

Song for Family Praise 9.30 am on January 6th

1 The wise may bring their learning,
 the rich may bring their wealth,
 and some may bring their greatness,
 and some their strength and health;
 we too would bring our treasures
 to offer to the king:
 how shall we greet our saviour,
 what presents shall we bring?

2 We'll bring the many duties
 we have to do each day,
 we'll try our best to please him,
 at home, at work, at play;
 and better are these treasures
 to offer to the king,
 than richest gifts without them -
 yet these we all may bring.

3 We'll bring him hearts that love him,
 we'll bring him thankful praise,
 and lives for ever striving
 to follow in his ways;
 and these shall be the treasures
 we offer to the king,
 the gifts that now and ever
 our grateful hearts may bring!

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 For other enquiries ring the Church Office (messages can be left).

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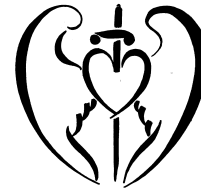
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**St Mary's Church
Goldington**

Notice Sheet for

**23rd December 2018 -
6th January 2019**

Welcome to our Worship

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

Sunday, 23rd December

9.30 am Parish Communion (Purple Book)
 Celebrant : The Rev'd Simon Dommett
 followed by refreshments
Hymns at the Parish Communion: 489, 98, 523, 471 & 467
St Bride setting
Anthem: Like a Candle flame - G Kendrick

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5.00 pm Children's Nativity Service
 (Especially suitable for young children)

11.15 pm First Communion of Christmas

Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Family Communion

December 26th - St Stephen's Day
NO Service

Services - 30th December

9.30 am Parish Communion
 followed by refreshments

Please take this notice sheet home with you for information

Services - 6th January

8.00 am

Holy Communion

9.30 am

Family Praise (Red Book)

5.00 pm

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All welcome

(See *Parish & People* for more information)



Diary Dates

Thursday, 24th January

2.30 pm

PCC Pastoral Committee
Dilworth room

Tuesday, 29th January

2.00 pm

Prayer Fellowship

Forthcoming Events and General Notices

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas after the service TODAY. Any donations towards flowers would be most welcome as would offers of help. Contact Sally 266552 for further details.

Ladies' Breakfast - Saturday 5th January 2019 at 9.00am

As usual this will be at The Orchard (Harvester), Riverfield Drive. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the door. Any queries contact Chris Graham (213501).

Epiphany Lunch and Social - Saturday 12th January 2019

This will be held in the church hall at 1.00pm. Come and enjoy a lunch of "bangers and mash" followed by prize bingo - the cost will be £6.00 and all profits will go to church funds. If you would like to come there is a sign-up sheet on the table by the door; numbers will be limited so make sure you secure your place soon! Any queries contact Dorothy Kirby (266425).

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 19th January 2019 at 9.00am

As usual this will be at The Orchard (Harvester), Riverfield Drive. Any queries contact Brian Backhouse (403255).

Children's Society

So far the Christingle Service has raised the sum of £265.45. Donations are still coming in so it's not too late to add to this total. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE!

Do not leave Christmas cards on the table in church. If you are unable to deliver them yourselves, please ask a friend or neighbour to do this for you.

Family Day - Thursday is Simon's Family Day. Please try and avoid contacting him then, but if you have an emergency please still call.

Transport

Could you bring someone to church who needs a lift either occasionally or regularly? If so please contact Sheila Berry on 359470.

Churches Together in Goldington

Carol singing at Tesco with Holy Cross and Priory Methodist. Thank you to everyone who helped with our carol singing on December 13th. It was nice to have people from all the churches and also the help of a couple of young people from Holy Cross. Robert's violin playing was much appreciated. We collected four car loads of donations and several people gave generous cash contributions. This was taken to Smart Prebend Centre which helps Bedford's homeless. They were very pleased to receive it and will let us know the amount collected shortly.

Notice Sheet over the Christmas Period

Please note that this notice sheet will cover three weeks.

The next issue will be on January 13th.

Suggested subjects for your prayers during this period

With the whole Church world-wide

we pray for Kubwa (Abuja, Nigeria), Kyoto (Japan) and
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa (New Zealand and Polynesia)

With others in our Diocese

we pray for Pilgrim, Alpha and Emmaus Courses, churches that are open all day
for prayer and for Street Angels and Street Pastors

In our own parish

we pray for all involved with the Office, Magazine, Library and Traidcraft, our
local social centres, shops and industry and our Vicar.

We pray for the sick and infirm, either at home or in hospital.

We remember those who have died and we give thanks for their lives.

If you know of any one who is sick either at home or in hospital,
please let the Vicar know.

Prayer Request Forms are available in the Memorial Chapel - you may request prayers for particular people or situations.

Please place requests on the board in the Memorial Chapel.

Please place any items for the Notice Sheet in
the Church Office Letter Box in the Hall Porch by Monday for inclusion the following
week or e-mail them to office@stmarygoldington.org.uk