



## **Notices for 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2024**

*A warm welcome to everyone*

A warm welcome to The Rt Revd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking  
who will lead our 10am Family Communion Service

### **Christmas Day**

#### **Collect:**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

#### **Hymns:**

- 61** O come all ye faithful
- 45** Away in a manger
- 76** While shepherds watched their flocks by night
- 69** Silent night
- 53** Hark the herald angels sing

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:

### Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed

hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

## **Luke 2:1-14(15-20)**

### **The Birth of Jesus**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### **The Shepherds and the Angels**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## **Post-communion prayer:**

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, with shortlisting on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb for formal interview on 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be supported by visiting clergy including Revd Sue Ayling at 8am BCP on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, and Revd Des Williamson at 09:30 on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Christmas Day at 10 am**

Bishop Paul will lead Family Communion Service with many favourite carols. Children are invited to bring their favourite present.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:mqwhite99@gmail.com)*