St.Mary's walberton
Loving God-Loving Community

# Advent Sunday **29 November**

**Theme for today**

This morning theme at 10.30am is the coming of Christ the light of the world as we welcome the school for their Christingle service.

**9.00am Holy Communion CW** — 1 Corinthians 1 v 3-9
Rev Tim Ward — Mark 13 v 24-end

**10.30am Joint School Christingle** — John 12 v 35-36
Julie Allday — John 12 v 44-46

**6.00pm Advent Readings**
Rev Tim Ward

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| Isaiah 40 v 1-11 | Isaiah 55 v 1-7 |
| Isaiah 42 v 1-7 | Isaiah 60 v 1-5 |
| Isaiah 49 v 1-7 | Matthew 24 v 35-44 |
| Isaiah 53 v 1-6 & 11-12 | |

**Set Prayer for Today**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Please pray** for those who have asked for our prayers:
Please pray for the Richards family, especially after the loss of Levi.

**Pray for our Community:**
Dowling Way, Montague Place and Rosemary Lane, Avisford Grange

# St Mary's Events

**Tuesday 1 December**

**8.15am Zoom Parish Prayer** meeting. Please email Tim Ward vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk if you need a link which stays the same throughout the month.

**9.00am Churchyard Working Party.** Churchyard working group on today. Do come and join in. Contact Peter Brown *551829*.

**Wednesday 2 December**

**10.30am Morning Home Group** will meet at Vanessa's house studying Isaiah chapter 40. If attending, please email Vanessa at: vchurch@btopenworld.com or *07717 075848*.

**Friday 4 December**

**9.30am-4.30pm Lectio 365 Advent Retreat** at Waverley Abbey, Farnham. *(Is now fully booked.*)

**10.30 Coffee Stop.** Come and enjoy tea and coffees and a chat in the Pavilion. £2 donation requested - all profits go to charity. **Post Office** is open from **9am –12 noon.**

**Thursday 10 December**

**11.00am Mothers Union Advent Eucharist** at St. Mary's Walberton, followed by lunch at the Spur, Slindon.

**6pm-7pm Carol Singing** in Sylvan Meadows, meet at the Church Office in William Booker Yard.

**Friday 11 December**

**10.30-12.00 Christmas Coffee Stop** Please Join us for mince pies, sausage rolls and cake!

**Saturday 12 December**

**10.00am Binsted Christmas Scratch Choir Rehersal** at The Old Rectory, Binsted in preparation for Binsted Carol Service on 20 December at 4pm. All singers welcome.

**Tuesday 15 December**

**6.00pm Binsted PCC** at the Old Rectory.

**Thursday 17 December**

**10.00am Little Lambs** for pre-school children, babes and their carers. Come and enjoy songs, crafts, story, coffee and chat.

**Friday 18 December**

**9.15am School Christmas Collective Worship** in Church.

**Tuesday 19 January**

**7pm Curry Night** at Calcutta 16 in Barnham. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church. Cost is £17.50 for buffet meal. Drinks are extra. Or contact Martin Sewell.

# Church and Community News

**~** Last Sunday we handed out our **pledge envelopes** for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider how you may respond and return your pledge by the **6 December** if possible, to the office or Church.

**~ Bognor Food Bank** If you can remember those less fortunate than yourself, please bring any item to church. Items required, for example; Chocolate, children's sweets, tinned Meat, fruit or fish. (*There is a box at the back of the church for the foodbank*)

**~ *Giving:*** To give by cheque please make a cheque payable to '**Walberton PCC' or** to **give electronically through our bank account** use **'your name' & 'STM' as the reference.**

Account Name: Walberton PCC

Sort Code: 60-01-18 Account No: 67502865

If you would like to start using giving regularly to the Church, please contact our Treasurer, Vanessa Church on **treasurer@stmaryswalberton.org.uk**

## Our Vision

*We aim to be a growing church: growing in love of God as we grow in prayer, in understanding of our faith, and in the use of the gifts each has been given; growing in love for our community as we grow in service, in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

# Services for Next Week

**6 December** **Advent 2**

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| **9.00am** | **Holy Communion BCP at Walberton** | **Julie Allday** |
| **10.30am** | **Holy Communion CW** | **Julie Allday** |
| **5.00pm** | **Families at 5** | **Rev Tim Ward** |

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

**Parish News Deadline** for the **January 2027** issue is 10 December 2026


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**Newsheet deadline:**
Thursdays 9.30am

**Office Open:**
Weds, Thurs & Fri
9.00am -11.00am

**Out of Office Hours:**
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LARGE-PRINT COPIES OF HYMN, SERVICE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE;
PLEASE ASK A SIDESMAN.
A WHEELCHAIR IS ALSO AVAILABLE.