

We live life together throughout the week as we seek to embrace and live out our vision, we gather as a community to worship, pray, give thanks and listen in all our services every Sunday. Where else might God be showing up in your week?

Parish Diary

2nd December 2018

The week ahead....

Wednesday 5th December

10.00 am Said Communion (St John's)

Friday 7th December

2.00 pm Toddlers' Praise Crib Service
(St Mary's Church)

Sunday 9th December

St Mary's

8.00 am BCP Communion
9.15 am Lively Service with Communion
11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion
Hymns: 32, 34, 601, 54
3.30 pm Christingle Service
5.00 pm Christingle Service

St John's

10.30 am All Age Nativity

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4 (NT p.904)
Luke 3:1-9 (NT p.57)

This week's theme: Jesus will return

St Mary's

8.00 am Said Communion
9.15 am Lively All Age Service
11.00 am Reflective Service with
Communion
Hymns: 31, Infant Holy
(see separate sheet) 277, 24

St John's

9.00 am Said Communion
10.30 am Morning Praise

Readings

Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NT p.204)
Luke 21:25-36 (NT p.82)



Walton Connections Tuesday 4th December

First Tuesday of each month at St John's
2.30-4.00 pm
Relax & chat. Tea and cake.
Games, music, history, craft, hand
massage... & much more.

*The Parish office has very large number of
A6 white envelopes from passed years
Christmas cards. If you would like a box,
or know of someone who might use them
please come and take some before Becky
disappears behind a wall of boxes!*

Attention prospective Ashley School parents

Meeting for 2020 and 2021 intake
Mon 3rd December 8.00 pm at St Mary's

Did you know you can receive the
Parish Diary by email?
Sign up on the website -
www.waltonparish.org.uk



From the Vicars...

This weekend sees the beginning of Advent. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. As Christians we use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

And, as part of our preparation not just for Christmas but for the year ahead we will launch this weekend our new 'Welcome Teams' you'll hear all about them in all the services and hopefully even recognise a few friendly faces!

All our Christmas services can be found in the December Service card or on the website. If you're going away this Christmas and want to find a service to go to, the C of E have an excellent website www.achurchnearyou.com it lists all churches and will help you find a service that will meet your needs.

Revs Cathy & Jonny

TODAY - At Mary's all are invited for Coffee which will be served in the hall between the 9.15 and the 11.00 am services. Please do join us.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As always the Parish Christmas cards containing details of all special services at both churches will need delivering across Walton! There are sign-up sheets at the back of church – please indicate the road(s) you are happy to deliver to. Cards will be ready from Sunday 2nd December.

Thank you.

Get InVolvEd

If you have forgotten to bring your Get Involved envelopes back, don't worry! You can return them to the letterbox of the office (Church hall) or bring them to church and give them to a steward. Thanks, Jonny and Cathy

Faith at Home – Advent in a bag

a fantastic way to share advent at home with your family

Christingle Children's Society Collection boxes

Available NOW at both churches

CAROL SINGING IN LOCAL CARE HOMES



St. John's Choir have once again been asked to sing carols for the residents of three local Care Homes in Walton on 5th, 13th & 19th December, at 7pm. As always we would be most grateful to anyone who would like to join us. The residents are always so glad to see us and it is a wonderful way of sharing the Christian message with our community. (Please dress in cool clothes!)

Venues as follows:

5th Dec - Adelaide House, Hersham Road
13th Dec - Sherwood House, Severn Drive
19th Dec - Glendale, Ambleside Avenue

Any queries, please contact Linda Knights

Mission Trip to Sierra Leone

We are planning a church trip to Sierra Leone for October 2019 for a group of 10-12 people. This is to work with Home Leone one of the mission organisations we support. There will be an information meeting for anyone interested on Saturday 8th December at 3pm, St Mary's church. Contact Rev Jonny Blair to learn more.

It is with sadness that we learnt of the death of Rev Lesley Kaye-Besley this week. Funeral arrangements are not yet known.

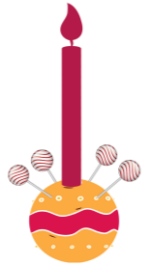
WELCOME!

Just in time for all our Christmas visitors, we are launching **Welcome Teams** in all of our Services. These people are here to help all of us to give a warm welcome to everyone, especially those who are new to us. They are identifiable by their badges and will work alongside the Stewards.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Sunday 9th Dec at St Mary's

Join us at 3.00pm for a lively fun filled service suitable for under 5's, with readymade Christingles OR at 5.00pm where we'll be making our own Christingles whilst we remember how Jesus is the Light of Our World.



PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Please pray for: -

Those known to be suffering from illness both seen & unseen, or poor health.

Iris Saunders Mother of Carol Heyden in hospital having had a stroke.

Jim Aspinal – Georgina Graham's brother as he continues his treatment.

Joan Knight who has broken her elbow.

We continue to pray for Brian Rofe and Pam Gilbert as well as for their families and carers.

The families of those who have died recently: Rev Lesley Kaye-Besley and in times past whose anniversary falls this week: Gwyn Minton, Joan Benn, Pat Atkinson.

If you wish us to add any family members or people in the Parish, please let the office know and we will add them to the weekly prayer diary.

BAPTISM MATTERS

Please note that there will be no Baptism preparation sessions during December.

January Preparation sessions will be on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 8.00pm at St. Mary's Church.

From February the will return to the usual 1st & 2nd TUESDAY of each month at 8pm in St Mary's Church. For more information please check (www.waltonparish.org.uk/baptism) or speak to Jonny (01932 917736) or Caroline (07419 827739).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



Advent in the Parish

- Friday 7th** 8.00 pm United Worship
& Prayer @ St John's
- Sunday 9th** TBC Solid Ground Christmas
- Friday 14th** 3.15 pm Messy Christmas
6.00 pm Club Rock Christmas
7.30 pm Rock Solid
Christmas

Advent Services

- Friday 7th** 2.00 pm Toddler Praise
Crib Service
- Sunday 9th** 10.30 am Sunday School
Nativity (St John's)
3.30 pm Christingle (St Mary's)
5.00 pm Christingle (St Mary's)
- Sunday 16th** 6.30 pm Carol Service (St Mary's)
- Sunday 23rd** 10.30 am Carol Service
(St John's)

Christmas in the Parish

- Christmas Eve** 3.30pm Nativity (St Mary's)
5.00pm Nativity (St Mary's)
4.00pm Crib Service (St John's)
11.15pm Midnight Communion
(St Mary's)
- Christmas Day** 8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Joint Parish Service
with Communion (St Mary's)
10.30am Celebration for all
with Communion (St John's)
- Sunday 30th** 10.00am Joint Parish
Communion (St Mary's)

