

Parish Diary

9th December 2018

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?

The week ahead....

Thursday 13th December

10.00 am Said Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 16th December

St Mary's

8.00 am Said Communion
 9.15 am Lively Service with Contemporary Music
 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion
 Hymns: 23, 69, 56, (v, 1, 2, 3, 5), 57
 6.30 pm **Carol Service**

St John's

10.30 am Holy Communion

Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT p.891)
 Luke 2: 8-15 (NT p.56)

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

Walton Blind Society Nov draw

1st No.179 - Mr Tony Fregapane of Walton on Thames
 2nd No.171 - Mrs Jacqueline Doonan of Weybridge
 3rd No.197 - Ms Jean Van Hegan of Walton on Thames
 4th No.82 - Mr Edward Butler & Miss Liberty Butler of Walton on Thames
 5th No.127 - Mrs Judy Standard of Addlestone
 6th No.49 - Mr John Madden of London, SE22

The Walton Blind Society which was started in 1976 by Church members still meets twice a month in St John's Church for Social gatherings participating in quizzes, visiting singers, speakers, cream tea outings, and more. If you or someone you know is partially sighted or blind and feel this might fill a need do give us a call on 228367 for more details.

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This week's theme: Angels bring joyful news

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)

From the Vicars...

This weekend sees the start of our busy schedule of Christmas services with the Nativity at St John's and then 2 Christingle services at St Mary's in the afternoon (see details below). It's such a wonderful, expectant time of year and we're looking forward to welcoming all of you to both our regular and Christmas services along with many others from our town and beyond. Keep a look out for new faces, let us all be on hand to offer a warm welcome to those visiting, those returning and those who we see every week!

Revs Cathy & Jonny

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Sunday 9th December at St Mary's

Join us at 3.30 pm for a lively fun filled service suitable for under 5's, with readymade Christingles OR at 5.00 pm where we'll be making our own Christingles whilst we remember how Jesus is the Light of Our World. **Don't forget to bring along your Children Society collection box!**



CHRISTMAS CARDS

As always the Parish Christmas cards containing details of all special services at both churches will need delivering across Walton! Please do take some, and sign up on the sheet for which road you will deliver to.

Thank you.

Decorating St Mary's Christmas Tree

If anyone would like to come and join in with Alex, Katy and the children in the decorating of the church Christmas tree at St. Mary's, we will be there at **4.00 pm on Saturday 15th December**. Tea and cake provided!! It would be great to see you; it's a lovely opportunity for the children to feel involved in preparing the church for Christmas. Our theme this year is Angels, so if you have any angels you would like to donate please do bring them along!



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 13th & 19th December, at 7.00 pm. 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:

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 3.00 pm, St Mary's church. Contact Rev Jonny Blair to learn more.

The funeral of Rev Lesley Kaye-Besley will take place on Friday 14th Dec, 2.30 pm at St Paul's, East Molesey. The family have requested donations to MacMillan Nursing rather than flowers.

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.

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 8.00 pm at St. Mary's Church. From February they 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).

STEWARDS EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TRAINING

For all Stewards involved in all services held at St Mary's. **Sunday 13th January, 4pm** in St Mary's Church. Please attend even if you have been a Steward for many years.

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.

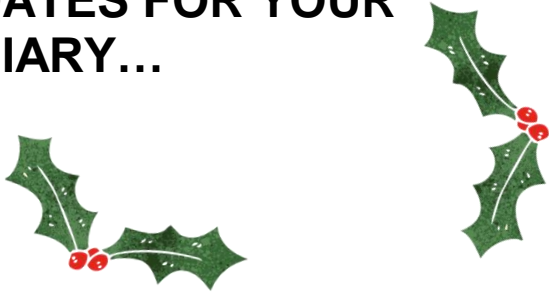
Joan Knight who has broken her elbow.

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: Roy Parsonson, Maud Lickfold, Pauline Wakeford

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



Advent in the Parish

- Sunday 9th** *Solid Ground Christmas*
 - 6.00 pm (Yr 7 group)
 - 7.30 pm (Yr 8 group)
 (St John's)
- Friday 14th** 3.15 pm *Messy Christmas*
 (St John's)
 6.00 pm *Club Rock Christmas*
 7.30 pm *Rock Solid Christmas*
 (St Mary's)

Advent Services

- Sunday 9th** 10.30 am *All Age 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** 3.30 pm *Nativity* (St Mary's)
 5.00 pm *Nativity* (St Mary's)
 4.00 pm *Crib Service* (St John's)
 11.15 pm *Midnight Communion*
 (St Mary's)
- Christmas Day** 8.00 am *Said Communion*
 10.00 am *Celebration for all with Communion* (St Mary's)
 10.30 am *Celebration for all with Communion* (St John's)
- Sunday 30th** 10.00 am *Joint Parish Communion* (St Mary's)
No service at St John's

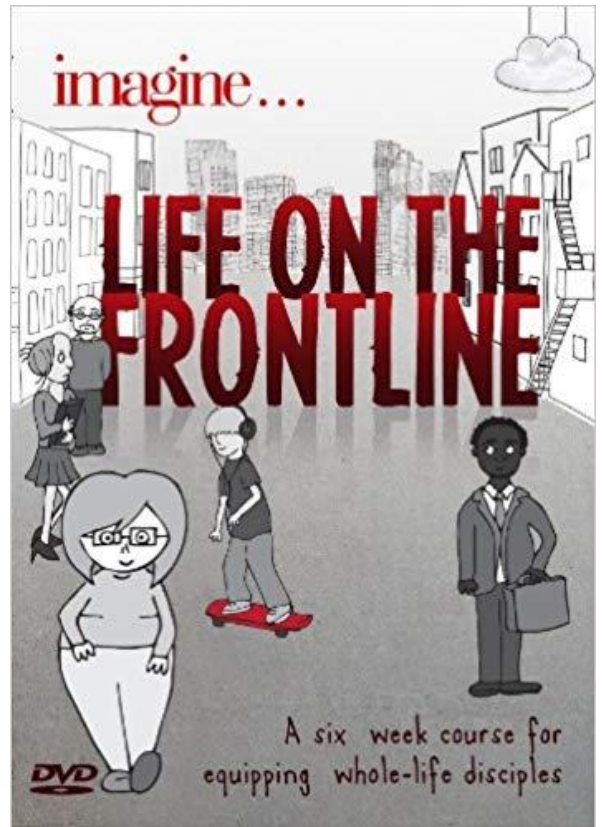


Looking ahead to the New Year...

LIFE ON THE FRONT LINE

Do you know God is at your work place with you?

Six week course starting Tuesday 15th January at 8.00 pm everyone welcome. Please contact the church office to sign up for the Tuesday course. Also running in all house groups and sermons in all our services – put it in your diary now!



New Year 2019 – Alpha Course

Introductory Events:

8th January at 9.30 am

10th January at 7.30 pm

At St John's Church, KT12 3JQ.



Course starts the following week:

Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 am with creche

Thursday evenings 7.30 - 10.00 pm with supper

To learn more contact: John Muggleton

01932 224 244 or jomug@icloud.com

