

St Mary's Speen Pew News 379

Hey we are BACK.

1) SERVICES

- a) **Services resume in St Mary's this Sunday, tomorrow**, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible **tomorrow Sunday 6th December** led by Jane Sutton. No singing yet of course.
- b) **The church is open on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4pm** for private prayer if you would like to come and enjoy some time for your own reflection and prayer in the church building.
- c) **Advent service of night prayer. At St Nic's, Tuesdays 8th and 15th Dec 8.00 8.45pm. Everyone welcome!** We will be following the Church of England service of night prayer (or Compline). A chance to be quiet and prayerful in the busyness of this season. Do join us.
- d) **Welcome to Christmas at St Mary's Speen.**

Sunday 20th December at 3pm – 'A Christmas no-one expected' – a Service of Christmas readings, poems and music

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December –

FOLLOW THE STAR: a Christmas Trail - an outdoor journey following the story of Christmas.

Start at the Church Car Park, Church Lane, any time between 2.30 and 4.30pm

Holy Communion at 11pm

Christmas Day Friday 25th December at 10am – Holy Communion

There will be no service on Sunday 27th December Please sign up for our services by emailing christmas@stmarysspeen.org.uk or by leaving a message on 01635 32657

All events are subject to any restrictions at the time – please see St M's website for up to date details: www.stmarysspeen.org.uk.

- 2) **ST MARY'S FOLLOW THE STAR** (I can't do exclamation marks at the moment, my laptop is giving up. You will have to imagine one. MJH)

A new thing is happening on Christmas Eve. Everyone can join in, in some way or another. Because COVID made us rethink the Crib service, we have planned a CHRISTMAS TRAIL between 2.30 and 4.30 on Christmas Eve for families and children of ALL ages.

More news about it next week!!

But we need **YOUR** help....

Do you have any jam jars we could have?

Do you have any lanterns or torches we can borrow (labelled with your name)?

Would you like to help on the afternoon?

If so please email Pam: p.mckellen13@gmail.com for more info

THANK YOU (exclamation mark)

3) BOWLS OF BULBS FOR CHRISTMAS

The highly scented White Carnegie Hyacinths are ready to come in to a warm room to grow on and flower around Christmas. All proceeds go to St Mary's and the suggested donation is

£5 for a pot of 3 bulbs, and £8 for a pot of 5 bulbs. I will put a selection in the church on Sunday, and am happy to deliver, or folk can collect from me.

Mobile contact 07597 719246. email briannobes48@hotmail.co.uk Regards, Brian Nobes

4) CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Marion has been preparing her usual beautiful Christmas wreaths. Some are ready in church, but are also available from her at £8 for St Mary's. Phone 01635 551066.

5) NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PCC News

APCM We had the St Mary's Speen Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting last Sunday at 11.45am. We all provided our own coffee and cake. I hope there will be some draft minutes out soon so that everyone can see what we discussed.

CTNA Some of us joined the CTNA Prayers for Newbury prayer by Zoom with Will on Saturday.

Best Wishes, Mavis

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