Welcome to St Mary’s Tatsfield

10th November 2019 – The 3rd Sunday Before Advent
10.00 am – Holy Communion – Remembrance Sunday

There will be a children’s group in the hall during this service. We all start in church and then the children go to their group and come back after the prayers.

If needed, there is a carpeted area with some toys for children at the back of church.

The readings may be followed in the Bibles or Lectionaries in the pews.

If you would like a gluten free wafer at Communion, please let a sidesperson or warden know by the time of the peace and ask the priest at the time of receiving.

There is a hearing loop in operation here.

Today’s service is led by Rev Charles Bradshaw

HYMNS
21 All the people that on Earth do dwell
Sheet Hope for the world’s despair
67 Be still for the presence of the Lord
Last Post/Reveille Trumpet solo
Sheet O God, our help in ages past
Sheet National Anthem (verse 1)
Bring Him Home Clarinet Solo

READINGS
Job 19:23-27a blue Bible p.523, red lectionary p.1045

Collect
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion
God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
WEEK BEGINNING 11th November

Mon  9.30 am – 11.30 am  Tots on Top
Wed  10.00 am  Eucharist at St. Peter’s, Limpsfield
Sun  10.00 am  Holy Communion – led by Rev David Butlin

1st September – 30th November – Sabbatical
Vince will be out of the office for 3 months, during which time our Churchwardens, Chris and Marjory, will be the first point of contact for church matters

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday
A Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance Service including a 2 minutes silence. The cash collection and any gifts placed in the plate at the end of the Remembrance Service will be for the work of The Royal British Legion.

Advent Calendars - Orders are being taken for this week only. Three types available - The Real Advent Calendar including booklet (milk) £3.99; Divine (milk) £3.99 and Divine (plain) £4.99. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Barbara for more information.

Thelma Nkomo – Thelma is a bishop in the Pentecostal Church and is currently the carer for Pat Stokoe. Thelma goes frequently to Africa for mission work and will be going to Zimbabwe on 11th December. She will be visiting the maternity ward at Mpilo Hospital and will be taking supplies of new and nearly-new baby clothes, maternity pads, nappies and baby wipes to the mothers of new-born babies. Donations of these items would be gratefully received for Thelma to take with her. These can be left in the Narthex.

New Treasurer for St Mary’s Church - We are looking for a new Treasurer. Accounting experience is necessary and Parochial Church Council membership will be desirable but not essential. Madie will be available for training and handover. For further information, please speak to Madie.

Andrew Long will soon be taking part in a rewarding challenge (message from Andrew follows...)
I am taking part in a 300km sponsored bicycle ride in Kenya during the first week in November. I will be ‘Riding the Rift’ (Great Rift Valley) for Build Africa (www.build-africa.org), a small charity that has responded to some of the most devastating humanitarian crises during the past thirty years and is now focused on sustainable development projects in East Africa. These vary from the ‘Build-a-School’ programme; providing clean water and sanitation; to helping children (especially girls) continue in fulltime education through supporting parents in earning a secure living. I would be very grateful for any support through sponsorship on: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewLong10

Christmas Food Delivery - We are planning on taking a food delivery, together with our Christmas good wishes, to Christ Church Brixton on Monday 2nd December. Can I please put in a special request to you all for non-perishable food or monetary donations to make this a special Christmas delivery. There are
2 collection points, 1 in the narthex and also in the church hall. Thank you in advance, Hilary

**Toy Service – On Advent Sunday, 1st December**, there will be a collection of new (or very nearly-new) toys which will then be taken to the children’s centre associated with our link church in Brixton. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the Narthex or brought to the service, however, there is a list at the back of the church of children’s ages and gender who go to the Liz Anderson Children’s Centre should you be interested. At Epiphany, on 5th January, we’ll remember the wise men bringing gifts to Jesus.

**TRIO - Thank you** to all who responded to the appeal. If you would still like to respond, then please pass the form to Margaret or Madie - further copies are available if needed. If you currently give, then you can just request your bank to alter your standing order. Many thanks - every little helps to maintain worship at St Mary’s, now and in the future.

**WELCARE in East Surrey** (a charity that St Mary’s supports) has been serving children and families for 125 years. Their area covers Tatsfield and they help families who are struggling with poverty, mental and physical ill health, domestic abuse and social isolation. There is a presentation providing an opportunity to visit the centre and hear about their work – ‘Working together with You’ on **Tuesday 26th November – 3 pm – 4.30 pm**. Further details on poster in Narthex

**St Mary’s 100 Club** – winning numbers for November are:
88 A Hall, 34 S Waters, 66 A Hopkins

**EVENTS FURTHER AFIELD (Please look out for posters in Narthex and/or Hall)**

**Mondays in term time - TIC TOC**
10.15 am for 10.30 am - An informal fellowship group which meets in various members homes in the Oxted area. New members are always very welcome. More information from Barbara Hester. This term’s programme, together with venues is on display in the Narthex.

**Starting Wednesday 16th October – 7 week Lunchtime Alpha Course**
12.30 pm – 2.00pm at Bull Inn, Limpsfield. Exploring the questions of life, faith and meaning from a Christian perspective. Further details on poster in Narthex.

**Tuesday 12th November - Seeking Stillness ‘Candles in the Darkness’**
Quiet afternoon – St Christopher’s Church, Chelsham Road  CR6 9EQ, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm led by Jane Hoskins. Further details on poster in Narthex.

**Wednesday 13th November to Thursday 14th November** - We have received this request from Tandridge DC asking for our help with a **ROUGH SLEEPING ESTIMATE** that is being done **overnight on November 13th/ 14th**. Please can you let Stuart Paterson know of any rough sleepers that you become aware of on that night so that he can collate the information and report back to David Wilcox. Stuart's email address is stuartjohnpaterson@hotmail.com
Thursday 14th November, Thursday 28th November and Thursday 12th December
Oxted Bereavement Group
Oxted United Reformed Church - Drop in anytime between 1pm and 3pm for a cup of tea and a chance to chat and share. Trained volunteers are on hand for emotional and bereavement support.

Thursday 14th November – Snelling Lecture ‘Wilding – The Return of Nature to a British Farm’
United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted RH8 0AA
Book online - £15/person (£5 under 18s)
8.00 pm - lecture by Isabella Tree. Further details on poster in Narthex.

Saturday 16th November – The Friends of The College of St Barnabas
At Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6NJ.
10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Autumn Fair. £1 entrance. Refreshments available.

Thursday 28th November and Thursday 30th January 2020 - CTOD SINGERS
7.45pm – 9.00pm at All Saints Parish Room, 12 Chichele Road, Oxted RH8 0AG
Come along and enjoy informal singing of praise and worship songs. Further details on poster in hall.

Saturday 14th December - Seeking Stillness ‘Advent Stillness’
Quiet afternoon – All Saints Church, Church Road, Waringham CR6 9NU,
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm led by Jane Hoskins. Further details on poster in Narthex.

15th – 22nd February 2020 - A Holy Land Pilgrimage
This will be led by Rev Charles Bradshaw.

St Mary’s takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. During our Vicar’s time out of the office on sabbatical, the first points of contact for any safeguarding concerns continue to be:
Rebecca Veale 01959 573669 – Safeguarding Officer
Marjory Broughton 01959 541059 – Churchwarden
Chris Hancock 01959 577622 – Churchwarden
Please also see our website for a list of other useful contacts.