

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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4th December 2020

Gospel Reading this week – Mark 1:1-8 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Services this Sunday – and go to:

www.stmarysoxted.uk/Groups/349804/Online_services.aspx for details of live stream of the St Mary's 9.30 service and our team Youtube services that are still available.

St Mary's	St Peter's
Sunday 6 th December	Sunday 6 th December
9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
Go	11.00am Family Service
4.30pm Café Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9 th December	
11.00am Holy Communion	

Prayer during the week – Please join us to pray!

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 820 0689 4969 Passcode: 714098 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006894969?pwd=aNLS1VQV090SjcxdmhwWXFMZlhhdz09> or by phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the same meeting ID and passcode

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09> or by phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the above meeting ID and passcode.

ALPHA online - We are joining in with Alpha online ! It is a great way to learn about Christianity, to discover or to grow in faith. The course continues this week on Monday 7th December at 7.45pm, the theme is 'Does God Heal Today?' On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8123611012> or Meeting ID: 812 361 1012, (no password).



Oxted Adventure will be different this year! It will be an opportunity to walk our Winter Wonderland of trees, and will feature decoration and inspiration on the theme of 'Christmas Around the World'. We still need some help to make it happen!

Please call Millie Anderson (07771 680430) or the Parish Office if you can help with some marshalling or small tasks to enable us to keep safe.

Nativity Journey – In both churches we are going to be hosting a 'Nativity Journey' on Christmas Eve (3.30pm at St Mary's, and 5.30pm at St Peter's) A creative opportunity to welcome the community to experience the Nativity in a new (and Covid-safe) way. We need your help! Please contact Mark or James if you can help by playing the part of a Nativity character, or being on the hosting team.

Love Your Neighbour – please continue to look out for those around you and phone the Parish Office if you need anything. We are keen to continue to combat isolation and loneliness, so please be in touch if we can do anything to help. Contact us at: helpoxted@gmail.com

Oxted Shines – As well as Oxted Adventure, we are supporting Oxted Shines. At Christmas we remember the star whose light guided people to Jesus, the Light of the World. Spread a little joy by making stars to display in windows during Advent. We hope that seeing these stars will bring light, and give people hope, at the end of a dark year. It can be as big or small as you like. Let the light shine in the darkness!



THANK YOU to all those who supported our Prayer and Gift Day last week in St Mary's. We will report soon how much was raised, but it was encouraging to pray about the financial demands of the our urgent repairs. Thank you!

Deanery Synod – Tuesday 8 December 2020, 7.45 for 8pm on Zoom. Everyone is invited to join the first part of the meeting (ends about 9pm), during which Bishop Jonathan (Bishop of Croydon) will speak on *'The Pandemic and our Parishes! What are we learning? Where are we going? Reflections on our current times and hopes for the future'* followed by a short Question and Answer session and break out groups. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86746300458?pwd=dENMbU5XR1pjSkNxV1lOM3hQQVI2dz09> Meeting ID: 867 4630 0458 Passcode: 836346 Or phone free on 0800 358 2817, and use the meeting ID and passcode above.

Things to pray for and about:

- Our plans for Christmas services
- For those who work in our local healthcare services, and care homes.
- At St Mary's, we are applying for a grant to help us in the repairs to the louvres in the bell tower – please do pray for its success!
- Please remember Phil Brooks in your prayers, who has been unwell recently.
- For those suffering directly or indirectly due to Covid-19

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