

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

Knowing Christ | Growing Community | Renewing Our Heritage

Sunday 4th December

Second Sunday of Advent - Romans 15:4-13 and Matthew 3.1-12

| Sunday Services | | | |
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| St Mary's | | St Peter's | |
| 8.00am | | | Holy Communion (said) |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (Junior Church in OCH) | 11.00am | All Age Worship |
| 4.30pm | Café Service | 6.30pm | Evensong - with Reigate Schools Choir |

A very warm welcome to our services today. Please do speak to a welcomer or member of clergy if it is your first time with us and you would like more information.

A special welcome to the Reigate Schools choir who will be singing Evensong at St Peter's for our 6.30pm service.

The Oxted Adventure is back! Leaflets with the usual map and stamp record are available at back of church. Always a lovely community activity, with gatherings at a different address every night from 6-7pm. Free mulled wine or hot chocolate to keep you warm! (Bring your own mug or travel cup if you can to reduce on plastic).

Thanks are due to all those who supported last week's Trivia Quiz in any way. Thanks to people's generosity a profit of £496.00 was made. This will be split between Crisis at Christmas and the St. Mary's Oxted Heritage Trust - they will each receive £248.00.

The Accessibility Project - St John's, Hurst Green are supporting this initiative to fundraise for 150 Gift Bags (a little like the shoebox appeal) for local families and Ukrainian refugees. Donations can currently be taken to the entrance of St John's or you can donate an amount online to go towards this work. Go to: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/accessiblechristmas?utm_term=4amXWpjVR

Crosslight Advice is one of the charities our church supports and today they launch their first ever Christmas Campaign - the 12 Days of Crosslight. It's not primarily to raise funds, more about raining awareness of their work which is so needed at this time. [Click here](#) to read the first edition, and I'd encourage you to use the link at the end to sign up to receive the other issues too in the run up to Christmas.

We shall be singing **Christmas carols** with the residents of Tandridge Heights on Wed 14th December at 2.15pm. Do come along! Meet in the foyer by 2.10pm. I shall have plenty of carol sheets!

St Catherine's Hospice Tree of Light Service – This is being held at Oxted School (Main Hall) on Thursday 15th December, 6.30 for 7.00pm. Join them and remember a loved one. For more information and to register for attendance visit: www.stch.org.uk/treeoflight or call 01293 447361.

Hurst Green Singers Christmas Concert – Sunday 11 December 7.00pm at Hazelwood School. Tickets £15 from hurstgreensingers@gmail.com or at the door.

Sales of Christmas cards and wrapping paper continue up until Christmas. They are available in OCH after the 9.30am service each week, and also at Meeting Place on Friday mornings. The cards include some from The Leprosy Mission.

Welcomers needed! Could you occasionally do a shift as a welcomer for St Mary's at the 9.30 service? This is a fairly straightforward role and is done on a rota basis, so is generally only every month or so at the most. If interested please speak to James or contact the Parish Office.

Oxted Team Morning Prayer - Tuesday at St John's & **Thursday** at St Mary's – both at 9am – 15 mins of reflective prayer. Or you can join on remotely, all are welcome. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09>

Dates for the diary:

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| Sunday 4 th Dec | 6pm | Oxted Team Youth Group (10+) | at St John's |
| Thursday 8 th Dec | 1-3pm | Oxted Bereavement Group | URC |
| Thursday 8 th Dec | 8-9pm | Team Youth Group (14+) | OCH new space |

Things to pray for and about:

- For the people and land of Ukraine and the refugees now settled in Tandridge
- For all currently struggling with hardship and financial worries
- Pray for the work of Credit Unions, who strive to combat the illicit behaviours of loan sharks (e.g. Boom Community Bank)

Giving to our churches – A very big thank you to all those who regularly give to our churches, to support our life together. If you do not already do so, please consider giving regularly. You can do this by Standing Order, or it may be that you currently give by regular envelope, but might consider changing to a Standing Order. Please also fill out a gift aid declaration if you can, as the church can claim an extra 25% on any donations.

<https://stmarysoxted.uk/Groups/349812/Giving.aspx>

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