

## **St Mary's Speen Pew News 381**

**Dear Friends,**

### **1) EVENTS AT St MARY'S:**

- a) Sunday 20th December at 3pm – 'A Christmas no-one expected'** – a Service of Christmas readings, poems and music. ( book in\*)
  
- c) Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December – FOLLOW THE STAR: This will no longer take place due to COVID restrictions.**
  
- c) Holy Communion at 11pm ( book in\*)**
  
- d) Christmas Day Friday 25th December at 10am – Holy Communion**
  
- e) There will be no service on Sunday 27th December**

\*Please sign up for our services by emailing [christmas@stmarysspeen.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysspeen.org.uk).

- 3) Midweek Private Prayer and Holy Communion:** This will recommence after Christmas. See PN in January for dates.

### **4) MESSAGE FROM REV PAM ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS TRAIL**

I'm really sorry to be writing to tell you that rather sadly, yesterday, we decided that we should not do the Christmas Trail this year. The group who have been planning it have been excited about its possibilities. Today I was going to write to tell you more but Berkshire's move into Tier 3 has made us look at it all and debate whether it is wise to continue with it this year.

We are going to light up the Church on the afternoon of Christmas Eve and put a crib scene in the porch for anyone who wanders by. And we are now busy trying to work out how we let people know about all this!

Thank you for being willing to help. We did appreciate your offer - and we really hope to do it next year. We think it will be a lovely experience for Christmas. So book the date now! By then we should be able to offer mulled wine and mince pies too so it can only get better! Thanks again.

Pam

### **5) CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Please do not leave Christmas cards in church this year. If you have prepared some, please either arrange for delivery or put in the post.

6) CHRISTMAS MESSAGES FOR FRIENDS AT ST M'S



DEAR FRIENDS AT ST MARY'S SPEEN. WE ALL KNOW ABOUT **THE PRINCE OF PEACE** WHO CAME TO LIVE AMONG US AT CHRISTMAS. HE SAID "MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. I DO NOT GIVE AS THE WORLD GIVES." JOHN 14 VERSE 27. AS THE OLD CHORUS SAYS, "WITH CHRIST IN THE VESSEL WE CAN SMILE AT THE STORM.... AS WE GO SAILING HOME." WITH MY LOVE AND BEST WISHES DURING THIS DIFFICULT 2020 CHRISTMAS.  
*JANE (SUTTON)*

*With love and best wishes to you all from Revd Janice- may the light of Christ burn brightly in our lives and homes this Christmastide.*

**Brian and Denise wish everyone at St. Mary's happiness and peace at Christmas, and a wish for 2021 to be safe so that we can all be together again.**

To all our friends at St Mary's, wishing you a restful Christmas and a joyous New Year, from Stuart and Lesley Atkinson.

Mavis and John wish you all a very happy Christmas despite the limitations placed upon us all.

**From Monica and Peter Lewenden: To all the people who worship at St Mary's, we send our best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a good New Year. We look forward to seeing you!**

With all that's been happening I haven't managed to send cards to everyone at St Mary's. There are so many of you I haven't seen for a long very long time. I hope you are all well, and Mum (Helen) and I wish you the very best a Christmas it's possible to have and I share my hope that 2021 will be a better year for everyone.  
Love Jo



JENNIFER DAVIES WRITES: (as cheery as ever) I wish everyone the moSt joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year.

**7) What to do about CHRISTINGLE when the oranges have run out:**



Happy Christmas and Best Wishes to you all, love, Mavis  
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