



Sunday 18 December 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

New Parish Web Site www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk

Services

St Mary's

Sun 18 Dec 8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Sung Eucharist
 3.00pm Carols by Candlelight
 Wed 21 Dec 10.30am Holy Communion

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service
 11.30pm Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day 9.30am Family Mass

St Paul's

Sun 18 Dec 11.15am Sung Eucharist
 3.00pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
 Christmas Eve 2.00pm Crib Service
 8.00pm 'Early Bird' Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day 11.15am Holy Eucharist

St Mary's Readers and Intercessor		
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Today	Emmeline Lambert Lynne Sygrave	Norma Podmore
Next Week 25 Dec	Jenny Leslie Andrew Darby	Rosamund Russell

St Paul's Services on YouTube

To find this, visit our website or search for "St Mary and St Paul Hemel Hempstead" in YouTube and subscribe to the channel. Alternatively you can find the channel by using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7U_Q1B-URNJ06ToEZePyPg
(care with exact capitalisation).

In the email version of this bulletin and on the website this link is clickable.

Our churches stream services to YouTube

By sitting in one of the marked front pews you may appear in the live stream. If you do not want your image streamed please sit further back.

Use of INCENSE in our churches. From time-to-time in our churches as part of the ongoing traditional services that we offer the burning of incense takes place. Also, to dispel the damp and musty smell that sometimes lingers in old buildings incense might be burnt. The Ordinariate congregation that uses St Paul's also, as part of their tradition, regularly burn incense. Incense has been burnt for centuries as part of Jewish and Christian worship, is often referenced in the Bible, and is used to venerate, bless and sanctify and as a sign of our prayers ascending to God. For some people a large amount of incense may cause discomfort and in such cases we seek to reduce the amount of incense, ventilate the building and help people to be seated near a door or source of clean air.

Warm Hubs Initiative

Following PCC approval, the Warm Hub in St Mary's Hall will be each Wednesday from 10.00 am. Before Christmas we will end at 1.00pm and after Christmas we will go on to 4.00pm.

Do come along and enjoy both warmth and fellowship if only for a mid morning cup of coffee. Also spread the word where appropriate.

Christmas School Visits.

Our pre Covid busy schedule of school visits to St Mary's in December has returned. If you can help steward and welcome, or work the sound system then seek out the sign-up sheet that is at the back of St Mary's and sign up. Your local school carol service needs you...and so do we!

A promotional poster for a Christmas event. The background is a close-up of a Christmas tree with snow and colorful lights. The text is white and bold. In the top left corner is a logo for the Berkhamsted Choral Society, which consists of a yellow square with a white grid pattern and the text 'BERKHAMSTED CHORAL SOCIETY' below it.

**Christmas and
all that Jazz...**

**An evening of joyful and jazzy
Christmas Music with
Berkhamsted Choral Society**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th 2022
7.30pm
ST PETER'S CHURCH,
BERKHAMSTED HP4 2AX**

Tickets £17 in advance from TicketPass <https://tktp.as/EMRMWF> or £18 on the door

Berkhamsted Choral Society: Reg Charity No 274462 0

If you are attending Christmas services at St Mary's - particularly at the Crib Service at 4pm - and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve - and might help out with welcoming, stewarding or checking that children with candles are kept safe, can you speak to me or Emmeline as these services can't take place without suitable levels of stewarding. Contact us privately/direct to offer help rather than on the public forum and we'll be pleased to discuss how you can help.

Canon John

Social Barn Dance

There will be a social Barn Dance at Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church on Monday 2nd January 2023. The evening will start at 7.00 and end at 10.00pm. Soft drinks will be provided - please bring any snacks that you would like.

There is no ticket charge but donations for DENS will be collected.

The dance will be for all abilities and anyone who just wants to watch will also be very welcome! There will be a quiz during the evening as well.

For any further information please contact the church - hemelmethodist@gmail.com 07591 383948

PILGRIMAGE in 2023 Part of our Mission Action Plan is to offer a pilgrimage opportunity to the parish during 2023. In line with this we have joined with the parish of Boxmoor to go to Walsingham in Norfolk from Friday 24th - Sunday 26th March 2023. This weekend based at the famous shrine and with ensuite accommodation, will include a program of worship, optional visits to Wells Next-the-Sea or Sheringham, nice food and great company. Cost to be advised. There are limited places for this event so if you are interested book now with Canon John and pay your £10 deposit to secure your place. More details to follow.

Services and Events Week Commencing 18 December 2022

Sun 18 Dec	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	StM StM StP StP
Fourth Sunday of Advent			
Mon 19 Dec	1.30pm 5.00pm	Holtsmere End Carol Service Wedding rehearsal	StM StM
12 noon			
Tue 20 Dec			
Wed 21 Dec	10.30am 5.00pm	Holy Communion Wedding of Adam Frankie Anthony Higgins and Sarah Kate Akoni	StM StM
Thur 22 Dec	8.00pm	Bellringing Practice	StM
Fri 23 Dec			
Sat 24 Dec	2.00pm 4.00pm 8.00pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Crib Service 'Early Bird' Midnight Mass Midnight Mass	StP StM StP StM
<i>Christmas Eve</i>			
Sun 25 Dec	9.30am 11.15am	Family Mass Holy Eucharist	StM StP
Christmas Day			

St Mary's Church is open for visitors every day from 10am - 5pm

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Bulletin deadline:

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Payments:

Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC"

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