

ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

14 December

Third Sunday of Advent

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 14 th	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion
	6pm	St Mary's	Candlelit Carol Service
Monday 15 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 16 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
	8pm	St Martin's	Advent Lates: Reflection and Compline
Wednesday 17 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 18 th	10am	Parish Centre	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 21 st	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

COLLECT: God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OUR NEWS

ADVENT LATES

The ministry team will continue a series of short reflections followed by a simple service of Compline (Night Prayer) on Tuesday 16 Dec, 8pm in St Martin's. Do come as part of your Christmas preparations: it's a peaceful way to close the day in this season of Advent.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Do take a look at our forthcoming Christmas services, take a flyer or two (available from the back of each church), and share widely! Christmas is a great time to invite people to church, especially to services such as our Carol Service at St Mary's or Nativity Service, ideal for children, on Christmas Eve. Let's all share Jesus' gift of light and hope as widely as possible.

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?

Oak Church in Stevenage is serving a young people's Christmas meal on 22 Dec, 6-8:30pm for an evening of festivities and free food. They are looking for people to help cook. If this is you, or you know someone, please speak to Charles.

MINCE PIES

Can you make or supply some Mince Pies for our Carol service on 14 December at St Mary's please? Phone Karen 07899 814159 if you can supply. Some Gluten free also needed.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD

This is now out in St Martin's Church. Please only leave cards for people that will be coming into church. Any cards that have not been collected, will be removed after Christmas, so please check if you have any there.

40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY INVITE

Mark and Lis invite you to join them in celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on **Sunday 4 January** from 12.30 onwards in St Martin's Parish Centre. Buffet meal. RSVP by 31 December. Everyone welcome.

Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Sue Willis, Father Philip, Helmut, Jonathan Turner and Clare.
- Those who have died.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Richard as Acting Bishop of St Albans; 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 Monday**
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