



Notices for 24th of December 2024

A warm welcome to everyone

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

Service starts at 11:30pm

Collect:

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Hymns:

- 66** Once in royal David's city
- 69** Silent night
- 63** O little town of Bethlehem
- 45** Away in a manger
- 61** O come all ye faithful

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Hebrews 1:1-4

The Letter to the Hebrews

God Has Spoken by His Son

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

John 1:1-14

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post-communion prayer:

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.

Vacancy News – Peter & Dan (Your churchwardens)

St Mary Cuddington is blessed to be supported through the Christmas period by our ministry team of John, Maggie and Jason whilst we advertise for a new vicar. Advertising closes 29th Jan, with shortlisting on 4th Feb for formal interview on 4th March. We will also be supported by visiting clergy including Bishop Paul on Christmas Day, Revd Sue Ayling at 8am BCP on 5th Jan, and Revd Des Williamson at 09:30 on 26th Jan.

Please note that the Parish office will re-open on Monday 6th Jan.

Dates for your diary

TOMORROW : Christmas Day at 10 am

We welcome the Rt Revd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking to lead our Family Communion Service with many favourite carols. Children are invited to bring their favourite present.

1st January 2025 The Walking Group are organising a New Years Day walk. We will meet at Church at 11.00am and car share to the riverside car park at the end of Ham Street. Alternatively meet at the car park. Bring your own lunch or use the facilities at Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park. *Enquiries : Martin White mqwhite99@gmail.com*