

## ST. MARY'S, CUBBINGTON PARISH NEWS

December 2025/January 2026

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

St. Mary's Church Christmas Fayre Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December



#### A few words from Revd Ann

'Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.

The words above are at the beginning of a poem by Christina Rossetti, reading them has helped me to reflect on what is at the real heart of Christmas. This year I invite you to consider how might the traditional Nativity image of Mary, Joseph, and the Christchild have looked for the people living in Coventry 85 years ago still reeling from the night of the Coventry Blitz. Or what will it look like this year for the people living in Ukraine and the Holy Land, or for all those in our land who are, hungry, homeless or anxious about how the cost-of-living crisis has and will continue to impact their lives.

The true message of the Nativity story, that happened all those years ago, is that 'Love did come down at Christmas,' God's love in human form, that small vulnerable baby was God's gift to the whole of humanity. 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 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. The star guided the next visitors, to find the baby probably by now a toddler, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to offer in worship to the new king. However Herod, living a life of luxury and power in the palace, thought himself the King,



and upon hearing he had been tricked by the wise men and fearful of losing control of the power he held, ordered a massacre of all small children born since the time the star, the wise men had told him about, had appeared in the sky, this action caused the need for the new Holy family to flee to Egypt as refugees.

As a church, over the next few weeks, we will journey together through Advent to Christmas, then follow the star to Epiphany, during this time I invite you to take a moment to reflect on the wars, situations and crises around us that often seem too



overwhelmingly big for us to comprehend. Alongside recognising the outpouring of God's love which came as a baby at Christmas time all those years ago, then take time to notice the light shining in the dark places of our world today. God's love visible all around us through, the work of the various different aid agencies, the work of our local food banks, the work of people supporting all who find themselves homeless, anxious and afraid, and also through the love and support of family and friends.

As I finish, I invite you to reflect on further words by Christine Rossetti, from her poem 'In the bleak mid-winter',

'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', Then ask yourself, what are you going to offer as a gift to the Christ child in the manger this Christmastide?

#### **SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

DATE DEC	SERVICES		
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 21st			
	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion	
Carols Candlelight	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE	5.30pm	Christingle	
CHRISTIMAS EVE	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am	Carols for All	
SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Common Worship All Age Holy Communion	

#### **SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2026**

DATE JAN	SERVICES		
SUNDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	
331.27.1.	10.30am	Joint Covenant Service at the Methodist	
WEDNESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	BCP - Holy Communion	
33112711 20	10.00am	All Age Service	



St. Mary's Christmas Fayre
will take place in the
Village Hall on
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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Christmas Eve
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at 5.30pm
and





MIDNIGHT MASS at 11.30pm

#### FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERAL				
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dennis <b>SENIOR</b>			
INTERMENT OF ASHES				
Tuesday 28th Oct	David <b>HARVEY</b>			
Tuesday 28th Oct	Rosina Elizabeth Sarah SMITH			
Friday 31st Oct	Gillian Ann <b>RICHARDS</b>			
Saturday 15th Nov	Timothy 'Tim' John <b>HAMPSON</b>			
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Marion Elizabeth AVERN			
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Margaret Annie <b>DEAN</b>			
BAPTISM				
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Sydney George Christopher LEE			

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON



#### **Little Miracles**

Little Miracles is a get-together alternate weeks 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December,

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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

In Girlguiding we all make a promise to do our best, whether we are Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,

Rangers or Leaders. Part of our promise is to serve the King and our Community and during the last month we have shown our commitment to our promise by taking part in Parliament Week - learning about how the UK Parliament works and the kind of changes we would like to see in our community as well as taking part in the Remembrance Sunday Procession in the Village.



As we move into December, we're looking forward to Christmas in our Unit Meetings and have some fun craft sessions planned.

We really enjoy exploring our creative side and Christmas is a perfect time to make something special for ourselves or our families to enjoy - look out for some of the decorations we have made in the Village Hall.

We will also be thinking about how we can keep our promise to help other people, especially our families in the preparations for Christmas.

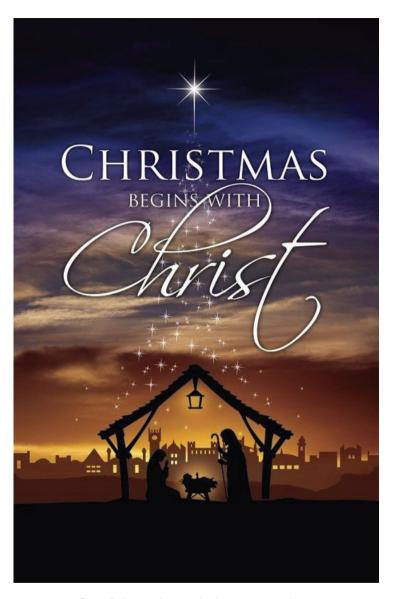
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St. Mary's wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every Blessing for 2026

#### **CUBBINGTON METHODIST CHURCH**

Morning services on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. except for 21st December (see below).



#### December 2025

#### Saturday 6th December

Coffee morning with mince pies.

10.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.

#### Sunday 21st December

Carol service at 10.30 a.m. at Dale Street Methodist Church

#### January 2026

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Coffee morning with mini pasties. 10.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.

Sunday 4th January

Covenant service with St. Marv'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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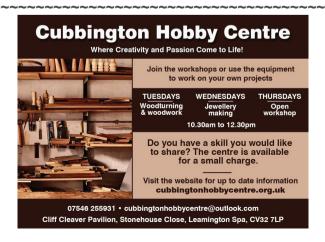
We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Cubbington Village Hall, Broadway, Cubbington.

Check us out on social media.

Facebook: CubbingtonWI - Instagram: cubbingtonpeartreewi Or you can email us at cubbingtonpeartreewi@gmail.com

16th December - Xmas Party





Autumn has firmly taken hold of our school, the grounds are a carpet of golden leaves and there is a chill in the air. Every day the children put their wellies and waterproofs on and they get out and play in the school meadow. The children are all settled into their classes and school is a buzzing hive of activity every day.

In November we took some time to remember all of the people who have served their country and died in wars. The children who attend groups such as Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all wore their uniforms as a mark of respect and we learned about the poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

We are now looking ahead to Christmas and have started practicing Christmas songs and carols in assembly. It won't be long before we go together to St Mary's to celebrate Advent and then it will be time for nativity performances and carol concerts. It really is a magical time to be in a primary school. Plans for the Christmas Fair after school on Friday 5th December are in full flow so please come and join us for some festive cheer if you can - everyone is welcome.

We are still running open days for families who are looking for a Reception place for September 2026. If you would like to come for a tour please give us a call and we will book you in.

On behalf of the staff and children I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and manage to spend time with friends and loved ones.

Juliet Jones Head teacher

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