

# ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Romans 1.1-7 and Matthew 1.18-25

Sunday Services			
St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion (said)		
9.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church in OCH	11.00am	Nine Lessons & Carols
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm	Holy Communion

**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.

**Our traditional Carol Services** take place this weekend, so bring along a neighbour or friend and enjoy the true Christmas spirit together.

If you could help serve mulled wine and mince pies after St Mary's Carols by Candlelight, could you please speak to Natasha or let James know. Thank you.

**Bishop Christopher** will be visiting St John's, Hurst Green for the 9.45 Eucharist service today and also the 11.30am Christmas Café Service.

**Youth Groups** meet this week – please do come along to the appropriate age session!

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm – Film Night at St John's for those 10+

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm – Our 14+ youth group will be hosting the Oxted Adventure! -

**Oxted Adventure** – As always this is proving 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). Leaflets with map and stamp record still available at back of church.

A special mention for these two ADVENTure evenings; please come along if you can:

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – hosted by the Youth Group at OCH\_space

24<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Oxted band will lead us in Carol singing at the East End of the church.

**Nativity Services** – these will take place at both churches on Christmas Eve at the following times:

St Mary's 4-5pm

St Peter's 5.30-6.30pm

For details of all Christmas services for each church, please pick up a leaflet.

**Christmas Pokemon Card Swap Event!** Is this coming Wednesday, 10am – 12pm – all those in school years 3-6 are welcome, and must be accompanied by an adult. It will be in the \_space at OCH, see you there!

**Fresh supplies of the St Mary's Platinum Jubilee book** have now arrived and are available via Valerie Adamson. They have a lovely set of pictures as well as some descriptive text and are good value at £10.00 each.

**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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/accessiblechristmas?utm_term=4amXWpjVR)

**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.

**Churches Together in Oxted** are supporting Children's Hospital Pyjamas this Christmas, please visit <https://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk/> to find out more, get involved or donate.

**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:

Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 1-3pm	Oxted Bereavement Group	URC, Oxted
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm	Evensong for Epiphany	St Peter's, Tandridge

### 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

**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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