Parish Office - otherwise we would be really grateful if you could park elsewhere.

**TUESDAY LUNCH** this week is on **1<sup>st</sup> December** and will be hosted by **Sally Flew and Margaret Swain** at **160, Pepys Road, SW20 at 12 noon**. All welcome . **£2** In aid of the homeless.

**CHURCH LINEN** A small team keeps the linen washed and ironed. If you feel you could spare some time, about once a month, and would like to be involved, please contact **Mary Ann Turnbull 8947 6550** or [maturnbull@aol.com](mailto:maturnbull@aol.com)

**SPIRES SHOEBOX APPEAL** The Sunday School is once again putting together shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for the visitors to Spires Centre, a charity for homeless and disadvantaged adults in Streatham. If you would like to take part in the appeal, you will find details in the church porch and in Garden hall.

**CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST** The next congregational breakfast will be on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am**. Please do come and join us.

**VERGER** would you be able to act as an occasional verger for weddings, funerals or baptisms? Or, could you take on the role of sacristan, setting up for Sunday services? Vic Silvester has been our relief Verger for many years and is sadly stopping at the end of the year. We thank him for all he has done for the church. Please contact the Rector or wardens if you are able to help.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR 2010 DIARY :**

**SCOTS NIGHT Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January** , Scottish Dancing and Haggis

**WIMBLEDON SINGS! Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February** A choral concert rehearsed from scratch in one day - open to everyone who wants to take part

**ST MARY'S DINNER DANCE Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September** Black tie occasion at the AELTCC Centre Court Restaurant.

**ACTIVE AGEING** You are invited to join Claudine for Coffee and Fit-Chat on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** in Garden Hall **11.30-1.00pm**. Come and learn more about Active Ageing courses over coffee and cakes. Call Vida Wellness on **0333 1234 334** to reserve your place. January bookings are now open- please call or see [www.vidawellness.co.uk](http://www.vidawellness.co.uk)

## Services this Sunday First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<i>president Canon Hilary Johnson</i>
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	<i>president &amp; preacher The Rector</i>
11:15 a.m. Family Service	<i>officiant The Rector</i>
	<i>talk Revd Martin Booth</i>
6.30 p.m. Carol Service	

**Hymns for Sung Eucharist 9.30am (NEH) 11, 3, 7, 8, 9**  
**Anthem: Zion hears her watchmens' voices *Bach***

**Hymns for Family Service 11.15am (HON) 226, In Christ alone, 528, 358**

**Hymns for Carol Service 6.30pm Advent Carols**

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## Contact

Rector  
The Rev'd Mary Bide  
020 8946 2830  
*Day off Tuesday*

Hon. Asst. Curate  
The Rev'd Canon Hilary Johnson  
020 8397 0952

Asst. Curate  
The Rev'd Martin Booth  
020 8946 4494  
*Day off Monday*

## Team Ministry

### Weekday Services in the Team

Mattins is said at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated

**Monday** St Mary's

**Tuesday** St Mary's, St Matthew's

**Wednesday** St Mary's 10.00am St Matthew's, 12.30pm St Mark's

**Thursday** St Mark's 10.30am St Mary's

**Friday** St Mary's

### Parish News

**Insurance** we are looking for someone to take over responsibility for the parish insurance policies from Philip Martin early next year. We also need someone to take over from Nicola Bond as secretary to the Finance Committee. We thank Philip and Nicola for the excellent work they have done. If you feel that you could help in either of these roles, please talk to the Rector or to Wendy Zeigler.

**Job Vacancies** Christian Solidarity Worldwide is a human rights organisation with offices in Motspur Park. It has vacancies for an Advocacy Officer (Middle East & North Africa), Supporter Relationship Manager and Fundraising Co-ordinator. Please see [www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk) for further details.

**Tearfund** has a job vacancy for a Post Room/Repographic Assistant. Based in Teddington. For job description and application see [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) or phone 8943 7797 or email [ukjobs@tearfund.org](mailto:ukjobs@tearfund.org) Quote Ref C/34/09

**The South London Refugee Association (SLRA)** meets every Wednesday in Wimbledon. Lynn Coward works at the Centre teaching English and is helping to organize gifts for the families for a party being held on 16<sup>th</sup> December. We would appreciate donations of toys/ books for the children (all age groups). If they are second hand, they need to be in good condition. Should you have any toiletries or chocolates, they too would be well received. Anyone with any offers/ suggestions please contact Lynn on 8944 8615 or at [lcoward@btinternet.com](mailto:lcoward@btinternet.com)

**Items for inclusion on this page should reach the Parish Office (preferably by email) by Wednesday of each week**

**The Parish Office**, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: 8946 2605 Usually open for enquiries from 9.00am-1.00pm and 2.30pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday (except Wednesday when it will be open 2.30pm-4.00pm only).  
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