

Walton Parish



Prayer, Services and Events: December 2017

From the Vicars...

Journey to the Manger



I don't think *Festive* would be the way Joseph and Mary would have described their journey to Bethlehem for a census, just as Mary's due date approached. The familiar words from the story of Jesus' birth "No room at the Inn" ring out in nativity plays. But have we ever stopped to think about how that must have felt to

Joseph and Mary, who had both individually had calls from God to carry and care for God's son and done their best to be accommodating? Now they had a distinct lack of accommodation and probably felt stranded, outcast and lonely. It is bad enough for us turning up at a hotel for the night and finding they have no record of our booking. To discover this when a baby is about to be born would be desperate! But God surprised them with his perfect plan of bringing his son, Jesus, into the world, far away from home comforts, always to identify with the disadvantaged and overlooked, to be the saviour of all people.

We may want to help the disadvantaged and outcast at Christmas. Some of us have filled and sent off Christmas boxes to children in other parts of the world so that they might know that there is a God who loves them. At church, we will give 10% of all our collections to the poor and needy through Christian charities. God still surprises us today with his love for all of us, whether we are near to or far away from him.



We'd like to give an update on our current projects:

Get Involved – 72 responses have been received.

The Under 5s and Families Outreach Minister – seven expressions of interest have been received for the job with a deadline of Monday 11th December. In terms of the Appeal, we still have a long way to go to reach one year's employment costs of £27,500 by 3rd December: the total stands at £7,554 before Gift Day. Thank you to all who have given by lump sum or new standing order.

Please continue to pray for the Vision Steering Group as they collate all our thoughts into one clear Vision for our church which will be launched in January. Thank you for your participation.

We look forward to all our rich and varied offerings of worship this Christmas time and encourage you to bring friends along as we celebrate the birth of **the Baby who changed the world.**

Yours, Revs Jonny and Cathy

Key Information

Clergy:

Vicars: Rev Cathy & Rev Jonny Blair (off duty Fri) 01932 917736

Curate: Rev Caroline Merrick (available Tue, Thu & Fri) 07419 827739

Licensed Lay Ministers:

John Muggleton 01932 224244

Tessa & John Badcock 01932 888992

Youth Minister: Mandy Watts (off duty Thu) 01932 246609

Pastoral Assistants:

Winnie Evans

Roger Hunt

Margaret Valentine

Tina Culpin

Wendy Fitch

Linda Muggleton

Alan White

For enquiries of a pastoral nature, please contact the Vicars.

A full list of Parish Officers and organisations is on our website.

Information about Weddings and Baptisms can also be found on our website.

Parish Office (open Tuesday-Friday 09:30-12:30)

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This month...

4th-9th		St Mary's	ADVENT WALK
6th	8.00 pm	St John's	PCC Meeting
8th	2.00 pm	St Mary's	Toddlers' Praise Crib
	3.15 pm	St John's	Messy Church Christmas
12th & 13th	10.30 am & 6.30 pm	St Mary's	Grovelands School Christmas Services
14th	2.00 pm	St Mary's	Walton Oak Christingle
19th & 20th	1.30 pm	St Mary's	Ashley School Christmas Services

Regular weekly fixtures...

Mondays	9.15 am	St Mary's	Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays	8.30 am	St John's	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	St John's	Alpha Course
	1.30 pm	St Mary's Hall	Toddler Group
Thursdays	9.15 am	St Mary's	Prayer Meeting
	7.30 pm	St John's	Alpha Course
Fridays	10.30 am	St John's	Toddlers' Praise
	2.00 pm	St Mary's Hall	Toddlers' Praise
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Hall	Youth Groups
	7.45 pm	St Mary's	Bellringing Practice
Saturdays	9.15 am	St John's	Breakfast Prayer Meeting

(NB: some of these activities only take place during term time.)

From the registers...

Baptisms

We welcome to the Church:

Jessica Anne Burford

Martha Elizabeth White

Funerals

We offer prayers and sympathy to the relatives and friends of:










Diàne Evans

Kathleen Phillpot

David Griffiths

Albert Turner

Peter Mumford

DECEMBER 2017 St Mary's & St John's Services		Jesus, the Baby who changed the world [Journey to the Manger]
Sun 3rd Dec Advent 1 	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively All-Age Service 11am Reflective Service with Communion St John's 9am Said Communion 10.30 am Morning Praise	When everything is shaking <i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i> <i>Mark 13:24-37</i>
<i>Wed 6th Dec</i>	St John's 10am Said Communion	
Sun 10th Dec Advent 2 	St Mary's 8am BCP Communion 9.15 am Lively Service with Communion 11am Reflective Service with Communion 3.30 pm Christingle 5.00 pm Christingle	New direction, new hope <i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i> <i>Mark 1:1-8</i> 
	St John's 10.30 am All-Age Nativity	
<i>Thu 14th Dec</i>	St Mary's 10am Said Communion	
Sun 17th Dec Advent 3 	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15 am Morning Praise 11am Reflective Service with Communion 6.30 pm Carol Service	Jesus brings hope for the downcast <i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</i> <i>John 1:6-8, 19-28</i> 
	St John's 10.30 am Holy Communion	
<i>Wed 20th Dec</i>	St John's 10am Communion and Carols	
<i>Thu 21st Dec</i>	Community Centre 11am Carols	
Sun 24th Dec Christmas Eve Advent 4 	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 10am Family Service with Communion 5pm Nativity 11.15 pm Midnight Communion	Mary carries the King <i>2 Samuel 7:1-11,16</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> 11.15 pm - Journey to the Manger <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
	St John's 10.30 am Carol Service 4pm Crib Service	
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 10am Family Celebration with Communion	Jesus, the baby who changed the world <i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i> <i>Luke 2:1-14</i>
	St John's 10.30 am Communion for All	
<i>Thu 28th Dec</i>	NO Said Communion	
Sun 31st Dec First Sunday of Christmas	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 10am Morning Praise for All	Let us go and worship him <i>Galatians 4:4-7</i> <i>Luke 2:15-21</i>
New Year's Eve	St John's 10.30 am Morning Praise for All	

Prayer for Parishes in Runnymede and Woking Deaneries and in the world-wide Anglican Communion

Fri 1st: St Paul, Addlestone: Ben Beecroft (Vicar);

Wau (South Sudan) Bp Moses Deng Bol.

Sat 2nd: St Peter with All Saints, Chertsey: Tim Hillier (Vicar); Wellington

(New Zealand) Bps Justin Duckworth and Eleanor Sanderson.

Sun 3rd: The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation: Bishop Andrew
(Chairman) as it helps the most disadvantaged in Surrey and North East
Hampshire; *West Buganda (Uganda) Bp Henry Katumba-Tamale.*

Mon 4th: Holy Trinity, Lyne and Longcross: Tim Hillier (Vicar);

*West Malaysia (South East Asia) Abp Ng Moon Hing and Bps Charles
Samuel and Jayson Selvaraj.*

Tue 5th: St John the Baptist, Egham: vacancy;

*Leeds: Bps Nicholas Baines, Toby Howarth, Jonathan Gibbs, Paul Slater
and Anthony Robinson.*

Wed 6th: St Paul, Egham Hythe: vacancy;

Western Izon (Nigeria) Bp Edafe Emamezi.

Thu 7th: St Jude, Englefield Green: Mark Ewbank (Vicar);

Western Massachusetts (USA) Bp Douglas Fisher.

Fri 8th: All Saints, New Haw: Fiona Simon (Priest-in-Charge);

Western Michigan (USA) Bp Whayne Hougland.

Sat 9th: Christ Church, Ottershaw: Sandra Faccini (Vicar and Area

Dean); Western Newfoundland (Canada) Bp Percy David Coffin.

Sun 10th: Chaplains to the Armed Services and those they serve
alongside, the work of Headley Court with injured service personnel,
and Chaplains to prisons and those to whom they minister;

Western North Carolina (USA) Bp José Antonio McLoughlin.

Mon 11th: St Mary, Thorpe: Damian Miles (Priest-in-Charge);

*Staff at the new Church House, Guildford, which opens today,
including Katrina Henderson in her new role at the Diocese;*

Wiawso (Ghana) Bp Abraham Ackah.

Tue 12th: Christ Church, Virginia Water: Simon Vibert (Vicar);

Willochra (South Australia) Bp John Stead.

Wed 13th: St Mary, Byfleet: John McCabe (Rector);

Vocations to all authorised ministry and to the religious life;

Windward Islands (West Indies) Bp Calvert Friday.

Thu 14th: St Andrew, Goldsworth Park: Kate Wyles (Vicar);

Wondurba (South Sudan) Bp Matthew Taban Peter.

Fri 15th: St Mary the Virgin, Horsell: Sarah Hayes (Vicar);

All ordained and lay ministers with Permission to Officiate;

Worcester: Bps John Inge and Graham Usher;

Winchester: Bps Tim Dakin, David Williams and Jonathan Frost.

Sat 16th: Holy Trinity, Knaphill with St Saviour, Brookwood: Neil Hopkins (Vicar); *All ministers with non-parochial responsibilities; Wusasa (Nigeria) Bp Ali Buba Lamido.*

Sun 17th: Mission Societies supported by parishes in the Diocese; Wyoming (USA) Bp John Smylie.

Mon 18th: St Michael & All Angels, Pirbright: Christine Musser (Priest-in-Charge); Yambio (South Sudan) Bp Peter Munde Yacoub.

Tue 19th: St Mary Magdalen, Ripley: Chris Elson (Vicar); Yangon (Myanmar) Abp Stephen Than Myint Oo and Bp Samuel Htang Oak.

Wed 20th: St Mary the Virgin, Send: Tony Shutt (Priest-in-Charge); Yei (South Sudan) Bp Hilary Luate Adeba.

Thu 21st: St John the Baptist, West Byfleet: Chris Hollingshurst (Priest-in-Charge); Yewa (Nigeria) Bp Michael Adebayo Oluwarohunbi.

Fri 22nd: Wisley Church with St Nicholas and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford: Nicholas Aiken (Rector); Yirol (South Sudan) Bps David Akau, Isaac Nyaryiel Aleth and Paul Tokmach Lual.

Sat 23rd: Christ Church, Woking: Peter Harwood (Vicar and Area Dean); Yokohama (Japan) Bp Laurence Yutaka Minabe.

Sun 24th: Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation. Give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ; Our homes and families, and those who have no home or family; Yola (Nigeria) Bp Markus Ibrahm.

Mon 25th: Shout for joy, the whole earth and everything within. Rejoice! For Light has come into the world. The angels' song rings in the air, a child has been born. Hallelujah! The Saviour of the world is here. York: Abp John Sentamu and Bps Glyn Webster, Alison White, John Thomson and Paul Ferguson.

Tue 26th: St John the Baptist, Woking and Emmanuel, Mayford: vacancy; Ysabel (Melanesia) Bp Ellison Quity.

Wed 27th: St Mary of Bethany, Woking: Mark Wallace (Vicar); Yukon (Canada) Bp Larry Robertson.

Thu 28th: St Paul, Woking: Nick Hutchinson (Vicar); Zaki-Biam (Nigeria) Bp Benjamin Vager.

Fri 29th: St Peter, Woking, St Mark, Westfield and All Souls, Sutton Green: Jonathan Thomas (Priest-in-Charge); Zanzibar (Tanzania) Bp Michael Hafidh.

Sat 30th: All Saints, Woodham: Iain Forbes (Vicar); St Michael, Sheerwater: Gillaine Holland (Minister-in-Charge); Zaria (Nigeria) Bp Cornelius Salifu Bello; Zonkwa (Nigeria) Bp Jacob Kwashi.

Sun 31st: Licensed Lay Ministers and all those licensed for the many forms of lay ministry in our parishes; Zululand (Southern Africa) Bp Monument Makhanya.

Collects for December

Sunday 3rd:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sunday 10th:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when our Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Sunday 17th:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 24th:

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Christmas Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Sunday 31st:

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Daily Prayer Pointers

Some ideas for prayer for our church & community

Sunday

Sunday Services, midweek Communion, for all who make our Church feel welcoming. For a new organist and worship leader.

Monday

One another in our daily lives at work, in our neighbourhood, wherever we are, to show God's love.

Tuesday

Seniors – Mothers' Union, St John's Wives, Walton Connections.

Wednesday

Discipleship and Leadership – House Groups, the Servant Course, PCC, worship leaders, preachers and Pastoral Assistants.

Thursday

Outreach & community links – the Alpha Course, Messy Church, assemblies in Walton schools, baptisms and funerals.

Friday

Children and Youth – Friday cell groups, Sunday School and Sunday youth groups, toddler group and Toddlers' Praise. For all helpers and leaders and for more leaders.

Saturday

Missionaries we support – Tear Fund, Compassion, Foodbank, Bible Society, Hannah Satterthwaite, Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes.

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