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- 1) **ST MARY'S IN CHURCH.** Due to the national lockdown, St Mary's is still closed for public worship this Sunday. But, hooray, there will be a proper service on Sunday 6th December led by Jane Sutton. No singing yet of course.

However, **the church will be 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.

- 2) **St M's at home. May I recommend joining in with the St Nic's** Service this Sunday at 10.00? St Nic's are online for their morning services. If you do, you will see that Rev Will warmly welcomes St M's people who log in. You can sit at home and sing along with the hymns as enthusiastically and tunefully as you like! [You can watch it at a later time if you like..](#)

More details from St Nic's.

**“He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”  
(Isaiah 9:6)**

This Sunday is Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of a new church year, as we begin to prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We are beginning a new sermon series entitled 'Getting ready for what?' and this week are thinking about being ready for the Prince who brings peace.

It was great that the livestream ran smoothly last week and we hope for that again this week! We have a wonderful service planned and hope that you will join us

[Click here](#) to join the service via YouTube. The service begins at 10am. Please click on the link 10 minutes beforehand so that you're set up properly for the start.

As with previous weeks, the service will include a [short video for children](#).

### 3) ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This is on this coming Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11.45am. Here is the zoom link.

Please read the attachments to last week's email about our APCM. Here is the Zoom link

Topic: St Mary's APCM

Time: Nov 29, 2020 11:45 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85455628641>

Meeting ID: 854 5562 8641

If you don't know how to get "Zoom" please give me a ring.

As the APCM is preceded by the Annual election of Churchwardens it would be really good to support our candidates. If anyone has any questions they would like to be put forward, please let Joy or any of the PCC know beforehand so they can be discussed.

4) **CTNA DAY OF PRAYER today SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.** – Praying for Newbury. Christians Together in Newbury Area has a day of prayer for Newbury and have allocated slots throughout the day for individual church to pray for an hour. St Nic's and St Mary's will be sharing the 6pm slot. Please email [will@st-nics.com](mailto:will@st-nics.com) in advance for the zoom link so that he knows to let you in .

5) **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

As we are starting Advent, all sorts of things are looking exciting in St M's world. Brian N has been nurturing his **pots of bulbs** which are coming on a treat. Marion has been busy making **Christmas wreaths**. AND the most imaginative brains in St M's are putting together a phenomenal Christmas Eve project to be called "**Follow The Star**" **EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP PUT THIS TOGETHER, EVEN THOSE STAYING AT HOME.**

And for those who can go out and about, get your biggest torch ready with fresh batteries. That's all I am saying. More details next week. Our Zoom links this week are the most important

**Cancer Care calendars.** You will remember that Liz Chaplin sells the calendars with the beautiful photos of Newbury. She will be very pleased to supply them at £7 each. They make a great Christmas gift as she can supply envelopes if you need them.

Best Wishes, Mavis

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