



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

The Church of England and The Methodist Church in Partnership
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Welcome to St Mary's!



**Sunday 21st January 2018:
The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

If you are new, feel free to pick up a Welcome Pack. Also, fill in a Welcome Card, handing it to one of the Sidespeople (who gave you a book as you arrived). Please join us for refreshments after the morning Services.

8.00am **Said Holy Communion**

President: Rev'd David Smith

Preaching: Rev'd Richard Lowson

Collect: The Third Sunday after The Epiphany BCP Pg 71

Readings: Genesis 14:17-20; Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11

10.00am **Sung Holy Communion**

President and Preacher: Rev'd Richard Lowson

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Collect: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

Post-Communion Prayer: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

6.00pm **Said Evening Prayer**

Minister: Michael Baker



Gluten free
communion
bread
is available.

Got 'little wrigglers' with you? We love 'em!



If you have children with you **please sit near the front of church** so that they can see what is going on or, if they get wriggly or restless, feel free to use the toys under the Tower. **Children's Church** meets during term-time in the Church Centre: *Sunbeams:* 3-5 yrs, *Shooting Stars:* 6-11 yrs.

For Your Prayers

We pray for:	The careful use of time
We pray for the work of:	Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust
Our School, St Mary's:	For Pupils and their families
In the Deanery:	St Lawrence, Bovingdon
In the Circuit:	Carpenders Park and South Oxhey Methodist Church
Roads in Rickmansworth:	Sherfield Avenue
At St Mary's:	For Our Lunch Club
Amongst those unwell:	Kat Clifford, Margaret Collins, Margaret Down, Edith Frow, Ian Haigh, Trevor Wallace, Mary Wallis, Jaleh Yeaman, Deborah, Emma, Frankie, Heather, Keith, Tim
Year's Mind	Hilda Elizabeth Grainger (24th)



Intercessions List: We are privileged to be invited to pray as a community for people in all kinds of need. If you would like someone's name to be added, including your own, please speak to Scott, or to Karen in the Church Office. Names remain for as long as needed.

This week's diary

Mon 22	2.00pm	<i>Threads for Change Sewing Group, in Church</i>
	3.15pm	<i>J Club, St Mary's School</i>
	7.45pm	<i>Meeting of the United Council, Cloisters Hall</i>
Tues 23	9.30am	<i>Said Holy Communion</i>
	12noon	<i>10-bell ringing practice - All Ringers Welcome</i>
Wed 24	7.30pm	<i>Bell Ringing Practice - New ringers welcome</i>
Thurs 25	9.30am	<i>Little Angels Toddler Group - Cloisters Hall</i>
	7.45pm	<i>Choir Practice - New Singers Welcome</i>

Readings for Tuesday Holy Communion:

2 Samuel 6: 12-15; 17-19 Mark 3:31-end

Readings for next Sunday: Homeless Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Revelation 12:1-5a; Mark 1:21-28

Next Sunday's Services and Activities: Homeless Sunday

8.00am	Said Holy Communion	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
10.00am	Sung Holy Communion	7.00pm	X Team meet



St Mary's 'Little Angels' Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby & Toddler Group meets at Cloisters Hall on Thursdays: 9.30-11.30am. Craft, play, and Music Time, £1.50 per 'family group' per session.

Notices

Homeless Sunday: You are invited to bring items for those who find themselves in need of shelter next Sunday 28th January (or before, if you are unable to attend on this date). All items donated will be passed on to Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership, Herts Young Homeless and the Workers Farm in West Hyde. Here is a list of the types of items that will be very welcome: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, ladies' sanitary products, nappies (sizes 3,4,& 5), baby wipes, shaving soap, washing up liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, kitchen and bathroom cleaner, floor cleaner, window cleaner. The items are scheduled to be collected on Monday 29th January; if you can help with sorting for distribution, please come to church at 10am. Many thanks.

Lent Study Course: This year, to encourage us all to put time aside for study I thought it would be helpful to have a structured approach which would include a number of House Groups following a common theme. I have found a course that I feel will be exciting, informative, reflective and accessible and would like to invite you all to consider joining us; it is The Church of England's 'LiveLent' course. Ideally, we would have five or six house groups comprising at least four people, meeting weekly at a time convenient to the members of the group; if we can't manage five or six then fewer would still be very worthwhile. If you would like to lead a house group, please come and have a chat or contact me via e-mail or phone as soon as possible. If you would like to join a group please let Karen in the church office know or sign the list at the back of the church and we will ensure that you are catered for; I will of course supply you with the booklets and lots of encouragement. If you would like to find out more about the course, please follow this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-01/LiveLent%202018%20Sampler.pdf> Scott

Palm Crosses for Ashes: We collect together Palm Crosses in order to burn them to make the ash for the Service on Ash Wednesday. Please bring in your crosses, and place them in the bowl at the back of church. Many thanks.

Deanery Quiz Night: Saturday 3rd February, 7pm at St Oswald's. The cost is £8 per ticket and includes a fish and chip supper. We need a table of eight to represent St Mary's - as yet we have had no volunteers for our team and these are needed by 28th January please. Thank you however to those of you who have provided questions. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen in the Church Office.

Annual Christian Aid Event: The Genius of Gilbert and Sullivan - a lecture recital presented by Peter Medhurst on Saturday 24th February - at St Mary's Church Centre - 7.15 for 7.30. Tickets available now at £10 (to include a glass of wine) from John Shaw. Licensed Bar and Raffle. All profits to Christian Aid.

The Children's Society: Thank you to all those people who have returned their Children's Society boxes. If you still have a box at home please return it to the church office by the end of January or email childrenssociety@stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk so that Suzanne can arrange to collect it from you. Thank you.

Choir: We are looking for new members! You do not need to be an expert singer as we give 'training on the job', as well as additional assistance if required. Come along one Thursday evening and see how you get on.

Cleaning: We've recently had two new people join the cleaning team that keep our church looking so beautiful - one or two more would mean taking a turn just once or

twice a quarter. Our Steward and Churchwardens are looking for people to join the Rota - so if you can wield a duster, pull a vacuum cleaner and polish wood - let them know. Many thanks.

New Sidespeople: Two new people have joined our sidespeople rota, which is great news. We do still have one vacant slot for the 5th Sunday of the month at the 10am service; if you are able to join us, please speak to David Hibbert.

Job Vacancy: Embrace the Middle East are looking for a Communications Manager to join a team looking to maximise the impact of digital communication. Full details can be found at: www.embraceme.org/vacancies

Rota aide-memoire

	This Week	Next Week
8 am Readers	<i>Paddy Walker-Taylor, Michael Illing</i>	<i>Rob Kay, Hilary Stevenson</i>
10am Readers	<i>Barbara Paterson, John Shaw</i>	<i>Annette Leveridge, John Poppleton</i>
Intercessor	<i>Jean Dodds</i>	<i>David Carruthers</i>

Diary dates

14 Feb		Ash Wednesday
	7.45pm	Sung Holy Communion with <i>Imposition of Ashes</i>
24 Feb	7.30pm	Christian Aid Recital, Church Centre



A few people have asked for some space to make sermon notes - so here it is...

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