

# ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

## 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### Epiphany 3

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 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Martin's	All Age Communion
	6pm	Parish Centre	Burns Night Supper
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Centre	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Christingle service with Breakfast at 9.30am

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Acts 9:1-22

**COLLECT:** God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

#### OUR NEWS

#### CHRISTINGS

We will be celebrating **Candlemas on 1 February** at our breakfast service with Christingles. Do share widely and invite your friends! **We would love some help beforehand to:**

- Assemble the kit bags on **Saturday 31 January** in the **Parish Centre** at 10.30am

Please let Penny or Charles know if you can come along. **We need you!**

#### LENT COURSE

During Lent we will be running a series of sessions based around Rowan Williams' new book *Discovering Christianity: a guide for the curious*. Whether you have been a Christian for a long time or are new to church, this is a great opportunity with video and discussion to revisit big questions such as "**What is faith?**", "**Why church?**", or "**Why Scripture?**". We will be joined by our friends from Knebworth Family of Churches, so this is also a good chance to share together. Sessions are Wednesdays 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18 and 25 March 8-9pm in the Parish Centre. Further details from Charles or Tim.

## CHRISTIAN AID

The annual Knebworth-wide joint effort to support Christian Aid leads up to Christian Aid week in May. As part of this we have the annual '**frugal lunch**' on **Sunday 8 March** at St Martin's Parish Centre, 12.00 for 12.30pm - we had good attendance from St Martins and St Mary's congregations last year so hope many can make it this year - no charge but donations welcome to Christian Aid, with a focus this year on Kenya.

During Christian Aid week we aim to deliver an envelope to homes in Knebworth. We have lost some very faithful deliverers over the last few years and need to refresh our numbers.(No envelope collecting required) **An hour in the week 10-16 May is the request** - if you could do this, please let Tim Coulson know - [timcoulson56@icloud.com](mailto:timcoulson56@icloud.com)

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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, 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.

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