

Sunday 30th December First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Rector

9.30am Sung Eucharist
President: The Rector
Preacher: The Rev'd Cynthia Jackson

11.15am The Service @ 11.15
Minister: Catherine Linsley
Preacher: Catherine Linsley

Readings for the Morning
1 Samuel 2.18-20,26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.41- end

6.30pm Said Evensong
Minister: The Rector
Psalm 132
Isaiah 61
Galatians 3.27-4.7

*Please email news items by
Wednesday each week to:
parish.office@stmaryswimbleton.org*

**Please note that the Parish Office will be
closed from Monday 24 December until
Thursday 3 January.**

Weekday services in other Team churches

St Matthew's
8.30am Tuesday to Friday Morning Prayer
10.00am Said Mass Wednesday

St Marks
1.00pm Eucharist Wednesday

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Safeguarding Officer
If you have any safeguarding concerns please
contact either the Rector or Pauline Bakker,
who can be contacted at safeguard-
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Diocesan safeguarding procedures can be
found in the vestry or at
www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-
policies-procedures

Welcome to St Mary's Church



SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

23 December 2018

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Associate Vicar

9.30am Sung Eucharist, Sunday School &
Creche
President: The Rector
Preacher: The Associate Vicar
Setting:
Hymns: HON 489, 471, 484, 467
Canticle: Magnificat
Anthem: Gabriel's message *E Pettman*

10.30am Coffee and Mince Pies in Garden
Hall

11.15am The Service @ 11.15
Minister: Catherine Linsley
Preacher: The Rev'd Cynthia Jackson
Hymns: HON 471, 2, 500
Reading: Luke 1.39-45

6.30pm Carol Service
Minister: The Rector

The text of the anthems can be found inside.

**Coffee and Mince Pies today in
Garden Hall between the 9.30am
and 11.15am service**

CHURCH DIARY: THIS WEEK

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve
8.45am Morning Prayer
4.30pm Crib Service (suitable for younger
children)
6.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Christmas Eucharist
11.15am The Service @ 11.15
11.50am Shortened Service of Holy
Communion (following on from
the 11.15am service)


Thursday 27th December John, Apostle
8.45am Morning Prayer
10.30am Said Eucharist
12.30pm Team Prayers at St Matthew's

Friday 28th December
8.45am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 29th December
12.00pm Daily Prayer

More details on the next page and website

For all the latest news and events www.stmaryswimbleton.org or follow us on

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The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP Tel: 0208 946 2605

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came Carol Singing in the village and also to our generous hosts. £168 was raised for The Children's Society.

St Mary's Christmas Charities

The collections from the Christmas services this year will be split between two charities, a local one and an international one. Faith in Action www.mertonfaithinaction.org who support the homeless and socially isolated in Merton. Embrace the Middle East www.embraceme.org who work to relieve poverty and injustice in the Middle East.

Mission Action Plan – Community and Parish consultation

Following the open Church Committee meeting in the pub a couple of weeks ago we have decided on two ways of finding out what people in the congregation and locally would like us to be doing to serve our community.

Community consultation over Christmas. We are going to put postcards in all the Christmas orders of service asking people what they would like us to do more of and what we could do differently. This gives us a chance not only to find out what the regular congregation thinks, but also all those who come more occasionally at Christmas, but have some sense of belonging to St Mary's. The cards will be available in church until the first week of January.

Parish Consultation in January.

As part of our Mission Month, we are going to try and find out what people who don't come to St Mary's think. We would like every member of the congregation to have a conversation with a neighbour or friend who lives in the parish asking them what they want from St Mary's as their local church. There will be more details about this in the new year and the Mission Month in general.

FUTURE EVENTS AND NEWS

New Year's Day

Why not start 2019 by spending half an hour praying for the climate in St Mark's Church Chapter room. 12:30pm - 1.00pm. Excellent topical prayer notes provided. All welcome. Enquiries: christinedenwood247@btinternet.com

Evensong at Westminster Abbey

The choir will be singing Evensong at Westminster Abbey at 3.00pm on Saturday 5 January. Please come and support them.

Epiphany Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 6 January - Epiphany Bring and Share Lunch in Garden Hall. Bring food to share and come along to see old friends and make new ones. There will be fizz to celebrate the new year. RSVP to Catherine so we have some idea of numbers.

WOC (Wimbledon Oldies Choir)

WOC will resume at St Mary's on Sunday 6 January at 3.00pm.

WYC (Wimbledon Youth Choir)

WYC will resume at St Mary's on Sunday 13 January at 4.00pm.

Tuesday lunches

The next Tuesday lunch will be on 16th January (Simone Tromans at the home of Susan Mayo)

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your envelopes for 2019 from the cross aisles. Please use the new envelopes from 1 January. Any old envelopes should be recycled/destroyed. For any stewardship enquiries please contact Jane Moss on giving@stmaryswimbledon.org or call her on 07581 630647

HELP WANTED

Sidesmen for Christmas Services

We want to provide a warm welcome to everyone at our Christmas services. If you are able to help as a sidesman, please sign up in the lists at the back of church or contact Simon Jones on s.f.j@btinternet.com

The Service @11.15

We are looking to recruit more people to join our sidesperson rota. This is a great opportunity to get involved and to meet new people at St Mary's. If you can help please contact Nick Harvey at nharvey@yahoo.co.uk.

Join one of our happy groups

Can you spare just one hour a month to help keep our splendid church spick and span? Tasks include tidying, dusting and polishing. Groups meet on Fridays and, as well as a spot of cleaning, we also enjoy a sociable chat. If you are able to help and for more details, please email Anita Wilson anita.wilson@talktalk.net or phone 020 8127 0582.

ANTHEM TEXTS

9.30am Gabriel's message *E Pettman*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'all hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favour'd lady, Gloria!

'For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers
foretold, most highly favour'd lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'to me be as it pleaseth God', she said, my
soul shall laud and magnify his holy name,
Most highly favour'd lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel the Christ, was born,
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say:
Most highly favour'd lady Gloria!