

Prayer for the Vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this place: Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – IMPORTANT



If you are feeling unwell– please let Polly know. We can help with shopping, visits or any other supportive action you may need.

The key points regarding service protocols at St Mary's are:

- **It is requested that masks must be worn throughout the service including during hymn singing**
- All pews now back in use, parishioners free to choose their own seating position in church but are asked to be mindful and respectful of others
- We will be leaving the back door open as long as the weather allows – **please come dressed appropriately as it can get chilly.**
- Communion will continue to be given in one kind until further notice, and the sign of the Peace will be shared without physical contact
- As we have resumed the collection plate parishioners who contribute through Planned Giving are welcome to take a laminated token from the basket near the entrance and pop into the Collection pouch. That way all donations can be included in the blessing and thanksgiving for the offertory plate



If you have any safeguarding worries please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.



St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon

Sunday 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Services during December at St Mary's

Dec 19th	10am	Parish Eucharist The Venerable Martin Breadmore
	6pm	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Jane Hiley, LLM Warden of Lay Ministers
Dec 24th	11pm	Midnight Mass Fr Gerard Mee
Dec 25th	10am	Festive Parish Eucharist Revd Rosemary Durward
Dec 26th	10am	Joint Service at St Andrew's, Cobham

Rector: Parish in Vacancy

Parish Administrator : Polly Zabari
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Church Wardens : Sue Prentice
Ian Read

New to St Mary's?

If this is the first time you are joining us please introduce yourself to the Church Wardens or sides people. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We like to be able to contact new members and visitors, so please let us have your contact details. Please send us your name, address, telephone and email address to our parish administrator on 01932 866005 or admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk.

Please use the blue Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. We also accept contactless payments at the back of the Church – please ask a Warden. The WC's are located in the Church Hall. We hope you enjoy the service.



If you wish to join us but have no way of getting to St Mary's, please let Polly know and we will endeavour to arrange transport.

Collect for the Day

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Minister : The Venerable Martin Breadmore
Archdeacon of Dorking

Reading : Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10

Gospel : Luke 1 : 39 - 55

Hymns : 49, 85, 41, 362

Mass Setting : Thorne

Communion Voluntary : *Chorale Preludes on : Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) and JS Bach (1685-1750)*

Postlude : *Chorale Prelude on : Wachet Auf – DJG Walther (1684-1748)*



We will be **servicing coffee** after the 10am service today. Please stay behind and chat with friends.

6pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Minister : Jane Hiley LLM
Warden of Lay Ministers

Favourite Carols for All with Christmas readings. This year the service includes *Hodie Christus Natus Est – Marenzio*; *Bethlehem Down – Warlock*; *Silent Night – arr. Rose*; *Sing Lullaby – arr Hill*; *A Maiden most gentle – Carter*.

Crib Service – 5pm Christmas Eve



It is with regret that we have taken the decision to cancel the Crib Service. With the general situation regarding the Omicron variant, and the fact that our target audience are largely unvaccinated, we feel this is the right thing to do.

The Advent Bible study will have its last meeting next Wednesday at 10am for 10.30am start at St Mary's. If you missed last week please don't worry – come along and join us.

Christmas at St Mary's

Mon 20 Dec – last Chair yoga

Wed 22 Dec – 10am - last Advent Bible Study in the hall.

Fri 24 Dec – 11pm Midnight Mass

Sat 25 Dec - 10am Festal Eucharist

Sun 26 Dec –

10am Parish Eucharist (said)
at St Andrew's, Cobham

Sun 2nd Jan – 10am Parish Eucharist



Please note – the Parish Office will be closed 24 Dec – 4 Jan 2022.

Emails and phone calls will continue to be monitored



This year our Christmas Appeal is in aid of St Mary's and Oasis, a Cobham Charity which supports vulnerable children and their families. If you would like to make

an online donation, then please use our bank details
Payee : Parochial Church Council of Stoke D'Abernon

Account Number : 34311211

Sort Code : 600603

Please use the reference "Christmas Appeal" so that we can identify the donation.

Alternatively if you would like to donate by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Parochial Church Council of Stoke D'Abernon and leave with Polly in the office or hall postbox. Similarly any cash donations should be given to Polly as well. If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid, then please email the Treasurer Claire Saxton (claz15585@hotmail.com) confirming this.