

Do you love being hospitable?

As a church community, it's important we welcome people warmly and well. We do this in many ways, so please get involved in this essential part of church life. There's lots of ways:

- Serve refreshments after the 09.30 Sunday Service at St Mary's.
- Welcome, serve drinks and cakes at Café Service at St Mary's at 16:00. You can bake cakes too!
- Serve refreshments at St Mary's Monkeys (parents and toddlers) on Fridays from 08:30 in Oxted Community Hall (OCH).
- Chat and serve drinks at Meeting Place on Fridays from 09:30 in the OCH.

To be part of this community building part of church life, please contact the Parish Office.

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SAFEGUARDING

Our churches are safe places. If you have any concerns, our safeguarding officers are:

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BLUE BULLETIN

News & Notices from
St.Mary's Oxted & St.Peter's Tandridge

December 2017

Dear friends

As I write, high winds are ridding the trees of their last, rusty leaves, blowing autumn firmly into winter. We give names to times and seasons to help us make sense of the changes we see around us and to gain a kind of control over processes which we can neither halt or hasten.

Advent marks not the end of the Christian year, but its beginning, so that the church makes its own new start ahead of the world by a month. The birth of Christ was a unique moment in world history, so much so that we date our calendar years from the nominal time of that remarkable nativity: Anno Domini – the year of our Lord.

At St Peter's and St Mary's we begin the season with a joint service of confirmation and baptism – a lovely chance to celebrate God's new life among us. It will conclude with the eagerly-awaited arrival of Christmas, when we recall how the hopes and fears of all the years found their answer in Christ. We trust that you will, too – and look forward to seeing you during the festivities.

With the assurance of my prayers,

Andrew Rumsey, Rector



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - Will be held as usual in the Oxted Community Hall from 12:00 for 12:30 lunch till 4:00pm

Gail Foster is leading this and is in need of volunteers and helpers. If you can help in anyway, please can contact Gail or contact the parish office. gail-foster@hotmail.co.uk

Event at King's Church

Pre-teen Parenting Course for those with 10-14 year olds. Five Tuesday evenings: 30th January, 6th, 20th, 27th February and 6th March 2018, 19:45-22:00 at 33 Amy Road, Oxted, RH8 0PW.

As children approach the end of primary school and transition to secondary school they have a lot to deal with, including hormones, peer pressure, academic demands and social media. These changes often bring challenges to parents.. Come along and enjoy sharing ideas with other parents in a comfortable, non-judgmental environment and see the positive changes to family life. For more information and to book please contact sarah@kingschurchoxted.com.

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped or contributed to the Christmas Market by either delivering fliers, donating items, making cakes , helping set up the evening before and on the day during and after the Sale. Thank you also to all those who supported us by coming along to the event making it the most successful Market yet raising £1600 towards church funds.

Carol Singing at Tandridge Heights.

Thursday 21st December 4pm

Please join us for this opportunity to sing carols, together with the residents and staff of Tandridge Heights. We are always assured of a warm welcome there and it is an ideal season to share the Christian Message locally, together with the love of our church community. Choir, congregation, families, friends....all are invited...Meet in the foyer....Carol sheets provided!

Home groups

Home groups are a wonderful way to help us to know Jesus better, grow in community and enjoy the company of others. They are small groups which meet in people's homes to read the Bible together, pray and worship. Joining together with others in this way encourages, supports and equips us to follow Jesus more closely every day.

Every Wednesday evening 20:00 to 22:00

Using the Sunday Bible readings
30 Barrow Green Road, Oxted
Hosted by Mary and David Cook
Contact them on 01883 712 132

Only meeting on the 6th & 20th December

Fortnightly Wednesday evenings 20:00 to 22:00

Using *Acts: Build Community* by John Ortberg

6 December at The Abels:
Willow Pightle, Ballards Lane, RH8 0SN
Contact them on 01883 780 041

The Hodgsons:
50 Chestnut Copse, Hurst Green, RH8 0JH
Contact them on 01883 723 041

No more during December

Daytime Alpha is starting...

On Tuesday 9 January at 10:30am. There will be 10 sessions, with a break for half term, finishing on 20 March. If you are interested or would like to know more about the Christian faith, please speak to Mark Anderson or contact the Parish office.

Mothers Union is running a Bible Study course for women on The Fruit of the Spirit from January Tues evenings. Details to follow in the New Year.

WORSHIP

Sunday 24 – Christmas Eve

8:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

NO 9:30 & 11:00 SERVICES TODAY

16:00 Nativity Service, St Mary's

17:30 Nativity Service, St Peter's

18:30 Advent Choral Evensong at St Peter's

11:30 Midnight Communion at St Mary's

11:30 Midnight Communion at St Peter's

Sunday Bible readings:

*Psalm 89.1-8; 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-11, 16
Romans 16. 25-27; Luke 1.26-38*

Monday 25 – Christmas Day

8:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

9:30 Parish Communion at St Mary's
(NO Junior church & crèche)

11:00 Family Communion at St Peter's

12:00 Christmas Lunch
at Oxted Community Hall

Sunday Bible readings:

*Psalm 98; Isaiah 52.7-10;
Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14*

Sunday 31

8:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

9:30 Parish Communion at St Mary's
(NO Junior church & crèche)

11:00 Family Service at St Peter's

18:30 Evensong at St Peter's

Sunday Bible readings:

*Psalm 148.(1-6) 7-14; Isaiah 61.10-62.3;
Gaathians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21*

WORSHIP

Friday 1

8:30 Holy Communion at St Mary's

9:30 St Mary's Monkeys
- toddler/baby group, OCH

9:30 St Mary's Meeting Place, OCH

18:00 Oxted Adventure begins
- see flyer for details

Sunday 3

8:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

NO 9:30 at St Mary's today

11:00 Confirmation Service at St Peter's

16:30 Café service at St Mary's,
tea & cake from 4pm

18:30 Evensong at St Peter's

Sunday Bible readings:

*Psalm 80.1-7, (16-18); Isaiah 64.1-9
1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37*

Monday 4

13:00 TIC TOC – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 6

10:00 Holy Communion at St Peter's

11:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

Thursday 7

11:30 Holy Communion, Tandridge Heights

15:30 Holy Communion, Ridgeway Manor

Friday 8

8:30 Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.30 St Mary's Monkeys
toddler/baby group, OCH

9:30 St Mary's Meeting Place, OCH

WORSHIP

Sunday 10

- 8:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9:30 Christingle Service at St Mary's
(NO Junior church & crèche)
- 11:00 Christingle Service at St Peter's
- 16:30 Café service at St Mary's,
tea & cake from 4pm
- 18:30 Tree of Light Service at St Mary's
- with St Catherine's Hospice, to remember
those who have died or are close to death
- 18:30 Choral Evensong at St Peter's
- with Reigate Choir

Sunday Bible readings:

*Psalm 85. 8-13 – (1-2); Isaiah 40.1-11
2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark. 1-8*

Monday 11

- 10:30 TIC TOC – Toast Oxted

Wednesday 13

- 11:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

Thursday 14

- 11:30 Holy Communion, Tandridge Heights

Friday 15

- 8:30 Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9:30 St Mary's Monkeys
toddler/baby group, OCH
- 9:30 St Mary's Meeting Place, OCH

WORSHIP

Sunday 17

- 8:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9:30 Parish Communion at St Mary's
(with Junior church & crèche)
- 11:00 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, St Peter's
- 18:30 Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's
- 18:30 Evensong with Holy Communion
at St Peter's

Sunday Bible readings:

*Palm 136; Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11;
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28*

Tuesday 19

- 14:00 Holy Communion, Sycamore Court

Wednesday 20

- 11:00 Holy Communion at St Mary's

Thursday 21

- 11:30 Holy Communion, Tandridge Heights
- 15:30 Holy Communion, Ridgeway Manor
- 19:00 Parish Carol Singing
- Meet at the Barlow Mow Pub

Friday 22

- 8:30 Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9:30 St Mary's Meeting Place, OCH