BCP Collect for The Sunday next before Advent
Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following people have asked for your prayers:

Read at Sunday Services:
Phil & Betty Taylor, David Short, Barbara Rogerson, Rose Harris, John Smallwood, Gordon Roxby (priest), Barbara Lowe, George Drake.

Read at Weekday Services:
Jill Crawford, Wendy Stockton, Sheila Fenton, Margaret Thompson, Irene Lord, Keith Johnson, Lorna Pearson, Raymond Bough, David Johnson (priest).

Prayers for the families of the departed:
Doris Brereton, Neil Phillips, Linda Morris, Susan Kuenne, Diana Haslam, Patricia Platt, Marion Bellfield.

Prayers for the parish:
Hodgkin Close, Peter Destapleigh Way, Burnell Close, Audlem Road.

Prayers for groups and activities:
Stewards, SING!, Worship Band.

Missions and Charities:
Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy – for its work offering practical and pastoral support to the farming community.

Pray for all who are to be confirmed by Bishop Sam on Sunday 22nd November, 10.45am: James Bailey-Stephenson, Myla Elson*, Boom Griffiths*, Holly Hollins, Ben Leach*, Andrew Mackinnon, Susan Mackinnon, Charlotte Oliver, Ben Owen, Bilqis Patmore, Heidi Rolph-Stott, Craig Rowson*, Lauren Williamson* (* also to be baptised). **All are welcome to attend this service - it's an opportunity for us all to encourage the candidates and to reaffirm our own faith.**

Christmas Tree Festival, 19th-22nd November.
A fundraiser joint with St Luke's Hospice. There will be a raffle throughout the weekend. The **Church Shop** will be open with a selection of Christmas cards and gifts.

Peal of Stedman, **Sunday 22nd November** at 1pm.
This will be rung for the Confirmation and Baptism Service in the morning led by Bishop Sam, during the last afternoon of the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

The funeral of **Neil Phillips** will be held at St Mary's on **Wednesday 25th November** at 12.45pm. All are welcome to attend.

The **November Carol-singing Breakfast** will take place on **Saturday 28th November** at 8.30am in The Tea Lounge at the Nantwich Football Stadium. This will be a carol-singing event to get into the Christmas spirit. Lyndon Hills will lead us. Sign up in church or phone the office by midday on **25th November**.

Christmas Pudding Stir-up, Saturday 28th November in the Parish Hall. Come and mix your Christmas Pudding (take home to cook). No previous experience needed. Choose 1 of 3 sessions: 10.30-11.30am, 12–1pm, or 1.30-2.30pm. £8 per pudding. Advance booking essential by **Sunday 22nd November** *stmaryspuds@gmail.com*

Hits of the 1980's: A String Quartet Tribute performed by Egerton Strings in the glow of candlelight, **Saturday 28th November** 7.30pm in St Mary's. Tickets from *egertonstrings.co.uk/events* or the Parish Office.

The tower will be lit orange on the evening of **Saturday 28th November.** Inner Wheel Nantwich are supporting 'Orange the World', a global campaign led by UN Women to end violence against women and girls.

Please note that on **Advent Sunday**, **29th November**, there will be **no 9.30am service** but there will be a **Christingle Service** at 4pm. There will be 8am and 10.45am services as usual. The 6pm service will be the **Advent Carol Service** with beautiful music from the choir.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal: We are collecting new gifts for all ages to 16 years. If you would like to donate, please bring your unwrapped gift to church on **Sunday 29th November**. All contributions gratefully received.

Sound Bath - Higher Frequency Live Annual Christmas Illuminate, **Wednesday 2nd December**, 7.15pm in church.

Thursday 3rd – Saturday 5th December, **12 x 12 Twelve Artists. Twelve Paintings Each.** A selling exhibition of contemporary painting. All priced at £120 or less.

Welsh Chamber Orchestra, Tuesday 8th December, 7.30pm in church**.**

Christmas Concert featuring Jazz Trio and Young Bellringers, **Saturday 12th December**, 1pm in church.

Christmas Concert: Festive Favourites by the Egerton Strings in the glow of candlelight, **Saturday 12th December,** 7.30pm in church. Tickets from *egertonstrings.co.uk/events* or the Parish Office.

Christmas with the Nantwich Singers: A festive celebration with carols old and new, **Sunday 13th December**, 3pm in church. Tickets on the door or from *www.ticketsource.com/nantwich-singers*

Nantwich Choral Society Family Carol Concert, **Saturday 19th December**, 6.30pm in church. Tickets £10, Students £5. Accompanied under 16's Free. Available from The Civic Hall, on the door, *WeGotTickets.com*

A wonderful 280 exciting looking **Christmas Shoeboxes** plus bags of knitting and 'fillers' went off on their journey to Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bosnia and Georgia. They will bring such joy. Thank you all. And thank you to Sue Hutt for organising this.

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.

What's on This Week (23rd – 29th November)

Monday
7.00pm Choir rehearsal in church

Tuesday
8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mums and Toddlers in the Parish Hall
11.00am Sir Edmund Wright Service in church
12.30pm Funeral of Susan Kuenne in church
4.00pm SING!@St.Mary's in the Parish Hall
7.30pm Nantwich Singers rehearsal in church

Wednesday
8.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Holy Communion
12.45pm Funeral of Neil Phillips in church
7.30pm Crib Service rehearsal in church

Thursday
8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Flower Arrangers in church
10.00am Little Fish in church
12.15pm Funeral of Linda Morris in church
7.00pm Bell ringing 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 rehearsal in church
7.45pm Friday Nite Live in the Parish Hall

Saturday
No Morning Prayer
8.30am St Mary's Breakfast at Nantwich Football Club
10.00am Rector's Surgery
10.00am Concordia rehearsal in church
3.00pm Candlelight rehearsal in church
7.30pm Candlelight Concert in church

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
No 9.30am All Age Worship
10.45am Holy Communion
3.00pm Afternoon Prayer at Richmond Village
4.00pm Christingle Service
6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Readings for Sunday 29th November
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (p.1144)
Mark 13.24-37 (p.1019)

6.00pm - Advent Carol Service

Giving to St. Mary's - There is a plate near the west door at each service, and there are fixed collection boxes near each door, and a contactless device by the west door. For **online donations**, one-off or regular, please use this QR code to access our page in the Parish Giving Scheme. This provides a simple, secure, and efficient way to give to St. Mary's, and you may increase your donation by opting for Gift Aid.

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 22nd November
Christ the King
The Sunday next before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: *Ephesians 1.15-23 (p.1173)*
Matthew 25.31-46 (p.995)

Hot Drinks are available after the 9.30am and 10.45am services in the Parish Hall.
Also cake available after the 10.45am service!

9.30am All Age Worship (live-streamed)

10.45am Holy Communion with Baptism & Confirmation, led by Bishop Sam
Voluntaries: *Prelude on 'Hyfrydol' Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*
Readings: *Ephesians 6.10-20 (p.1177)*
Luke 24.44-49 (p.1062)
Hymns: *593 v1,3,5,7, 358, 595, 652*

1.00pm Peal of Stedman

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer at Richmond Village

6.00pm Evensong
Voluntaries: *Meditation on 'Brother James's Air' - Harold Darke (1888-1976); Paean (from 5 short pieces) - Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*
Readings: *2 Samuel 23.-1-7 (p.330)*
Matthew 28.16-20 (p.1001)
Hymns: *15, 815, 663, 227*
Psalm: *93*

CW Collect for Christ the King
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.