

BCP Collect for The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following people have asked for your prayers:

Read at Sunday Services:

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

Read at Weekday Services:

Richard Hands, Gillian Rose, Abigail Gent, Jill Crawford, Helen Bennion, Kyle Johnson, Wendy Stockton, Betty Morris.

Prayers for the families of the departed:

Caroline Williams, Revd Alan Mumford, David Hudson, Leslie Hobson, Muriel Barker-Wyatt, Wendy Bostock, Beryl Salt, Shirley Wilkes, Evelyn Mumford.

Prayers for the parish:

Brown Avenue, Jan Palach Avenue, Pine Walk, Rookery Drive.

Prayers for groups and activities:

Audio-Visual Team, Schools Work, Eco Church Group.

Mission Support: For the work of Christian Aid.

"Higher Frequency Holistic Healing" are hiring St Mary's for a **Sound Bath Ceremony** on Wednesday 31st January, 7.15pm in church. Immerse yourself in a deeply relaxing experience, surrounded by the enchanting vibrations of sound. Tickets £24.78 available online.

Compline for Candlemas sung by Concordia in the chancel, Sunday 4th February, 6pm.

Sewcial, Tuesday 6th February, 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Hall (downstairs). Bring a project you're working on, or do a craft we provide, or just come and chat over tea and coffee. Parents/Carers only - A chance to get to know each other without little ones (unless under 1).

Nantwich Choral Society Come and Sing Handel's Messiah, Saturday 10th February. Rehearsals 10.30-12.30pm; 2.15-4pm. Singer fee £20. Performance 6pm. Tickets £10, Students £5, available from The Civic Hall. Registration forms from www.nantwichchoral.org.uk

Choral Evensong with the St Christopher Chorale, Sunday 11th February, 6pm.

Pancake Party, Tuesday 13th February, 4-5.30pm in the Parish Hall (downstairs). Come and join us for fun activities, games and of course yummy pancakes. Donations welcome to cover costs. All ages welcome. Parents/carers stay. To RSVP email susie@stmarysnantwich.org.uk so we can plan catering accordingly. Do let us know of any dietary requirements too.

Ash Wednesday, 14th February. Services of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes will be held at 8am, 11am and 7.30pm.

LENT COURSE 2024

Come and See: The Good News in Art

We will look together at a wide range of paintings, from the 14th to the 21st centuries, from the Annunciation to the Resurrection, from Representational to Abstract, from the Church to the World.

Tuesdays 2pm-3.15pm: 20th, 27th February, 5th, 12th, 19th March *or*

Thursdays 7.30pm-8.45pm: 22nd, 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st March

Venue: St Mary's Church, Nantwich

All are welcome. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list in church or contact the Parish Office, indicating your preference for Tuesday or Thursday, though feel free to swop between the days from week to week if more convenient.

February Breakfast: The next St Mary's Breakfast will be on Saturday 17th February at 8.30am at Nantwich Football Stadium. Sign-up sheet at the back of Church, or phone the office, by midday, Wednesday 14th February. Cancellation after booking should be in emergency only because we have to pay for no-shows, meaning we have to ask you for the money. The speaker will be Graham Christopher, talking about 25+ years of fostering - which he says has enriched all his family's lives.

The AGM of Churches Together in Nantwich will be held on Wednesday 21st February, 7.30pm in Market Street Church. This marks the end of Andrew Spiers' term as Chair of CTiN. All are welcome to attend and any support to take forward the work of CTiN would be welcome.

Join us for **LOVE NANTWICH**, 6.00pm on Saturday 24th February at St Mary's Church for an evening of worship and prayer for our town organised by Elim Church. Join us in praying blessing upon our community.

MU Appeal: Mothers' Union will again be collecting donations of toiletries and NEW underwear for women and children during January 2024. The donations will be sent to the Cheshire without Abuse centre to support families in our local refuge. Donations can be left at the Parish Office up to the end of January.

Cleaning: Thank you to all who regularly clean in church. There are some parts of the church that don't have a regular cleaner. May you be interested in helping? If so, please contact the Churchwardens or Rector.

Worship Band: Do you play an instrument? Keyboard, guitar, strings, wind...? The worship band that plays at the Sunday 9.30am service would welcome new members. It wouldn't need to be a weekly commitment - the playing can be shared on a rota. Please think about whether you can serve in this way - it's rewarding for yourself and all present. If you'd like to know more please speak to Emma Osei-Kuffour (band leader) or the Rector.

What's on This Week (29th January - 4th February)

Monday

11.15am Funeral of Caroline Williams in Church
7.00pm Concordia rehearsal in Church

Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mums and Toddlers in the Parish Hall
11.00am Funeral of Wendy Bostock in Church
3.45pm SING!@St.Mary's in the Parish Hall
7.30pm Nantwich Singers rehearsal in Church
7.30pm Youth & Children's Steering Group in the Rectory

Wednesday

8.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Holy Communion
7.15pm Nantwich Sound Bath Ceremony 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
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
10.00am Concordia rehearsal in Church
2.00pm Bell ringing in the Tower for Rachael Sherwin

Sunday 4th February -

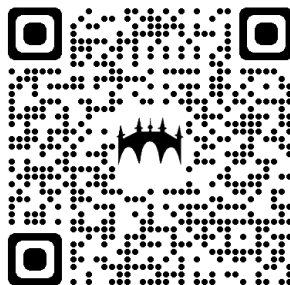
Presentation of Christ/Candlemas

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Communion
10.45am Holy Communion
2.30pm Baptisms
3.00pm Holy Communion at Richmond Village
6.00pm Sung Compline - Concordia
7.15pm Encounter

Readings for Sunday 4th February
Hebrews 2.14-18 (p.1202)
Luke 2.22-40 (p.1028)

6.00pm - Sung Compline

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 28th January 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: Revelation 12.1-5a (p.1241)
Mark 1.21-28 (p.1002)

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

9.30am All Age Worship (live-streamed)

10.45am Holy Communion (live-streamed)
Voluntaries: Chorale Prelude on 'Blaenwern' - Andrew Fletcher (b.1950); Chorale Prelude 'Mon Dieu, prête-moi l'oreille' - John Joubert (1927-2019)
Readings: Revelation 12.1-5a (p.1241)
Mark 1.21-28 (p.1002)
Hymns: 781, 634, 742, 795

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer at Richmond Village

6.00pm Evensong
Voluntaries: Hymn Prelude on 'St.Denio' - Rosalie Bonighton (b.1946); Chorale Prelude 'Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn' (BWV Anh.55) - JS Bach (1685-1750)
Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-20 (p.274)
1 Corinthians 14.12-20 (p.1154)
Hymns: 676, 387, 812, 475
Psalm: 34 v 1-8

CW Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany:
God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.**