

# St Mark's Matters



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10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Advent 2

## *Lectionary Readings:*

<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11	<i>New Testament</i>	2 Peter 3:8-15a
<i>Psalms</i>	85:1-2, 8-13	<i>Gospel</i>	Mark 1:1-8

*Today's flowers have been kindly donated by Mrs B Fox.*

**Welcome to our worship.** Refreshments will be served in the Main Hall after the morning service. We have a 'Loop' system fitted; please adjust your hearing aid accordingly.

**9.45 am** Prayer Meeting in the Burberry Room - *all are welcome or please let us know of any concerns or thanks you would like to be included.*

**10.30 am** Preacher: **Revd Dr Malcolm White – Holy Communion**  
Steward: Mr David Ridley

*After the blessing in this morning's service hymn 581 (Come, my table is a meeting place) from **Singing the Faith** will be played. You may sit and join in if you wish.*

**3.45 pm** *Messy Christmas*



Please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, which may be found in the church foyer, for any donation.

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**10.30 am** Preacher: **Revd Richard Cattley**  
Steward: Mrs Sara Motion

**4.00 pm** *Christingle*  
Steward: Mr Ian Johnson

## *Thought for the day*

Lord Jesus,

we often pray that your kingdom would come.

So we ask that your reign in our lives would flourish and grow.

Strengthen us especially at this busy time,

that we might make time for preparation.

In the midst of the rush of life,

help us to find inner quietness and an awareness of your presence.

Let this Christmas be a time when we concern ourselves not so much with material presents,  
but rather our spiritual blessings.

Amen.

## **2020 ViSion dates for your diaries:**

**2020 ViSion Advertising:** If you can put up posters advertising our events, or know of anyone or of any business who would, please speak to Isabel, 07860 237184.

**Sewing for 2020 Vision** - Annette Basford is happy to do any small sewing job for a donation to the 2020 Vision Project. If interested, please speak to Annette.

### ***NEARLY NEW CLOTHES***

We're experimenting with a "Nearly New Clothes" stall at some of our monthly bazaars and would appreciate donations of good quality items of clothing which you no longer need.

Items can be brought to church at any time and left (clearly labelled) in the side foyer.

### ***St Mark's Christmas Services and Events***

**This afternoon - 3.45 pm: Messy Christmas Celebration** at St Mark's.

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.00 am – Coffee & Mince Pies** at St Mark's in Church.

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm: Christingle Service** at St Mark's.

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. 7.30 pm: Carols at Christmas** – An evening of readings and music featuring Thames Valley Voices – at St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church, Maidenhead

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Crackers** with special guests the RBWM Mayor Councillor **John Lenton and the Mayoress** – Lunch at 12.30 (prepared by Sally Adams) followed by Mince pies and carol singing. Please try to support this event. **Tickets (£6.00) and information from David Black.**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am: Carol Service**

**Christmas Day, 10.30 am: Christmas Morning Worship.**

### ***Christmas Services around the Circuit:***

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 5 pm: Christian Aid Ecumenical Advent Service** at Alma Road Methodist Church, Windsor; for more information please call 01865 246818, [oxford@christian-aid.org](mailto:oxford@christian-aid.org), or contact Tracy Tickle on [tracytickle@hotmail.com](mailto:tracytickle@hotmail.com).

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm: Blue Christmas** – Circuit Service at Burnham Methodist Church

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30 pm: Midnight Communion at High Street.**

**Wednesday Fellowship** – We meet again on the **13<sup>th</sup> December** (please note change of date) when it will be Carols and Mince Pies.

High Street Maidenhead is seeking to recruit a Church Office Secretary. The job advertisement providing more information may be found via the link in the NEWS section of the circuit website <http://www.methodistthamesvalley.org.uk>

### **2018 Flower Rota**

A copy of the Flower Rota may be found on the Church Noticeboard.

Anyone wishing to send a **Christmas card to the Homewoods** can do so via Revd Sonia Hicks.

Cards should be sent to Sonia or handed to a Steward or the Filmores by **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest.