

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY

BAPTISM OF CHRIST/PLOUGH SUNDAY

1330 Baptism of Lucy Flynn

St Mary's

1430 Baptism of Teddy Slater

St Lawrence

*** TEAM NOTICES ***

“THINGS CHANGING NOT ENDING!”

You'll know that the Team Surgery will come to a natural close at the end of the month and that the Prestbury Local Ministry Team (the LMT) similarly reaches the conclusion of its authorised existence at this time.

First the Team Surgery. The Surgery has performed its role fantastically over many years with sterling service from a loyal group of people but we have been finding that more and more, couples and families have been phoning or emailing the Team Office direct and are not able or ready to come in to Surgery on a Saturday morning to book weddings or christenings face to face, where on some Saturdays no one presents at Surgery. I have frequently been stopped in town and asked if I can marry someone in the coming months. We are in a modern day culture where instant response is more and more the norm in customer service terms.

Secondly, the Local Ministry Team. The authorised life of the LMT, which is no longer sponsored or supported by the Diocese, has reached a close after some 20 years. However, its functions will continue for sure and we are starting to look at a Team-wide approach to using the gifts of all of our congregations, recognising the ministry of every individual and his or her unique gifts. So I hope everyone can see things are continuing and evolving!

Father Nick

2020 EPIPHANY SUPPER

Very many thanks to all involved in the Supper at St Mary's last weekend. A lot of hard work but delicious food, great company and the glories of Cranmer's English in our BCP 1662 Evensong! **Father Nick**

NORTH CHELTENHAM FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSHIP GROUP



This group continue to meet every **Tuesday** 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.

PRAYER LISTS AT ALL CHURCHES

Due to the length of some of the prayer lists at each church, all previous prayer lists ceased to exist from 1st January 2020. 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 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.

*** ST MARYS *****RE-INTRODUCTION OF A EUCHARIST SERVICE**

A reminder that we have re-introduced a Eucharist on Mondays each week at St Mary's at 12.15 pm – we hope this may attract those who can't manage other weekday service times. **Father Nick**

MORNING PRAYER AT ST MARY'S

Morning Prayer ceased taking place at St Mary's on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1st January 2020. The church will be open, but there will be no service.



PARISH MAGAZINE DEADLINES The deadline for the next All Saints and Prestbury parish magazines is this **Sunday 12th January 2020**. Send copy for All Saints to 151 Prestbury Road or email magazine@allsaintschelt.net. Send copy for Prestbury to 2

Honeysuckle Close, Prestbury or email magazine@prestbury.net. If you want it in both magazines, please send to both editors. The theme for the Prestbury magazine for February is 'If I ruled the world'.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, PRESTBURY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 6.30 pm on Thursday, 6th February 2020 at St Mary's Church

Drinks and refreshments will accompany the A.G.M. and we hope as many friends as possible will be able to come. It will be followed by an illustrated talk by Guy Rooker entitled *The Hands of Leonardo*. All welcome.



THANK YOU

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

The churchwardens would like to thank all those across our congregations who do so much behind the scenes, in many different ways. Your contribution is invaluable and is hugely appreciated - thank you!"

DATE FOR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 and Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church.

Exploring Celtic Spirituality with Mary Bowden. Quiet, informal worship, reflection and conversation on the theme of darkness and light.

Rev Mary Bowden, marybowden753@gmail.com, 07921 315894

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

* **ST NICOLAS** *

WELCOME ON WEDNESDAY

Our next "Welcome on Wednesday" is in the St Nicolas Church Room this Wednesday 15th January at 2.30 p.m. Why not join us for a cup of tea, cake and company.



* **OTHER NOTICES** *

Gotherington Singers, local women's choir, are holding an **Open Rehearsal on Monday 13 January at St. Nicolas Church, Swindon Lane, GL50 4PA from 7.45 – 9.45 pm**. Do come along and get to know members, sing some new songs, eat cake and maybe consider joining the choir. No experience necessary. Email Sally Newbury: sally.newbury@gmail.com, phone 01242 317276, for more information or go to www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk

THIS WEEK'S ADDITIONAL EVENTS

MONDAY 13th JANUARY *Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367*
Kentigern (Mungo), missionary, bishop, 603
George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691

1215 Said Eucharist *St Mary's*

1945 Gotherington Singers' Open Rehearsal *St Nicolas*

TUESDAY 14th JANUARY

1030-1200 Coffee Drop In *St Mary's*

1030-1200 Chatterbox *St Lawrence*

1900 Holy Communion *St Lawrence*

1930 Fellowship and Friendship Group *St Nicolas*

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY

0945 Bible Study *320 Prestbury Road*

1315 Funeral of **Ken Richards** *St Nicolas*

1430 Welcome on Wednesday *St Nicolas*

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY

FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

William Laud, archbishop, 1645

1115 Funeral of **Dorothy Christie** *St Mary's*

SATURDAY 18th JANUARY

Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY

2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

1100 Baptism of Toby Warren during the Eucharist *St Mary's*

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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

Please note that as above, Team Surgery will cease at the end of January