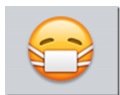


## Prayer for the Vacancy

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:

- 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.**
- No longer a need to pre-register attendance.
- Parishioners are encouraged to continue to wear face masks in church including during hymn singing
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



### Services during November/December at St Mary's

<b>Dec 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Parish Eucharist <a href="#">Revd Jolyon Trickey</a>
	6pm	Evensong <a href="#">Anthony Metcalfe</a>
<b>Dec 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Parish Eucharist <a href="#">Ven Martin Breadmore</a>
	6pm	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols <a href="#">Jane Hiley</a>
<b>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>	5pm	Crib Service <a href="#">Revd Mary Beth Hawrish</a>
	11pm	Midnight Mass <a href="#">Fr Gerard Mee</a>
<b>Dec 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Festive Parish Eucharist <a href="#">Revd Rosemary Durward</a>
<b>Dec 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Joint Service at St Andrew's, Cobham

**Rector:** Parish in Vacancy

**Parish Administrator :** Polly Zabari  
01932 866005

**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](mailto: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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

**10.00am**                      **Choral Eucharist**  
**Minister :**                      **Revd. Rosemary Mason**

**Reading :**                      Phil 1 : 3 - 11

**Gospel :**                        Luke 3 : 1-6

**Hymns :**                        34, 516 (tune 1), 37, 538

### Advent Prayer for lighting of candle

The candles are lit :

**All : Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace your unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen**

**Mass Setting** : Missa Dixit Maria – Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

**Motet** : Dixit Maria ad Angelum – Hassler  
*Mary said to the Angel:*

*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,*

*Let it be done to me, according to your word.*

*Luke 1, 38*

**Postlude** : Toccata Settima - Hassler



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



The **St Mary's Christmas lunch** will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm**. There are still places but **YOU MUST** pay in advance of the lunch. Please let Polly have cheque or cash (£12.50 per head) as soon as possible.



The next Discussion Group meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December **at the earlier time of 2pm**. The meeting will be held at the home of Audrey Binyon, 6 Bray Road, Stoke D'Abernon. All welcome.

## The Advent Wreath

The circle of the wreath reminds us of God himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has



no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope we have in God, the hope of newness, or renewal, of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The light of the candles reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life and hope. It also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's grace to others.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

If you have items for the Reverse Advent Calendar please ensure you get them to the Church or office as soon as possible. We are thrilled with the success of this and are most grateful to all who have taken part.



## Crib Service – 5pm Christmas Eve



We are planning that our much loved Crib Service will take place as usual. We know in the past this has been a very popular service, so to ensure everyone's safety, in addition to our current Covid protocols, we are setting the following guidelines.

- **Numbers will be limited so please pre-register for the service with Polly on 01932 866005 or [admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk)**
- Masks must be worn by everyone over the age of 12; we would encourage everyone to take a lateral flow test before attending.
- If children wish to dress up we would request that they come in their own costume unless they are playing a role in the service.

**The Advent Bible study will continue 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 next time.**