

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

NO EVENING SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS OR ST LAWRENCE

1830 Evening Prayer for St Mary's

*Capel Court*

**\* TEAM NOTICES \***

**EPIPHANY SERVICE AND SUPPER**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at St Mary's at 6.00 pm  
with supper at 7.00 pm**



There will be an Epiphany Evensong service at 6.00 pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 followed by an Epiphany Supper. Tickets cost £13.00 and are available from the Churchwardens (Clare Wyatt and Matt Allison) or Lynda Hodges at St Mary's and from Brian and Gill Wood at St Nicolas. For more information please ring **Clare Wyatt on 01242 510413**

**TEAM OFFICE**



The Team Office will be closed until 9.00 am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Emails and answerphone messages will be checked on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and also on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

During the period between Christmas and New Year, Father Nick, Father Robert and Father George will be taking time off. They will be back on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. If you have anything you need to talk to a member of clergy about, please contact **Deacon Jennifer on 01242 700128**. Thank you.

**PRAYER LISTS AT ALL CHURCHES**

Due to the length of some of the prayer lists at each church, there will be some changes from January 2020. All existing prayer lists will cease to exist from that date. If you would like to be prayed for by name (or continue to be prayed for by name) on the service sheet, or know of someone who would like to be prayed for, or needs to be prayed for, please contact Kate at the office, either by email, [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk) or by telephone on 01242 244373. You can of course, speak to any of the clergy or wardens at your church who will contact Kate on your behalf.

We only ever put someone's first name on the prayer list, however, the list held in the office (also available to the clergy) does hold a few more details, i.e. your full name and the reason for you being on the prayer list so please do let me have that information also. Any names added to the prayer list will then remain on the list for a period of three months. After that time the name will be removed, UNLESS you have contacted Kate or a member of clergy to ask to stay on for another three month period.

The end of Advent saw the first service held at St Peter's Church on Tewkesbury Road for 11 years thanks to the kind hosting by **The Rock** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This was a traditional Christmas Lessons and Carols Service which Father Nick planned for people in St Peter's parish. Word got round via social media and a splendid congregation of 60, including a robed choir, enjoyed a wonderful service in the beautiful church.



Many present had long-held links to St Peter's through weddings, christenings and funerals and were thrilled to be back. Father



Mike French treated us to memories of the church and parish in an emotional and moving address. Afterwards we enjoyed refreshments provided by **The Rock** and the chance to renew old friendships. Father George and Jerry Spence created the service and Andy Macaulay and team expertly set up the church for the service. The choir sang beautifully, enjoying the acoustic. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful act of seasonal worship.  
**Father Nick**

**BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION** We have a provisional date for a Burns Night Celebration of **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Please contact **Ian** on **07771 792865** to register an interest. More information to follow.

### **NORTH CHELTENHAM FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSHIP GROUP**



This group will meet again on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020** at 7.30 pm at St Nicolas Church. Anyone is welcome to attend this group. Contact **Ian** on **07771 792865** or **Mary Turner, 07753 258729**.

## THE 2019 SLEEP OUT!

Many of you will know about Ian Richings' now 5 year-old tradition of sleeping outside under the winter stars but also the wind, rain and snow, to raise money for those with nowhere to call home. Ian started at St Mary's at approximately **18:00 on Friday 27th December**. Ian remained at St Mary's all night through to 11.00am on **Saturday 28th December**. He will then be at St Mary Magdalene church from then until about 08.00 on **Sunday 29th December**, when he will walk to St Lawrence Swindon Village for communion. Please look at the **North Cheltenham Team Facebook** page for more updates. If anyone might like to join Ian for all or part of each night, please let Fr Nick know? Also, 'accompaniers' for part of the weekend are welcome – as is cake, biscuits, warm drinks, and so on! Thank you for your support which will be raising funds for a local charity, a national charity and an international charity.



Give online at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/iansleepsout> or in the buckets in church.

## DATE FOR DIARY

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020** at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church.

Exploring Celtic Spirituality with Mary Bowden. More details to follow

**Rev Mary Bowden, [marybowden753@gmail.com](mailto:marybowden753@gmail.com), 07921 315894**

**\* ST NICOLAS \***

## RECYCLING CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST. NICOLAS

As usual, we shall be collecting your Christmas cards to be recycled at the Cobalt, producing much-needed funds. Once you have re read them, please bring them along to St. Nicolas, between 5th and 12th January. Please note that any received after that date will not be accepted by Cobalt. Many Thanks.

**\* ALL SAINTS \***

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020

There will be no Choral Evensong at All Saints on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Instead our choir are singing Evensong at St Phillip and St James Church, Up Hatherley at 5.00 pm, followed by a party. All are invited.

**\* ST MARYS \***

## MORNING PRAYER AT ST MARY'S

From 1st January Morning Prayer at St Mary's on Mondays and Wednesdays will no longer take place. The church will be open, but there will be no service.

## **THIS WEEK'S ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

### **MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

TEAM OFFICE CLOSED

### **TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

TEAM OFFICE CLOSED

1030-1200 Coffee Drop In

1030-1200 Chatterbox

*John Wyclifi, reformer, 1384*

*St Mary's*

*St Lawrence*

### **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

NO SERVICES ACROSS THE TEAM

TEAM OFFICE CLOSED

*Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*

### **THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY**

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*Basil the Great and  
Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and*

*Seraphim, monk, spiritual guide, 1833*

*Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop, evangelist, 1945*

TEAM OFFICE CLOSED

### **FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY**

TEAM OFFICE CLOSED

### **SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

1800 Evensong for Epiphany

1900 Epiphany Supper

*St Mary's*

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### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

NO CHORAL EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS

1700 All Saints choir singing at Evensong *St Phillip and St James, Up Hatherley*

**EPIPHANY**

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**Baptisms (Christenings) & Weddings** may be arranged at the Team  
Surgery on **Saturdays 10.30 am – 11.00 am**  
in St Nicolas Room, Swindon Lane, Prestbury, GL50 4PA