

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

Knowing Christ | Growing Community | Renewing Our Heritage

Sunday 8th January - Epiphany

Readings - Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12

St Mary's		St Peter's	
8.00am	Holy Communion (said)		
9.30am	Holy Communion with Junior Church in OCH	11.00am	Family Communion
4.30pm	Café Service	6.30pm	Evensong - with Levante Choir

Happy New Year to you all, and a warm welcome to all 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 about our church and services.

A big thank you to Alison Murden, who has recently retired as our admin assistant in the Parish Office. We are grateful to Alison for all she has done, and wish her a restful, and joyful retirement from this role.

Restoration of the Chalice - we have now restored the common chalice (or cup) to our communion services. Many parishes across the country have made this move already. We have, rightly, taken a bit more time to be sure it is the seemly thing to do. At our PCC, and Standing Committee it has often been a subject of discussion, and we remain enormously grateful to all those who have taken part in those discussions. We will still ensure that there is the freedom for those who are uncertain to take a full part in communion. At each service, it remains perfectly fine for you to receive the bread, or wafer, alone. Thank you.

Helpers needed! Could you occasionally do a shift as a welcome, reader or intercessor for St Mary's at the 9.30 service? Or perhaps you have thought you could help in another role at either church? Please speak to James if interested or contact the Parish Office at stmaryoxted.stpetertandridge@gmail.com. Thank you!

Prayer Breakfast is this Saturday 7th Jan at 9am, all are welcome to join us in the _space in OCH to pray for the world, our church, our community and one another. There will also be coffee and pastries -hopefully see you there..

Volunteers required after the 9.30 service at St Mary's on Sunday 8th, to help with clearing our Christmas decorations away. Please stay for 10 mins or so, and find a job - many hands will make light work..

Thank you to all those who have helped with dismantling the Christmas décor at St Peter's over the past few days, it is much appreciated!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th-25th January

Please look out for opportunities during this week to gather and pray – the theme this year is racial justice, and has been provided by churches from Minneapolis, USA. During our services on Sunday 22nd, we will also be re-committing ourselves to working together with our friends in local churches of all Christian denominations (Churches Together in Oxted and District) More detailed information next week.

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, especially this Christmas time

Dates for your Diary (some highlights...)

18th January	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	St Peter's, Tandridge
29 th January	6.30pm	CTOD joint service	St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart
2 nd February	8.00pm	Candlemas Service	St Peter's, Tandridge
21 st February	6.00pm	Pancakes & Prayers	_space in OCH

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.

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>

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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PLEASE NOTE – If you have anything to be included in the Weekly Update these should now be sent to Natasha at the Parish Office:

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