

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MARY'S ASHWELL,
ST NICHOLAS HINXWORTH AND ST VINCENT'S NEWNHAM**
Sunday 10th December 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent



10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11; Gaye Rowlands
Psalm: 85.8-13
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Frances Allen
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8
Intercessions: Margaret Kerr
Churchwarden: Gaye
Offertory: Joan & Martin Vickerstaffe
Coffee: Dorothy & Stuart Greenbank
Chalice: Gaye & Andrew
Sound: John Paramour

4:00pm Carol Service (St Nicholas)

4:30pm Carol Service (St Vincent)

5:00pm NO Choral Evensong (St Mary's)

Sunday 17th: 3rd Sunday of Advent
9:15am Parish Eucharist (St Nicholas)
10:45am Parish Eucharist (St Mary's)
5:00pm Service of Lessons & Carols (St Mary's)

For your Prayers this week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Martin, Lucinda Feast, Justin Coldstream,
Anna, Martyn Hird, Tessa Sowerby, Lin Jenkins,
Sam Bullock, Wendy Stark**

And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

Hazel Chandler, John Anderson

Please contact the office if you would like someone prayed for.

+ Hazel Chandler's funeral is on
Thursday, 21st December at 1:30pm
St Mary's Church. All Welcome.

GO MAD Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

This Thursday, 14th at 10:30am, PCR
Speaker: **Antje Brandtner**
'Fresh News from Tanzania'
Everyone, very warmly welcome!

**Thank you to Elizabeth Coldstream
and her team of helpers for
another successful Christmas Fair.**

ADVENT COURSE
8:00-9:30pm in the Parish Church Room

Thursday 14th December:
'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

Thursday 21st December:
'Is Time Running Out?'

Each session is stand-alone so please feel free to come along even if you can only make one or two of the sessions.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Monday 11th
8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
1:00pm-4:30pm Post Office (PCR)

Tuesday 12th
8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

Wednesday 13th
11:00am Midweek Communion (St Mary's)
12:30pm-3:00pm Post Office (PCR)
7:30pm Village Carol Concert (St Mary's)

Thursday 14th
8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
10:30am-Noon Mother's Union (PCR)
8:00pm Bellringing Practice (St Mary's)
8:00pm-10:00pm Advent Course (3) (PCR)

Friday 15th
8:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
9:30am-Noon Post Office (PCR)
7:00pm-7:45pm Junior Choir Practice (St Mary's)
8:00pm Senior Choir Practice (St Mary's)

Saturday 16th
10:00am-1:00pm Christmas Card Shop (opposite Village Store)
5:00pm Ashwell Nativity (St Mary's)
5:30pm-7:30pm Asheteria (PCR)

Sunday 17th: 3rd Sunday of Advent
2:00pm-4:30pm Christmas Card Shop (opposite Village Store)

**One off
Service
Time
Change !**

Please take this sheet home with you, and use it in your prayers during the week.

Service Planner

Village Carol Concert	Ashwell	7:30am	13-Dec
Live Nativity	Ashwell	5:00pm	16-Dec
Lessons and Carols	Ashwell	5:00pm	17-Dec
Crib Service	Ashwell	4:00pm	24-Dec
Midnight Mass	Hinxworth	11:30pm	24-Dec
Midnight Mass	Ashwell	11:30pm	24-Dec
BCP Communion	Newnham	9:30am	25-Dec
Carols & Readings	Hinxworth	10:00am	25-Dec
Family Eucharist	Ashwell	10:45am	25-Dec

Exciting News!

The Parish Office has finally moved to it's new location. The office is now placed inside the Parish Church Room. Our telephone number remains the same. We will shortly install a letterbox outside too. It is warm and cosy in there!

Mission Action Plan Questionnaire

As part of the process for revising and updating St Marys Mission Action Plan we are surveying all parishioners to get their input on what they like about the church and what they think could be improved or done differently.

If you live in the village you should have received the questionnaire along with Church Christmas card. Please complete is and return it as soon as possible.

If you attend St Marys' but live outside the village we would also like to receive your input.

There are additional copies of the questionnaire at the back of the church - please take one and return it, there is a box at the back of the church. Thank you.