

# ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

## 22 and 29 December

### Fourth Sunday of Advent & First Sunday of Christmas

St Mary's 8am service - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)  
 St Mary's 4pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong  
 St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	St Martin's	All Age Service with Nativity Play
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
	4pm	St Martin's	Crib Service
	11.30pm	St Mary's	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	10am	St Martin's	All Age Celebrations for Christmas morning
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Holy Communion		

#### THE WEEK AHEAD w/c 29th

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion
No Morning Prayer this week			
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion

#### READINGS

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 1: 39 - 45
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	Luke 2: 8 - 20
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2: 41 - 52

**COLLECT for 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**COLLECT for Christmas Eve:** Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**COLLECT for Christmas Day:** Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

**COLLECT for 29th: God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

## OUR NEWS

### CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD

Any cards that have not been collected, will be removed after 29th Dec, so please check if you have any there.

### CAROLS ON THE GREEN, FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Come and join carol singing on Friday, 20th December, 6.30 to 8.00 pm, at **Stockens Green**. Mince pies, mulled wine, and also soft drinks. Meet friends old and new, and to sing along to some traditional Christmas carols. Free of charge and all welcome. More information from Lynne Farr, 01438 812630.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Charles will be taking some time off after Christmas until 5 Jan, but for any urgent pastoral matters, please email the parish office: [knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com) Thank you. Meanwhile, Charles, Anke and Hannah wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

### FOODBANK



**FEED UP WARM UP**  
charity number 1186381

**Supplying the homeless and those in need locally. Generally needed:** Tinned soup, beans, meals, tinned fish; biscuits; pasta; microwave rice; breakfast bars; toilet roll. Could you get an item when you go shopping? **Thank you for your continuing support – need is still great!**

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#### Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Mick & Sue Willis, Father Philip, and Janet Wright.
- Those who have died.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; Bishop Jane; Archdeacon Janet, and all those who support us in our worship and ministry.
- Places suffering from war, conflict and strife, among them: The Holy Land – Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Mali, Yemen, and Sudan.

Please email any contributions for this e-leaflet by **12.30pm Tuesday**  
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