

BCP Collect for The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

The following people have asked for your prayers:

Read at Sunday Services:

Betty Pickering, Phil & Betty Taylor, Brian and Margaret Tilley, Margaret Llewellyn, Dot Roxby, Rita Barlow, Lewis Goodrich.

Read at Weekday Services:

Richard Hands, Gillian Rose, Abigail Gent, Jane Mosby, Jill Crawford, Rachel Duerden, Helen Bennion.

Prayers for the families of the departed:

Ronald Bentham, Marjorie Ross, Frederick Stedman, Norma Inskip, Graham Lawton.

Baptisms:

Aria Oultram, Arlo Oultram, Arthur Oultram, Penelope Steele, Caleb Priest, Alfie Rhodes.

Prayers for the parish:

Dunnillow Field, Clonners Field, Flowerscroft, Wickstead Close.

Prayers for groups and activities:

Sidesmen, Choir & Organists, Pastoral Visitors.

Mission Support: Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy - for those feeling isolated, vulnerable and at times suicidal in our farming communities, and for Sharon, Helen and Monica in their chaplaincy ministry.

Prayer for Outreach: Have you got time to hold St Mary's Outreach projects in a particular moment of prayer? Please join me in the St Nicholas' Chapel on **Monday 20th November** at 1pm-1.30pm while we pray for the fledgling or newly forming projects and give thanks for the active life of St Mary's. Sue Hutt

Christmas Tree Festival, 24th-26th November.

A fundraiser joint with St Luke's Hospice.

How you can help:

- There will be a raffle throughout the weekend and at each of the cinema events. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated: wine, spirits, Christmas puddings, biscuits, cakes, chocolates, preserves etc.
- On Saturday 25th November there will be a mini Christmas Fair, 10am-2pm, in the hall and outside (weather permitting). Donations of books, bric a brac, scarves, handbags, jewellery, cakes, preserves etc., and offers to help on the day, would be welcome. Please sign up on the list at the back of church.
- On the morning of Tuesday 21st November the Christmas trees (4' and 6') will be delivered to St Mary's. If you are available to help with setting up the trees (not decorating) that day, please let the office know.
- **Come along** - open Friday 24th November 10am-8pm, Saturday 25th November 9.30am-3pm, Sunday 26th November 12-5pm. £3 entry donation, children free. Headphones to rent. Mulled wine or a hot drink and a sweet Christmas treat. Cinema 4.30pm and 8pm on Saturday 25th November - limited tickets available.

Nantwich Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar collection in partnership with The Nantwich Food Festival - **Saturday 25th November** at Brine Leas Academy 10am to 1pm. Suggested donations on the calendar at the back of church.

Concordia at Christmas, Saturday 2nd December at 3pm. 'All the Stars Looked Down'. Donations for St Mary's Church. Refreshments.

A Festive Concert with Morriston Emergency Department Choir and Soloists: Music from Stage and Screen; Easy Listening Christmas Swing - **Saturday 2nd December**, 7pm in St Mary's. Tickets £8 from the Parish Office. Proceeds to St Mary's and Morriston ED Choir.

2024 Church Diaries are now available from the church shop, £2 each.

Open Table Nantwich Ecumenical Eucharist and buffet, Nantwich Methodist Church, **Sunday 26th November** 5.30-8pm.

Christmas Services: A flyer advertising the special services for Advent and Christmas is available at the back of church. Please help yourself and distribute them where you are able.

Friday 1 st December	10.30am & 1.30pm Primary Carols (<i>not for public attendance</i>)
Saturday 2 nd	3pm Concordia Christmas Concert followed by refreshments
Saturday 2 nd	7pm A Festive Concert with Morriston ED Choir
Sunday 3 rd	10.45am Confirmation Service
Sunday 3 rd	4pm Christingle Service
Sunday 3 rd	6pm Advent Carol Service
Monday 4 th	Singfest Youth Concert
Sunday 10 th	3pm Nantwich Singers Carol Concert
Monday 11 th	Malbank School Carol Concert
Saturday 16 th	2pm Messy Christmas in the Parish Hall
Sunday 17 th	9.30am All Age Nativity with the Donkeys; 6pm Carol Service
Monday 18 th	7pm Oxley's Charity Carol Service (<i>ticket only - sorry none left!</i>)
Tuesday 19 th	Brine Leas School Carol Concert
Wednesday 20 th	6.30pm Nantwich Choral Society Family Carol Concert
Christmas Eve	2pm; 3.30pm; 5pm Crib Services
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion; 10am All Age Communion

Santa's Steam Train every Saturday morning during December 10am-12. Free rides, donations to children's charities.

Christmas Day Lunch organised by Churches Together in Nantwich, 11.30am-3pm at the Methodist Church. Live in Nantwich or nearby? Alone on Christmas Day? Details on the noticeboard in church. Lifts available. Booking essential: phone Sue Piddock Jones 01270 628419.

What's on This Week (20th - 26th November)

Monday

- 11.00am Funeral of Marjorie Ross in Church
- 1.00pm Prayer for Outreach in St Nicholas Chapel
- 7.00pm Concordia rehearsal in Church

Tuesday

- 7.30am Christmas Trees arrive in Church
NO Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Mums and Toddlers in the Parish Hall
- 3.45pm SING!@St.Mary's in the Parish Hall
- 7.15pm Parents/Carers Sewcial in the Parish Hall
- 7.30pm Nantwich Singers rehearsal in Church

Wednesday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 11.00am Holy Communion
- 7.00pm Crib Service rehearsal in Church

Thursday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Flower Arranging in Church
- 10.00am Little Fish in Church
- 7.00pm Bell ringing practice in the Tower

Friday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 9.15am Churchwardens' Meeting in the Rectory
- 10am-1pm Friday Place of Welcome in the Parish Hall
- 10.00am Christmas Tree Festival opens in Church
- 11.00am Sir Edmund Wright Service in Church
- 7.00pm Choir practice in Church
- 7.45pm Friday Nite Live in the Parish Hall

Saturday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Rector's Surgery
- 9.30am Christmas Tree Festival opens in Church
- 10.00am Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall/outside
- 10.00am Concordia rehearsal in Church
- 4.30pm Christmas Cinema - The Polar Express
- 8.00pm Christmas Cinema - It's a Wonderful Life

Sunday 26th November - Christ the King

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Worship
- 10.45am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Crib Service rehearsal
- 12noon Christmas Tree Festival

- 3.00pm Afternoon Prayer at Richmond Village
- 6.00pm Evensong

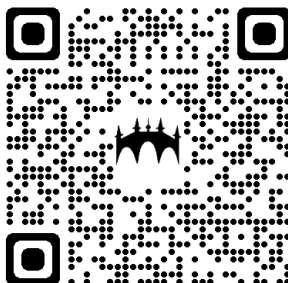
Readings for Sunday 26th November

- Ephesians 1.15-end* (p.1173)
- Matthew 25.31-end* (p.995)

6pm

- 2 Samuel 23.1-7* (p.330)
- Matthew 28.16-end* (p.1001)

Giving to St. Mary's - There is a plate near the west door at each service, and there are fixed collection boxes near both doors. The simplest method for regular giving, for both donor and recipient, is by standing order. "Thanksgiving 2023" forms in the south porch give guidance on this.



We also have a contactless device near the west door, and an online donation page on the St. Mary's website accessed via this QR code. Thank you to all who support St. Mary's financially.

WiFi in Church - Feel free to use the network StMarys_Guest, password Church2020.

Toilet and baby changing facilities are available at the back of the church.

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Sunday 19th November 2023 The Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

- Readings:* 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (p.1188)
- Matthew 25.14-30 (p.994)

Hot Drinks are available after the 9.30am and 10.45am services in the Parish Hall

9.30am All Together Worship

10.45am Holy Communion (live-streamed)

- Voluntaries:* Berceuse - Louis Vierne (1870-1937);
Fugue in Eb (BWV552) - JS Bach (1685-1750)
- Readings:* 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (p.1188)
- Matthew 25.14-30 (p.994)

Hymns: 641, 686, 677, 746

2.30pm Baptisms

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer at Richmond Village

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6.00pm Evensong

- Voluntaries:* Idylle Mélancolique - Louis Vierne;
Carillon de Longpont - Louis Vierne
- Readings:* 1 Kings 1.15-40 (p.334)
- Revelation 1.4-18 (p.1233)

Hymns: 691, 569, 580, 507

Psalms: 89 vv 20-29

7.15pm Encounter Supper in the Parish Hall

CW Collect for The Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.