

## St Mary the Virgin & All Saints Potters Bar

19th November 2017

### The Second Sunday before Advent

*A warm welcome to St Mary's  
especially if this is your first time here.*

*Refreshments are served after the Parish Eucharist.  
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.*

#### TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1 vv 7, 12-18 *The prophet warns Judah that the day of the Lord is near.*

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 vv 1-11 *St Paul turns our thoughts to the Second Coming of Christ and bids us ever be ready and expectant.*

Gospel: Matthew 25 vv 14-30 *Through the parable of the talents, we learn that we must prepare to receive the Lord while there is yet time, and use every quality and gift He has given us.*

**Hymns:** 449 – Soldiers of Christ, arise  
140 – Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
200 – Jesus calls us! o'er the tumult  
305 – Soul of my Saviour  
361 – Forth in the peace of Christ we go

6.30pm **Evensong at Christ Church, Little Heath**

*This week's flowers have been arranged by Thelma Sillis*

#### The Week Ahead

**Tuesday - Friday** Morning Prayer at 9.00am

**Tuesday - Friday** Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

**Tuesday** 9.30am Holy Communion  
2.00pm Service at Cuffley Manor Care Home

**Wednesday** 9.30am Church cleaning session – help would be much appreciated

**Thursday** **St Clement**  
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
1.00pm Funeral of Ronald Page

**Next Sunday** is the **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

5.00pm Evensong

The readings will be: Ezekiel 34 vv 11-16, 20-24;  
Ephesians 1 vv 15-23 and Matthew 25 vv 31-46.

#### Parish Notices

Thank you again for your generous response to our Commitment Sunday appeal. The promised increase in planned giving has now risen to **£71** per week, which should cover our predicted shortfall between income and expenditure in 2018. Thank you again.

The Knit and Natter Group will meet on **Tuesday 28th November** at 12 noon in the small hall.

The PCC meets on **Wednesday 29th November** at 8.00pm, preceded by the Eucharist at 7.30pm.

The Advent Procession "From Darkness to Light" will be on **Sunday 3rd December** at **6.30pm** – an atmospheric service of Advent carols, hymns and readings.

A **study group** will be meeting for Advent, starting on **Tuesday 5th December** after the 9.30am Eucharist. More details to follow.

Please note that the **December recital** will be on **Tuesday 12th December**, the second Tuesday of the month – NOT on Tuesday 5th December.

There will be a Confirmation Service here on the evening of **Sunday 28th January**. If you are interested in being confirmed on this occasion, please let Fr Stefan know, as preparation has already started.

Please see Richard if you would be interested in buying some **Christmas cards** in aid of St Mary's Church funds. They are £4 for a pack of 10 cards.

Tickets for our **Christmas raffle** are available at £1 each. Please write names and contact details on the reverse of the ticket stubs. The homemade Christmas cake (one of the prizes) was made by Mrs Liz Wood. Offers of **additional prizes** would be welcome. The raffle will be drawn after the Carol Service on 17th December.

As usual, we shall be serving seasonal refreshments after the Carol Service. Donations of **mince pies** and **bottles of mulled wine** would be most welcome.

There is a selection of **nearly new cookery books** for sale in the narthex. Donations will go to church funds.

We have learnt of the death last Tuesday of **Gwen Clark**, a faithful member of St Mary's in years past. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christine Steer wishes to thank God and members of St Mary's congregation for prayers which have been answered. She is most grateful.

**Watchers & Welcomers** Please let Heather know of any dates you cannot manage in January and February.

#### For your prayers :

**The sick** Mollie Brown, Joan Rutter, Nora Wood, Marjorie Zerfahs, Jill West, Judy Robertson, Margaret Matthews, Vicky, John Thompson, Stephanie Stewart, Sheila Franklin, Nick Alcock, Clifford Brown, Sandra Meddes, Peter Appleyard

**We also remember** Marilyn Grosse, Peter Baker, Dominic Hilton, Janet Dear, Nicola Stiff, Nick Brindley, Barbara Stratton, Fr Colin Gay, Christopher Schools, Greta Murphy, Vic Cotton, John Elliott, Molly Hines, Pauline Barclay, Christine Barclay, Jan Davis, Ava, Norma

**The recently departed** Ronald Page, John Usher, Margaret Willcock, Gwen Clark, Odlyn Bostic, Freda Joy

**Anniversaries of death this week** Ron Johnson, Pat Brett, Ian Blackwood, Marjorie Forbes, Mary Thomas, Audrey Eke, Dorothy Rowbotham, Connie Woodward, Clement Woodward

**Our parish** We remember those who live in Holly Drive, Honeywood Close and Hunter Close

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*Items for next week's sheet to Richard Osborn (Tel: 07803 756088 / e-mail: rmosborn@hotmail.com) by Thursday  
Please let Fr Stefan know about illnesses or any other emergencies affecting parishioners.*

**THIS NEWS SHEET IS FOR YOU TO KEEP - PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU**