

## PARISH PRAYER DIARY

### Please pray for:-

#### Those suffering from illness:

Amy Brooks: Janet Dicker's nephew's wife, with inoperable lung cancer;

Sheila McMullen: Morag Darling's sister-in-law, bravely fighting cancer;

Brian Rofe: settling into life at Adelaide House;

Andy Wales: Janet Dicker's son-in-law's cousin, now having chemotherapy after brain surgery;

Baby Hollie-Bea Wylie: in hospital suffering from myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle).

**The families of those who have died recently and in times past whose anniversary falls this week:** Maud Lickfold and Pauline Wakeford

The next meeting of **Mothers' Union** is this Wednesday 13th December in St. John's room at 2pm. It is our afternoon Christmas tea and we look forward to seeing all members for our last meeting of the year.

#### A DATE FOR YOUR NEW DIARY...

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held next year on Friday 2nd March at St. Erconwald's Roman Catholic Church. All are welcome to this service. Further information to follow in the new year.

Carol Heyden. 01932 240231

#### Cover in the Parish Office

Sally Eckes, with the help of others, will be covering the work in the Parish Office now that Katrina has started her new job.

Sally will be in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and will ensure phone calls and emails are checked at other times.

So, please contact the Parish Office as you have been doing, whilst remembering that there is a lot of information available on the Parish Website. As part of the process of replacing Katrina in the Church office, the role that is required is being reviewed and we expect to start advertising for the new position in early January 2018 and interviewing at the end of January 2018.

#### Ashley School Forms for 2018 Entry

Everyone who has submitted a Church Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for entry into Ashley Primary School in September 2018 will have been emailed during the first two weeks of December. If you have not collected your forms already or you have any further questions please email [vicar@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@waltonparish.org.uk)

Thank you, Jonny



ST MARY WITH ST JOHN

WALTON-ON-THAMES

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## The Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017

### New direction, new hope

#### St Mary's

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.15 am Lively Communion Service

11.00 am Reflective Communion Service

Hymns: 34, 432, 72, 87

3.30 pm Christingle

5.00 pm Christingle

#### St John's

10.30 am All Age Nativity

**Readings** Isaiah 40. 1-11 (OT p.677)  
Mark 1. 1-8 (NT p.33)

### THANK YOU, KATRINA

Katrina has been a friendly, helpful and wonderful presence in the Church office for the last 15 years. She has served us all in the Parish in so many ways and we are very grateful to her. Whilst we are sad to see her leave her role in the Parish office, we are delighted for her as she goes to work for the Diocese of Guildford, and also delighted that she and David will remain familiar faces as part of the Parish. They are not leaving Walton-on-Thames. So do enjoy their company as fellow members of the Parish, serving and giving alongside the rest of us. 'Nice weather for this time of year' - have any normal conversations with her but do not expect her to have any special knowledge of what is happening in the Parish! And, now that Katrina has 'gone' we will be collecting for her as many people have enquired. You can pass on any contributions to Sally in the office or at St John's or to Dawn or Berenice at St Mary's. We didn't think it fair that she put this in the PD herself!

Our **Parish Christmas cards**, containing details of all special services at both churches, are now ready for delivery. If you've already signed up, please pick up your bundles today. If not, there are still plenty of unclaimed roads – please take as many bundles as you like!

*'To be a growing, loving family, with Christ at the centre, reaching out to all'*

## THIS WEEK in the Parish

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00 am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December: The Third Sunday of Advent**

**St Mary's**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.15 am Lively Morning Praise

11.00 am Reflective Communion Service

6.30 pm Lessons & Carols (St Mary's)

**St John's**

10.30 am Holy Communion

**Readings** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (OT p.702)  
John 1. 6-8, 19-28 (NT p.88)

Please pray for all the guests, leaders and helpers as head towards the end of this terms *Alpha Course*

You can now register on the website for Alpha. All the date sfor the new term are also now on the website.



There is now a special **Christmas tree & labels** in each church. If you'd like to write Christmas greetings to your church friends on a label, hang it on the tree and give the money you would have spent on cards to this hard-working charity instead, then you can! The donations box will only be available on Sundays for security reasons.



A huge **thank you** from (and too) Mandy! This week alone there have been 430 children visit the Advent Walk from different local schools along with 120 adults and 37 volunteers from cutting to set down. Amazing!

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30-8pm, St John's**

The third of three trial sessions. We'll share a meal, play games, have free time to choose from a range of activities and discuss life. Fun, faith and friendship. There will be a £2 charge. Please pass the news on and pray. Further information from Mandy: [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk)

## Baptism Matters

There will be no Baptism Matters meeting in December, therefore our next enquiry meetings will be in St Mary's Church at 8pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you've already attended two Sunday services at either St Mary's or St John's, we look forward to seeing you. Full details of the application process can be found on our website ([www.waltonparish.org.uk/baptism](http://www.waltonparish.org.uk/baptism)) or speak to Jonny (01932 917736) or Caroline (07419 827739).

## December Services

	St Mary's	St John's
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Advent 2	3.30 & 5pm Christingles	10.30 am All-Age Nativity
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Advent 3	6.30 pm Carol Service	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 10am Communion 5pm Nativity 11.15 pm Midnight Communion	10.30 am Carol Service 4pm Crib Service
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	8am Holy Communion 10am All-Age Communion	10.30 am All-Age Communion
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Christmas 1</b>	8am Holy Communion 10am All-Age Communion	10.30 am All-Age Morning Praise

Were you inspired listening to Katrina talk about the Servant Course?

The next **Servant Course** will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Check the website for more information and to register.  
[www.waltonparish.org.uk/servant-course](http://www.waltonparish.org.uk/servant-course)

**St John's Choir** have once again been asked to sing this Christmas for the residents of Glendale and Sherwood House Nursing Homes, on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December respectively. We are small in number and would be most grateful if any members of our two congregations could, as they have done many times before, join us for one or both occasions. We will just be singing traditional carols but the residents are always very appreciative of our efforts and it is a lovely way to share our faith at Christmas. We will meet at the homes at 7.00 pm and sing from 7.15 pm for about an hour. If you can make it, or have any queries, please contact *Linda Knights on 240180*.

