

ST. MARY'S, CUBBINGTON
PARISH NEWS

December 2026/January 2027

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, CUBBINGTON.
CV32 7JT
Priest-in-Charge Reverend Ann Hall



A few words from Revd Ann



At St Mary's we have now entered the season of Advent, a time of repentance and reflection, of waiting and expectancy, a time when we prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of God's gift to us. Sadly for many of us Advent is a season we often rush through, our minds possibly distracted by the adverts on the television or simply just consumed by busyness as we make our preparations for Christmas. This year, in the midst of all the planning and the gift buying I invite you to take a moment to pause and think what Christmas preparations would have looked for the people living in Coventry 86 years ago, still reeling from the night of the Coventry Blitz and living with rationing. Or what it looks like today for people living in war torn areas of our world, or for all those in our own land who are, hungry, homeless or anxious.



Interestingly this year, whist watching the television I have noticed that many of the different stores Christmas Adverts, feature a family, in all its varied forms, sharing time together. At the heart of our Christmas message is also a family, whose story includes a long journey, before the arrival of a baby, born in a borrowed room and laid in a manger. The baby wasn't born in a palace, but in a simple room of a house where the animals usually slept, surrounded by a family who provided the best of what they could, a warm quiet space for the child to be born safely.



The babies first visitors guided by the angels, were the shepherds from the surrounding hillsides, the social outcasts of the day, and they brought with them a lamb, the simple gift was all they had to offer. Sometime later guided by a star the next visitors, wise men arrived, to find the baby probably by now a toddler, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to offer in worship to the new king.



That small vulnerable baby in the manger was God's precious gift to the whole of humanity, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, the light to shine afresh into the dark and forgotten places of our lives and our world. Jesus the one sent by God to enable us all to renew our relationship with him, to once again allow the light and warmth of God's love to shine into the dark places of our lives.

This year, I pray that in the midst of the busyness, we all take time to stop and *'Be still'*, and reflect on God's amazing gift of light and love, which entered our world through Jesus the baby in the manger. Before then allowing that gift of love and light, to fill our hearts and shine anew in our individual lives, then radiating out into the dark corners of our world this Christmastide and on into 2027. I invite you as you pause and reflect, to ask yourself, what might you offer as a gift to the '*Christ child'* in the manger this Christmastide?

'What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb, if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart', Christine Rossetti, 'In the bleak mid-winter',

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year
Blessings Revd Ann

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

DATE DEC	SERVICES	
WEDNESDAY 2nd	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion
SUNDAY 6th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
SUNDAY 13th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
SUNDAY 20th 	10.00am **6.00pm**	BCP - Holy Communion Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	**5.30pm** **11.30pm**	**Christingle** **Midnight Mass**
Friday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	**10.00am**	**Carols for All**
SUNDAY 27th	10.00am	Common Worship All Age Holy Communion

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2027

DATE JAN	SERVICES	
SUNDAY 3rd	**10.30am**	**Joint Covenant Service at the Methodist Church**
SUNDAY 10th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY 13th	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion
SUNDAY 17th	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion
SUNDAY 24th	8.30am 10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion All Age Service
SUNDAY 31st	10.00am	Common Worship All Age Holy Communion



St. Mary's **Christmas Fayre** will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 5th December 2.30pm until 4.00pm**

Admission is £1.00 for adults, which includes tea or coffee and a mince pie, and 50p for children, which includes a cake and glass of squash.

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On Saturday **19th December** Ladies from **St. Mary's Flower Guild** are holding **a coffee morning with mince pies** when you will have the opportunity to view the wonderful Christmas flower decorations, from **10.30am to 12noon.**

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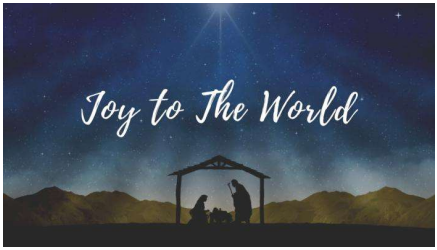


Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm.
The Church will have been specially decorated in preparation for Christmas and so we will have a wonderful setting in which to hear about the birth of Jesus and enjoy favourite Christmas Carols.

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<u>Christmas Eve</u>
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at 5.30pm
and



MIDNIGHT MASS
at 11.30pm

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

Funerals	
Thursday 5th Nov	Janet **COOPER**
Monday 9th Nov	Evelyn Dorothy **HARLEY**
INTERMENT OF ASHES	
Thursday 5th Nov	Graham **MESSENGER**
Saturday 7th Nov	Christine **PATTEN**
Tuesday 24th Nov	Hannah Eliza **WARD**

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON Little Miracles



Little Miracles is a twice monthly get-together during term time for babies, toddlers and those who care for them.

Held in the Parish Room at the church from 10.30am until 12 noon,

on **Tuesday 1st and 15th December,**
Tuesday 5th and 19th January 2027.

We hope you will come and join us for a mix of play, songs and of course, plenty of chat, tea and coffee.

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'Christmas Crafts'

Where: St Mary's Parish Rooms
When: Saturday 12th December
Time: 2pm -4pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun, making Christmas Crafts, drinking Tea & Coffee, and eating Cake
EVERYONE WELCOME

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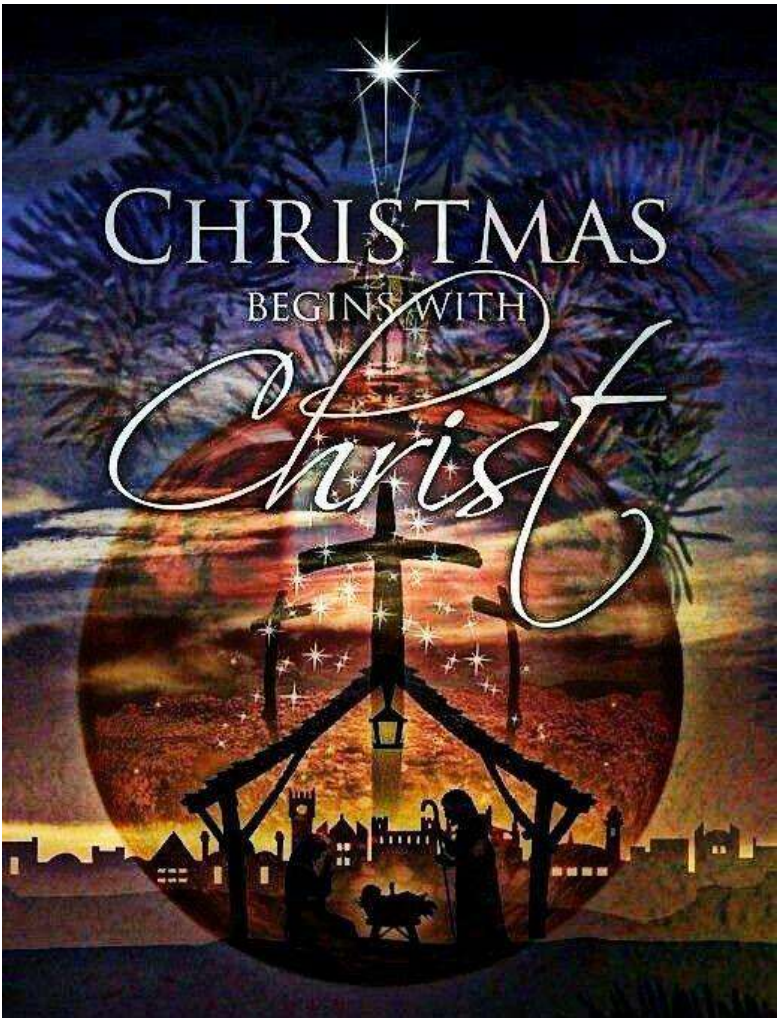


'Thursday Pop In'
Coffee Mornings
Where: St Mary's Parish Rooms
When: 2nd and 4th Thursday
Time: 10am - 12 noon

Coffee, Cake and Company

St Mary's 'Thursday Pop In' Coffee morning is open to everyone and is a place where you can meet with others, share time together over a cup of tea or coffee, and also enjoy a slice of homemade cake!

'Thursday Pop In's' are on 10th December and 14th & 28th January 2027
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St. Mary's wish you all a
very Happy Christmas
and
every Blessing for 2027

As we head towards Christmas and the end of the year, it is a great opportunity to also take time to reflect on what has been another busy year for us at Rainbows and Brownies in Cubbington. We have had meetings full of energy and excitement for learning, making and playing. Our young members have been working hard on the Girlguiding programme and we have given out lots of badges, including Gold Awards, which is the highest award that can be earnt by Rainbows and Brownies. We have said goodbye to girls as they move onto the next section of Girlguiding and welcomed new members who are now part of the Guiding family. Over Christmas we will be making sure we continue to think about how we can keep our promise to help other people, especially our families over the holidays.

Girlguiding Cubbington

We have spaces available for new members at all our Units so if you would like to find out more about joining us please email: 2ndcubbingtonstmarys@gmail.com or visit girlguiding.org.uk

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Morning services at 10.30 a.m.in Cubbington
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Saturday 5th December
Coffee morning 10.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
Mince pies will be on sale.

Sunday 20th December Carol Service
at 10.30 a.m. at Dale Street Methodist Church

Sunday 27th December Service at
Dale Street Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m.

January 2027

Saturday 2nd January
Coffee morning 10.30 a.m. Mini pasties available.
Sunday 3rd January Covenant service with St. Mary's at 10.30 a.m.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Joyous New Year.

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15th December - Xmas Party

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CUBBINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Primary

The run-up to Christmas is always a special time in school, but before looking ahead, we paused in November to reflect and remember. Our school was awash with autumn colours, with golden leaves carpeting the grounds and children enjoying crisp mornings as they settled happily into the new school year. Classrooms have been buzzing with learning, laughter and activity, and it has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and enthusiasm.

As part of our Remembrance commemorations, we took time to honour those who served their country and gave their lives in conflict. Children who belong to organisations such as Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts proudly wore their uniforms as a mark of respect, and together we learned about the significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and gratitude.

Our thoughts are now turning towards Christmas. The sound of carols and festive songs is already filling our assemblies, and we are looking forward to gathering at St Mary's Church to celebrate Advent. Before long, there will be nativity performances, carol concerts and all the excitement that makes this season so memorable for children and families alike. It truly is a magical time to be part of a primary school community.

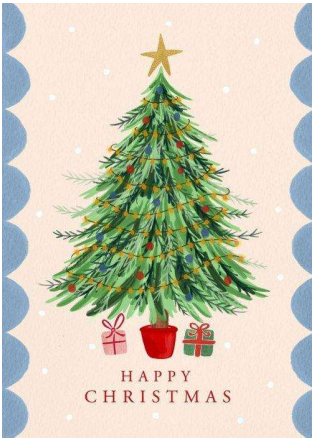
Preparations for our Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December are well underway and we would be delighted to welcome members of the parish and wider community to join us for some festive cheer. Everyone is welcome.

We are continuing to welcome prospective families through our open days for children due to start Reception in September 2027. If you know of any families who would like to visit our school, please encourage them to contact us and arrange a tour.

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to wish everyone in our parish community a joyful and peaceful Christmas. We hope you have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the many blessings of the festive season.

Juliet Jones
Head teacher

Cubbington C.E Primary School
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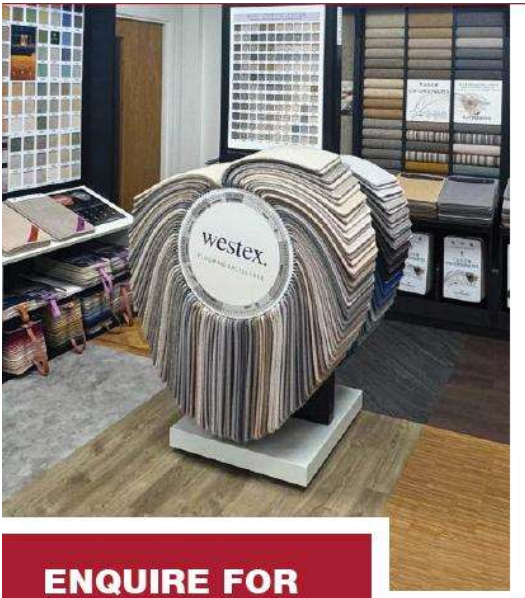


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