

# St Mark's Matters



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17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Advent 3

## *Lectionary Readings:*

*Old Testament*            Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11            *New Testament*    1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
*Psalm*                        126 or Cant Lk 1:46b-55    *Gospel*                        John 1:6-8,19-28

*Today's flowers have been kindly donated by Mr & Mrs R Bennett.*

**Welcome to our worship.** Refreshments will be served in the Main Hall after the morning service. We have a 'Loop' system fitted; please adjust your hearing aid accordingly.

**9.45 am**            Prayer Meeting in the Burberry Room - *all are welcome or please let us know of any concerns or thanks you would like to be included.*

**10.30 am**            Preacher:     **Revd Richard Cattley**  
                          Steward:     Mrs Sara Motion

*After the blessing in this morning's service hymns 219 (We see the eyes of Mary shine) and 211 (Night of peace: hail the holy child) from **Singing the Faith** will be played. You may sit and join in if you wish.*

**4.00 pm**            **Christingle**  
                          Steward:     Mr Ian Johnson



Please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, which may be found in the church foyer, for any donation.

**Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**10.30 am**            Preacher:     **Mr Henry Mensah Brown**  
                          Steward:     Mrs Sarah Shell

## *Thought for the day*

Come, Lord Jesus, come  
And let your light shine through us  
So that through our actions  
We may be salt for the earth,  
A light in people's sight  
And that we might reach out to you  
In one another,  
Especially those in need.  
Amen.

## **2020 ViSion dates for your diaries:**

**2020 ViSion Advertising:** If you can put up posters advertising our events, or know of anyone or of any business who would, please speak to Isabel, 07860 237184.

**Sewing for 2020 Vision** - Annette Basford is happy to do any small sewing job for a donation to the 2020 Vision Project. If interested, please speak to Annette.

### ***NEARLY NEW CLOTHES***

We're experimenting with a "Nearly New Clothes" stall at some of our monthly bazaars and would appreciate donations of good quality items of clothing which you no longer need.

Items can be brought to church at any time and left (clearly labelled) in the side foyer.

### ***St Mark's Christmas Services and Events***

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm: Christingle Service** at St Mark's.

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. 7.30 pm: Carols at Christmas** – An evening of readings and music featuring Thames Valley Voices – at St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church, Maidenhead

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Crackers** at St Mark's with special guests the RBWM Mayor Councillor John Lenton and the Mayoress – Lunch at 12.30 (prepared by Sally Adams) followed by mince pies and carol singing. Please try to support this event. **Tickets (£6.00) and information from David Black.**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am: Carol Service**

**Christmas Day, 10.30 am: Christmas Morning Worship.**

### ***Christmas Services around the Circuit:***

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30 pm: Midnight Communion at High Street.**

High Street Maidenhead is seeking to recruit a Church Office Secretary. The job advertisement providing more information may be found via the link in the NEWS section of the circuit website <http://www.methodistthamesvalley.org.uk>

### **2018 Flower Rota**

A copy of the Flower Rota may be found on the Church Noticeboard.

Anyone wishing to send a **Christmas card to the Homewoods** can do so via Revd Sonia Hicks. Cards should be sent to Sonia or handed to a Steward or the Filmores **TODAY**.